



# Cat Chat



Cashion High School

November 2009

## Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

I assumed a large number of duties when I became the superintendent for Cashion Schools. I also took on some new responsibilities. Yes, I do see those areas as two different items. The greatest responsibility I feel I have is to support our principals and teachers in their search for the means to provide the best education to students that our resources allow. It is up to the leadership team in the district to define effective teaching and what that means to 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and their teachers. Technology plays a large roll in that definition.

Technology is a tool our teachers use in the classroom to promote student achievement. A district goal is to make available to teachers current devices for use in instruction. After teachers completed surveys over the summer, administrators arranged for interactive white board presentations, and teachers wrote competitive proposals, the district is purchasing ten SMART Boards (five for the elementary school and five for the high school). With the staunch support of the Cashion Board of Education, the administrative team hopes to supply more interactive boards in the future if teachers desire them. In addition, training will be available to the teachers in the appropriate use of this technology.

Without superior teaching, the utilization of technology in the classroom will not blossom to its greatest potential. Technology is a remarkable vehicle for combining teaching and learning. I anticipate that we'll see our faculty increase the depth of knowledge they possess as they expose students to richer lessons across the curriculum. As we continue to define what a 21<sup>st</sup> century education means to our students, the principles of problem-solving, communication, and collaboration will be at the heart of the instruction our students receive.

## VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

**Wednesday - November 11  
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**New Cafeteria**

**Program in the auditorium following.  
All veterans and spouses please come.**

## FCCLA to compete

The Cashion Chapter of FCCLA will be attending competitive events on November 4. These events include creed speaking, new member facts, parliamentary procedure, job interview, illustrated talk, and many more. This competition will be held in Enid at the New Hope Methodist Church. It begins at 9:00am.

The Cashion FCCLA Chapter is proud to announce it has 21 affiliated members this year. The following students have paid dues and most attended the District Meeting last month! Alisha Herandez, Austin Hoffman, Brandon Dewberry, Brett Todd, Cecely Jones, Corrie Ready, Danielle Franklin, Dustin Buckner, Evan Greenwood, Hannah Moses, Harvey Rollins, Jessica Duke, Jessica Male, Molli Stein, Nick Rollins, Staci May, Tiffany Brooks, Tiffany Hill, Umar Sahi, and Bailey Tyler

Much thanks goes to each student who affiliated with the Cashion FCCLA this year!

# Secondary News

By: Mr. Vandruff  
H.S. Principal

In the high school, we have a few things that are happening and I wanted to inform you of those things. We have purchased a new mobile mini lab. Our teachers and students will be able to use this lab in the new high school for projects, typing, and online instructional lessons. I am very excited for this technology to be incorporated into our high school curriculum. I think this gives our students some hands on training and will keep them engaged in our classrooms.

Other exciting news includes purchasing Smart Boards and having them installed in five of our high school teachers' rooms. The SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard has a large, interactive screen on which teachers and students can explore a website, give a science presentation, or take a virtual field trip. It helps teachers improve student motivation and performance by making inquiry-based learning a dynamic classroom experience. The key to this experience is touch. You simply touch the surface to select menus and icons. To write notes, pick up a pen, and write with either the pen or your finger. The SMART Board interactive whiteboard meets the needs of both visual and kinesthetic learners. Students see large, vibrant images and physically interact with material by moving letters, numbers, words and pictures with their fingers.

Red Ribbon Week was also conducted the week of October 26 to October 29. Here is some basic information regarding Red Ribbon week. After Kiki Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers, the Red Ribbon Celebration began as a visible way of increasing community awareness regarding the need for early and continued prevention efforts. Prevention was seen as the most effective way of reducing the demand for illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs.

The Red Ribbon Celebration Pledge is "No Use of Illegal Drugs, No Illegal Use of Legal Drugs."

This Red Ribbon Celebration Pledge represents a no-nonsense, clear and consistent promise that students, parents, teachers and community leaders should be willing to make - and more importantly -

expected to keep!

*"I pledge to make healthy choices, to be a positive role model for my friends, and to support the mission of Ribbon Week "No Use of Illegal Drugs, No Illegal Use of Legal Drugs."*

We will also have tutoring for math and reading each week. Here is our schedule if your student is struggling in Math or English. If you want to check your students grades/attendance from your computer, please call or come up to the high school for your user name and password.

Mr. Eaton/Math Room 305	Monday	7:45-8:15
	Wednesday	3:15-3:45
Mr. Wilson/English Room 304	Tuesday	7:45-8:15
	Thursday	3:15-3:45

Kyle Vandruff  
Principal  
High Expectations....High Achievement

## NHS news

Newly elected officers are as follows:

President—Cade Broadbent  
Vice-President—Austin Phippen  
Secretary—Courtney Conrad  
Treasurer—Bailey Wilkerson  
Reporter—Molli Stein  
STUCO-Rep—Corrie Ready  
Parliamentarian—Sierra Thorp

NHS will be doing tutoring before and after school and during lunch starting next week....it will be in Mrs. Ross' room (308).

