

Cat Chat

Cashion High School

May 2011

Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

If you will recall from the past three issues, we have discussed Heather Wolpert Gawron's equation that must be in place to ensure increased student achievement and success.

Family + Student + School + Policymakers/Voters = Student Success

In this year's final edition of the *Cat Chat*, let's talk about the Policymaker/Voters responsibility. There's been a great deal of activity at the state and federal level regarding education. I would like to challenge you to become more informed and make education a priority in the voting booth. Let your legislators know what you've elected them to do. Just as I am your employee, so are they. Young people are the future of this community and we can't ignore their needs. Retired baby boomers shouldn't ignore educational issues and dismiss them as someone else's problem to solve. Young families must make a commitment to public education when they decide how to educate their own children. Issues in our schools belong to each of us.

The idea of a free public education is somewhat unique to the United States. Party politics and political lobbying need to be put aside as our legislators do the right thing for school children. Diminishing education diminishes the future of this country both socially and economically. It is time to come to the forefront and ask "what can each person do to better fulfill their part of Ms. Gawron's equation?"

While it has been a difficult year financially, every day has positive moments. All I have to do is step into the hallways. Your children are so sweet, kind, and fun that even the hardest moments pale in comparison. Thank you for the opportunity to share in their lives and be touched by their smiles. Have a wonderful summer!

FCCLA wraps up year

The Cashion FCCLA Chapter had a great time at State Convention. There were 27 members, 2 adult sponsors and 1 advisor in attendance on April 15. The group ate dinner in downtown Bricktown then ventured to Frontier City on that windy day. The wind died down and everyone had a great time at the park full of FCCLA chapters from around the state.

Our Chapter has had a great year! As it comes to a close many will participate in a final celebration offering authentic Mexican fare on Cinco de Mayo next Thursday at lunch. This has been the best group of students with which to work. May they be blessed as they prepare for finals!

Yearbooks

\$35 until May 20

Afterwards \$40

See Mrs. Gruntmeir

Secondary News

By: Mr. Vandruff
H.S. Principal

Things are winding down here at Cashion High School. Today we have finished all of our state testing, and the tests are in the process of being shipped out of here. I would like to thank all of those that helped out with the testing process. Mrs. Scott spent a lot of time organizing this complicated process. I would like to give her a shout out for all of the things she has done this year.

As we wind down the school year, we need to talk about finals. All of our finals will be on May 19 and May 20. We expect all students to take their finals on those **specified days**. Anyone needing to take his test at a different time needs to clear it through me. You can call the office at 433-2575 and schedule an appointment with me to discuss reasons why your child needs a different testing time. We will not give tests early; all students granted a different time will need to schedule their make-up testing after Memorial Day. Here is a copy of our test schedule. It is also posted on the school calendar and the high school website.

May 19th

- 2nd hour 8:25-10:05
- 4th hour 10:10-11:50
- 11:50-12:40 Lunch for everyone
- 6th hour 12:45-2:25
- 7th hour 2:30-3:15

May 20th

- 1st hour 8:25-10:05
- 3rd hour 10:10-11:50
- 11:50-12:40 Lunch for everyone
- 5th hour 12:45-2:25
- 7th hour 2:30-3:15

We have quite a few things going on in the next three weeks. Here is a rundown on what will be happening to close out the school year.
May 3 and 4 - State FFA Convention

May 6th - FFA Banquet
May 9- All-Sports Banquet - 6:00 PM
May 10th- 8th Grade Graduation – 7:00 p.m.
May 11th- Baccalaureate - 6:30 p.m.
May 13th- High School Graduation (Big Gym) - 7:00 p.m.
May 16th- J High Awards assembly - 12:35 to 1:30 p.m.

High School Awards Assembly - 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
May 17th- Fuel up to Play 60 - 2:15 to 3:15 All School Assembly
May 18th - Sports Physicals
May 19th and 20th Finals/Testing

We have two staff members who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs. Allen is retiring and will be sorely missed in the classroom. She has really helped us strive for excellence in and out of the classroom. I would like to thank her for being a dedicated and committed educator who puts students first throughout her career. She has been a great role model to our students and we will miss her next year.

