



Cat Chat



Cashion High School

October 2008

Words for Wildcats

By: Mr. Garrison

We all want to see "A's" on the student grade reports, or at least improvement. There are a number of factors that have a large impact on student grades and academic achievement as a whole. One of those factors is parental involvement. As parents, we are all busy. I can say this as I have two children of my own attending Cashion schools. It is important to discuss school with your children as much as possible. I encourage parents to dig deeper than asking "How is school going?" or "Did you have a good day?" Ask your child to explain what he is learning in class. Ask him to apply the current lesson to a practical situation. Take time to review your children's homework with them. Your involvement helps promote the importance of education.

Communication is also an important aspect that can enhance your son's/daughter's education. With advances in technology, communication has become increasing more efficient. Parents, students, and community members have access to the district website as a link to many school events, information, policies. On the website one can find links to staff contact information such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses. In addition to these communication tools, parents can log in to the district student information system to access grades and attendance for their child at any time. If you do not have a login to the system, please contact your school for that information. In addition to the access to attendance and grades, parents have the ability to view teacher lesson plans. The system is not perfect, and as teachers and administrators we are fallible, but we are making great strides in the area of technology in order to provide as much information to our patrons as possible.

Attendance was mentioned in the last paragraph, and it is truly an important aspect of student success. Not only does Oklahoma have compulsory attendance laws, schools across the state of Oklahoma are graded in student attendance. While there are students who can

demonstrate success through independent study there is truly something to be said about "seat time". Students get exposure to teacher led lessons, ideas and questions of other students, supervised practice of new skills, and the academic setting in general.

Finally, there is a significant amount of research which indicates that students who are involved in school activities achieve and maintain high grades compared to students who are not. Whether a student is participating in band learning to read music, learning leadership skills and responsibility in FFA, or teamwork through athletics, extracurricular activities enhance the education of students. There are a number of great activities offered to Cashion students. I hope that each student finds an activity they enjoy.

POWDER PUFF

The Fifth Annual Powder Puff Game was held at Maxon field on Tuesday, September 30. It was a contest of wills and tenacity on both sides. The senior quarterback, Ashley Rush had speed and agility to help her push her team forward to make 4 touchdowns. The juniors played with all their heart gaining two touchdowns from Bailey Wilkerson and Christian Minard threw with gusto and ran hard.

The final score was Seniors 26 and Juniors 12. Ladies you played an awesome game and each and everyone of you should be proud of your game. Everyone enjoyed your playing, the unbiased commentating by Mr. Tichenor, and the referees hard effort.

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Secondary News

By. Mrs. Oard,
H.S. Principal

One of the most rewarding aspects of education is viewing the emotional, physical, and academic maturation of students. Prior to my experience in Cashion, the youngest student I encountered in my classroom was a freshman. My background was that of a typical educator with secondary certification – I was surrounded by students in grades 9 – 12.

One of the most unique experiences of my career took place over a period of four years. I had the opportunity to teach a group of students for four consecutive years. I would like to think the students explored a great deal of mathematics over that time frame, but as a class we spent a significant amount of time learning other things as well. Most importantly, the students had to learn to adjust for changes in each other. Young ladies needed to realize that their male peers do mature and become tolerable and the young men began to appreciate the focus the girls placed earlier on social interactions and relationships.

I still see the same need for students to grant each other the latitude for change but in a slightly different way. Not only is the view from an administrative standpoint but also in my interactions with students 2 or 3 years younger than those children I encountered earlier in my career. Those same students

who are now freshmen in high school were just seventh graders a short time ago. And, let me tell you, they have changed. It is rewarding to see at an even younger age the difference as childhood is left behind and young adulthood emerges. Your children were awesome as 7th graders and have started their freshmen year with zeal and a positive attitude.

As a parent, you have noted the changes in your child. Some of those changes are positive, such as that increased ability to organize their thoughts and work, while others may leave you frustrated. Parents contact the school frequently searching for ways to interact with their pre-teen/teenage child. My strongest advice to you comes from experience here at school – say little and listen a lot. I spend a significant amount of time with children each day ironing out conflicts and building bridges. Many times a student doesn't necessarily want me to fix a problem. He just wants to talk about it and work his way through it.