Thanks!  
Kim Ross :)

## JH basketball openers

JH basketball opens Monday, November 9 at Crescent. Tuesday, November 10 they play at Hennessey. Thursday, November 12 they have their first home game in our newly remodeled gymnasium versus the OKC Knights. The following week they are in the Lomega JH Tournament.

## Counselor's Corner

By Meagan Scott

**ACT TEST DATES COST \$32.00**

Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**\*\*The ACT school code is 370-645**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7-20, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6-15, 2009
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6-19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8-21, 2010

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.  
[Home school students must be age 13, 14, or 15.]
- Student must be enrolled by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.okpromise.org) to see additional requirements and apply.

### **\*\*CLASS OF 2010---ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:**

**Apply early for admission and scholarships. Apply to all schools and have all scholarship and admission applications in to your chosen school by February 1<sup>st</sup> for priority consideration.**

**All seniors who plan on attending college or vocational school should fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Even if you don't think you will qualify for Financial Aid everyone should fill it out. Some universities require that you fill it out before you can be awarded jobs on campus, etc.**

## **Sexton wins competition**

Shelby Sexton has had an art piece accepted into the Oklahoma City University, High School Art Competition. The name of her piece is "Abstract Love". It is an oil pastel 15" by 22" in size.

The opening of the art show is this Sunday, November 1 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The art show

is located at the art building on OCU campus at 26th and Blackwelder. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. at the opening of the show.. The art work will be displayed until November 21. Shelby is a student of Vernon Richards at Cashion High School.

# Hoggatt's Happenings

I have had many parents ask me, "How can I help teach my child to love math?" First, be sure to talk up math. Let them know that you think math is fun and that they will use it their whole life. Then, make math a part of daily life. At the post office, have your child estimate how many people are in line. In the grocery store, ask them how much milk will cost with a 50-cent-off coupon. Be sure to mention the math skills they used ("That was excellent subtraction!"). Put math into fun time, too. Play games like Yahtzee, Connect Four, or Monopoly. At bedtime, read books about math. Try *Equal Shmequal* by Virginia Kroll to learn what equal means, or *Counting on Frank*, Rod Clement's tale of a boy who uses his dog Frank as a ruler.

Also, Ask your child...How long is a second? A minute? An hour? Here are some ways to help your child understand time:

1. Ask them how many times they can clap their hands in a second or how many summersaults they can do in a minute. Then, time them. They'll get a better idea of how long a second or minute really is. Have them think of other things he can do in a second (give you a hug) or a minute (sing a song).
2. Teach your child about "elapsed time" by making a schedule. On poster board, list times (8:00, 8:30, 9:00), and help them write in scheduled events (breakfast, soccer practice). Use the poster to ask questions. Example: "You get home at 5:00, and dinner is at 6:00. How much time do you have to play?"

In closing, I would like to remind you of a few things.

1. Please remember that if your child is a car rider they need to be dropped off and picked up on the west side of the school and that students need to be here at 8:15 a.m., not any earlier please. Our buses are loading on the east side.
2. Our school website has a calendar of events located at [www.cashion.k12.ok.us](http://www.cashion.k12.ok.us). Please know that you can locate any district event on this calendar.

Your Partner in Education,  
Mrs. Hoggatt

# STUCO News

Some of the members of Cashion Student Council attended Districts at Piedmont High School on Wednesday, October 21. Cashion and other area schools participated in many activities and listened to a guest speaker discussing setting goals.

Veterans Day is November 11. There will a breakfast that morning at 8 a.m. for the veterans and their spouses. An assembly will follow in the auditorium shortly after the breakfast.

The Student Council State Convention is November 5-7. It will be held at Norman High School. Our executive and senior officers will be attending it.

This Saturday, several of Cashion's high school organizations will be participating in a Community Service Day. They will be helping with painting and cleaning up the Cashion cemetery and painting the lines in the high school parking lot. The clean-up activities will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

We will soon be doing our annual food drive to collect food for the holiday baskets that will be distributed before Christmas.

# Cafeteria News

The cafeteria had to start the cheese sandwich policy again this year. Your child/ren should bring home a lunch statement once they are below \$10.00 in their account the first of every week. You may also check lunch balances online in the gradebook program or feel free to call Kay at 433-2614 or 433-2575 to check your balances.

# National Novel Writing Month

By: Mrs. Fenno

November is National Novel Writing Month and the seventh and eighth grade students will be participating and challenging themselves to write a short novel by November 30. The students have been learning about character development, plots, settings and dialogue along with planning their novels to be ready to officially start writing on November 1.

The eighth graders have an 8,000 word goal and the seventh graders have a 7,000 word goal. They will be working hard all month long and earning rewards for meeting weekly word goals.

