

Cat Chat



Cashion High School

November 2010

Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

Have you ever attended a school board meeting? I was visiting with a few parents several days ago. The remark was made that some districts patrons are hesitant to attend a meeting when they don't know the process and procedures of the meeting. School board meetings are simply business meetings. Your school board members are elected by you and take quite seriously the oversight and guidance they provide. It might be easier to attend the meeting and follow the business taking place by reviewing the agenda prior to the meeting. All agendas are posted at the school district website (www.cashion.k12.ok.us) and on the doors of the original high school prior to the meeting. Of course, I am always happy to answer any questions you might have concerning the district and encourage you to call the office at 433-2741.

Lately, our meetings have been somewhat gloomy due to the budget crisis. District personnel worked so hard last year to manage and reduce costs only to learn in September that we would receive \$300,000 less in our appropriations due to a reduction in our district valuation. This is on top of reductions from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Needless to say, we are reviewing all aspects of our budget for places to trim.

Transparency is a huge buzzword in educational circles these days. I would like to think that your school board and school administrators operate in the most transparent manner. Much of what we do in the process of educating children has to be done under the umbrella of trust. Please give us the opportunity to earn that trust and maintain it once we have earned it through all means of communication. In closing, Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for giving me the privilege of serving Cashion Public Schools.

Academic Team Prepares for Regionals

The Academic Team started October with a disappointing performance at their second conference triad at Lomega losing both games to Lomega and splitting a 2-game set with Chisholm. However, the team did rebound with a good performance at the District Seeding Tournament at Okarche. The team won two of three games and finished in second place out of a field of four teams.

The team will have their third conference triad at Kingfisher on November 9 where they will face Kingfisher and Okarche. The following Saturday, the team will compete in the OSSAA Regional Tournament at Canton High School. A top four finish will send the team to the Area Tournament in January for the first time in three years.

Cashion STUCO

This is a busy time for Student Council. We attended our District II fall meeting. Ms. Scammahorn challenged the various school councils to make a difference in our schools and to try to stop bullying.

Saturday, November 6 we will be working with FFA, BPA, FCCLA, and NHS doing community service around the school. We will be attending State Convention November 6-8 at Yukon High School. We will be hosting a breakfast to honor veterans on November 11. A program will follow shortly afterward.

We are also sponsoring a food drive for grades 7 – 12, November 8-19. This food will be donated to the local food pantry.

**Food Drive - Bring Food!
Counts Toward Class Points**

Secondary News

By: Mr. Vandruff
H.S. Principal

We have enjoyed the first quarter of school and are proceeding on into the second quarter of school. Our teachers and staff have really enjoyed getting to know your children. They have developed some positive relationships. As a school we are committed to providing your students with rigorous and engaging learning. Our teachers are working tirelessly to help students achieve in the classroom. We appreciated all the parents who came to our Parent-Teacher conferences.

I would like to emphasize that if your student is struggling and needs help, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We want every student to be successful and to stay on track for graduation. There has been a lot of talk that the public schools need to improve. We are committed to improving our instructional strategies and we are really working hard to improve our communication with our parents and students. If we can close this gap between the teachers and parents, there is no reason that our students can't be successful.

Please remind all students that we offer **FREE** tutoring Monday through Friday. Students don't have to be failing to attend this **FREE** tutoring. This is open to all students and I would like to encourage students to take advantage of this **FREE** opportunity. These teachers are willing and able to help with all subjects. Here is a copy of the schedule:

Mr. Eaton	Monday 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Tuesday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Wilson	Tuesday 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Thursday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

We hope to see everyone at the Football game in Hinton this Friday night. The football team has had a very successful year and we wish them luck and good fortune as they enter the playoffs.

Kyle Vandruff
High Expectations...High Achievement

FCCLA News

FCCLA is busy this month with a couple of community service projects. Our chapter has teamed up with BPA, Stucco, FFA, and NHS to work Saturday to clean the school vehicles, paint Wildcat paws, and give the parking lot a fresh coat of paint. This will take place November 6 at 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. before the parade.

Also, on Tuesday, November 2 our chapter took members to the Ronald McDonald House to donate quilts to the "Home Away from Home" for sick children's families that need to have affordable housing during a long hospital stay for their child. After a tour of the house they traveled over to Laser Quest and had some fun there together. This year is flying by but our FCCLA Cashion chapter is running strong!