The path of parenthood never ends and changes in your child won't cease either. Listening is probably the greatest asset you could have as a parent. I highly recommend the book *Yardsticks – Children in the Classroom Ages 4 – 14* authored by Chip Wood. Many practical suggestions and insights are available for parents and teachers. As always, I appreciate the trust you have in us concerning your child and encourage you to contact the school with cares and concerns.



BPA elects officers

Cashion H.S. BPA held its first meeting on September 3. The following officers were elected: President, Jarrel Kadavy; Vice President, Jordan LaFave; Secretary/Reporter, Nolan Reasnor; Treasurer, Brian Kliewer; and Stuco Rep., Courtney Conrad. The elected officers will attend the BPA State Fall Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City on October 20.

STUCO update

STUCO has been busy this fall. We welcomed back the students with their names on individual paw prints on display in the entrance way. The new teachers and new students were introduced through a friendly game of "Wildcat Feud".

Homecoming events kicked off the beginning of October with the traditional pep rally, our 5th annual powder puff game, and the homecoming dance with Mr. A the DJ. This year we had a twist on the fence contest with hanging banners on the exterior walls of the band building instead of on fences. We acknowledged our love and support for Kaycee Evans with Wednesday being pink/Kure for Cancer Kaycee day.

On September 24, we attended the Fall District II meeting in Fairview having fun and hearing a great speaker.

Some of the Executive Officers are looking forward to attending our state convention in November and come back in time to host the Veterans Day Breakfast on November 11th.

Counselor's Corner

By Meagan Scott, Counselor

Parents,

It has been a wonderful start to my first year here at Cashion! I am enjoying getting to know and working with each student. Please feel free to call me at 433-2575 or email me at mscott@cashion.k12.ok.us with any way that I can help you or your child.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st -----Plan Test for all sophomores
October 1st-----University of Oklahoma campus visit at lunch
October 2nd----- U.S. Army campus visit at lunch
October 3rd-----University of Central Oklahoma campus visit at lunch
October 8th-----Explore Test given to all 8th graders
October 8th-----Platt College campus visit at lunch
October 15th -----PSAT/NMSQT administered at Cashion High School

ACT TEST DATES COST \$31.00

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	September 20-October 3
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8-20 th
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009	January 7-16
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28-March 13
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9-22

Register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in the office.

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 1st for priority consideration.

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VETERANS!!!!

Student Council and leadership class are cordially inviting you to a breakfast on Tuesday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. A program will be held in the auditorium at 8:30 a.m. to acknowledge and thank you for your service to our country. Please come.

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All seniors who plan on attending college should fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st 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.

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.]
- 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.

See Mrs. Scott for an application or visit www.okpromise.org to see additional requirements and apply.

Hoggatt's Happenings

During the month of October our school will be recognizing Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 following the death of Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena. Agent Camarena was responsible for uncovering the key identities of a major Mexican drug cartel. Members of the DEA in California began wearing red ribbons in honor of his work. Today, the Red Ribbon is worn as a symbol for drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse prevention all across America. We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 27 -31.

- ❖ On Monday, "Look at Me, I'm Drug Free!" Each class will design a poster and hang it outside their classrooms. We will be taking a pledge and signing a commitment card to be Drug Free!
- ❖ On Tuesday, "Use Your Head, Say No to Drugs!" Everybody will wear a hat.
- ❖ On Wednesday, "See Me, I'm Drug Free!" Everybody will wear their most creative red outfit. (Please keep the hair dye and face paint at home.)
- ❖ On Thursday, "Shade Out Drugs." Everybody will wear sunglasses to school.
- ❖ On Friday, "Say Boo to Drugs!" Everybody will wear their red ribbon on their costume.

Our students will be given a Red Ribbon at the beginning of the week and will be asked to wear them everyday that week. Wearing the Red Ribbon is just one of the ways to create awareness in our community and encourage students to make positive life choices.

October is also Fire Prevention Month at school. Our 2nd graders are raising money for our Cashion Fire Department. Our firefighters will also be visiting our school and educating our students on fire safety.

October 7-10 our 6th graders will be going to Camp Goddard for their annual trip. They will learn many new science skills. This is a great trip for our students academically and socially. They always return as a cohesive team.

Lastly, parent/teacher conferences are on October 23 and 25. Please make arrangements with your student's teacher. Parental involvement is the key to student success!

These are just a few of the many activities happening at school. If you ever find yourself curious about the daily routine of school, come to school and lend a helping hand. Volunteers are always welcome!

Your Partner in Education,
Ashley Hoggatt