Also, at the conclusion of the year, Mrs. Scott will be moving to South Carolina where her husband has recently taken a job. Although we are happy for them, we are truly sad to lose a person of high character, work ethic and also one who is committed to students of Cashion Schools. She has done so many outstanding things for our district. She came to Cashion and was a difference maker! She will leave Cashion knowing that she is leaving it a better place than when she first arrived on campus as a counselor. Thank you, Mrs. Scott for your service to our students and their future. High Expectations....High Achievement

StuCo News

Student Council has been busy these last couple of months. We went to our District meeting in Guthrie and were elected District Secretary for next year.

With FCCLA we hosted a community blood drive and 20 students and adults were able to donate blood.

Student Body officer elections and class officer elections were held last month. We will have a planning session in early August to plan for next year.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. The Leadership Class and STUCO are hosting a breakfast and providing treats throughout the week.

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STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

President – Taylor Cochran
Vice Pres. – Shantelle Christensen
Secretary – Baylee Broadbent
Treasurer – Caleb Kimberling
Reporter – Jayci Robison

CLASS OFFICERS

7th Grade

President -
Stuco Rep. -

Vice Pres. -
Secretary -
Treasurer -

8th Grade

President - Corbin Wilson
Stuco Rep. – Luke Jenkins
Austin Temple
Vice Pres. - Ashten Evans
Secretary - Baylee Beaty
Treasurer - Sidney Barker

9th Grade

President - Erin Smith
Stuco Rep. - Quinton Thorp
Brett Wilson
Vice Pres - Gretchen Christensen
Secretary - Rachel Gooch
Treasurer - Megan Arms

10th Grade

President - Cortney Maroney
Stuco Rep. - Hunter Suntken
Kaylee Stephenson
Vice Pres. - Brook Fields
Secretary - Emily Bucalla
Treasurer – Lauren Bucalla

11th Grade

President - Sarah Arms
Stuco Rep. - Jay Nail
Lea Tucson
Vice Pres. - Mitchell Yearout
Secretary - Haley Hedges
Treasurer – Evan Bird

12th Grade

President - Austen Evans
Stuco Rep. - Umar Sahi
Lane Welch
Vice Pres. - Cale Cochran
Secretary - Cody Allen
Treasurer – Austin Hoffman

Where the WILD Things Are!

**Cashion Elementary School
Principal Lisa Crosslin**

With three weeks until the end of the school year, things are getting wilder *still* at Cashion Elementary School. We have a host of activities planned to bid farewell to the 2010-2011 school year and usher in our summer vacation. I hope you can join us for one or two of them.

The first and second grades have been working diligently on their play "A Froggy Day in Lindentown." Their performance will be on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30, and you are all invited to join in the fun! The fifth graders are headed to the OKC Zoo for their "Zoo Snooze" overnight field trip on May 12th and 13th. They will leave for the zoo around 6PM on Thursday evening and spend the nighttime hours observing the nocturnal creatures at the zoo. On Friday, they will take a daytime zoo tour. Also on May 12th, the sixth graders will go to the ropes course for a team-building field trip. On May 19th we will have a Track and Field Day to celebrate 4th quarter Accelerated Reader goals. Grades Pre-K through 2nd will participate in events in the morning, and grade 3rd – 6th will have their field day in the afternoon. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help run events, so please contact your child's teacher if you are willing to help out. Finally, on the last day of school we will have kindergarten graduation at 8:30 for all kindergarteners and their families in the auditorium. In order to make room for parents and families, the rest of the elementary school will be in their classrooms and will *not attend* the graduation. Once graduation is finished, grades 1-6 will have a shortened awards assembly honoring perfect attendance, straight A's, citizenship awards and AR trophies. The rest of the awards will be given in classroom awards presentations. Please take note of this change, as it is different than in past years.

As I reflect on my first year in Cashion, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve this community as elementary principal. I am continually amazed at the dedication and support of staff, students and parents. You have entrusted me (and our staff) with your most valuable possessions, your children. This is the highest praise you could give...that you trust us with your children. Thank you for welcoming me to Cashion. I look forward to another wonderful year in 2011-2012. Have a restful, enjoyable summer!