The next event will be the Winter Formal that FCCLA and Stucco put on for the Jr. High and High School. It will be December 4th this year and plans are being made to make it a success. It will be here before we know it. It is just a month away.

Our FCCLA Cashion Chapter has just recently affiliated 30 students for the year. We look forward to more fun and interesting projects as the school year continues.

BPA Update

The annual Cashion clean-up sponsored by the high school organizations will be November 6. Participating organizations include BPA, FCCLA STUCO, FFA, and NHS. It will be held Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Any member interested in helping can show up in front of the high school.

BPA is currently selling eye blacks to wear at the upcoming football playoffs. We hope to show a lot of Cashion spirit and the eye blacks are one way of doing so. BPA currently has 35 members. Officers include Melissa Barry, President; Kelly Marlow, Vice President; Shelby Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer; and Kathryn Grimmatt, Reporter.

*****EXPLORE/PLAN RESULTS*****

I have handed back the 8th grade their Explore results and the 10th grade their Plan results. Please ask your student to see their results. For more information on each test and to do further career exploration please visit:

www.explorestudent.org or www.planstudent.org

FREE COLLEGE TUITION
Oklahoma Promise (formerly OHLAP)
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to enroll in Oklahoma's Promise, a student must meet the following requirements:

- The student must be a resident of the State of Oklahoma.
- The student must be enrolled in the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade.
[Home school students must be age 13, 14, or 15.]
- Student must be enrolled by June 30th of the 10th grade.
- The income of the student's parent(s) from taxed and untaxed sources for the most recently completed federal tax year must not exceed \$50,000.
- Meet additional qualifications as stated in the Oklahoma Promise application.

Visit www.okpromise.org to see additional requirements and apply.

ACT TEST DATES COST \$33.00 Register online at www.actstudent.org

The ACT school code is 370-645

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010*	August 6, 2010	August 7 – 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011**	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

**Where the WILD
Things Are!**
Cashion Elementary School
Principal Lisa Hudson

Fall is in the air at Cashion Elementary School. There are plenty of fall happenings and events as we usher in the holiday season. At the end of last month, Kindergarten enjoyed an autumn day at the Pumpkin Patch and the entire school participated in the annual Halloween Parade. This year, the parade had a new Grand Marshal as Mrs. Debbie Taylor inherited the lead post from Mrs. Simmons after 30 years. We all agree that Mrs. Taylor's kindergarteners did a fine job leading the parade!

We're reaching out with community service this fall as well. The fourth grade class initiated a can drive to inspire our recycling efforts. Kudos to Mrs. Riedlinger's homeroom for collecting the most cans. Second graders are getting behind our local fire department with their annual fundraiser, collecting change in a boot to support our local Cashion heroes. Second graders have been leading the push in collecting the most money so far! Finally, the sixth grade mentor program is in full swing. Our sixth graders have enjoyed the fellowship and guidance of a fantastic group of high school students. This program is such a wonderful way to transition our sixth graders to secondary school by next year. We give a huge "thank you" to mentors for contributing to our students one of their most valuable assets – TIME!

Veteran's Day is coming up, and I'd like to invite all veterans to attend our special Veteran's Day program on November 11, 2010 starting with a breakfast hosted by the high school student council before school. After breakfast, the high school will make a presentation for veterans. At approximately 8:45 AM the elementary school students will present a program honoring veterans with songs, poems and pledges. All veterans, local and non-local, are welcome to attend. Please note that due to space limitations in our auditorium, we ask that all seating be reserved for veterans and students. There will be very little (if any) auxiliary seating for parents. Thanks for your understanding.

Once again, I'd like to remind parents who drop-off students that the East Loop is reserved for BUSSES ONLY between the hours of 7:45-8:30 and again between 2:45-3:30. We invite you to use the West Loop, which is dedicated for cars only, if you are dropping off or picking up a student. Last week we were still struggling

with cars passing busses in the loop and others backing out of the loop while students were unloading busses. Student safety is our #1 priority, and we respectfully ask that parents abide by bus loop procedures that are designed to ensure safety for all.

Happy Fall and don't forget to "fall back" this weekend!