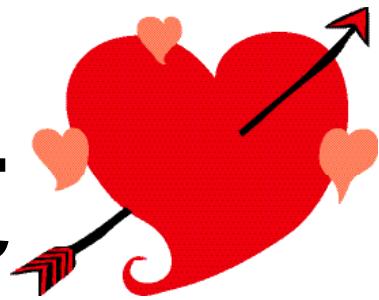


Cat Chat



Cashion High School

February 2009

Cashion Public Schools Bond Election Facts Election Date: February 10, 2009

Polling Places: Regular precinct locations in the Cashion School District

Polls Open: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Need: To approve a \$3,250,000 School Bond Issue for Cashion Public Schools

On February 10th a bond election, in the form of two propositions, will be placed before the patrons of Cashion Public Schools. The two propositions are a building bond and a transportation bond. The monies approved will provide for improvements to areas of immediate need.

Currently our roofs are leaking in several locations. Our elementary restroom facilities are outdated and are in need of repair. Our gym has served us well for close to 30 years, but many seats are broken and the paint is peeling away in a number of areas. The school activity bus and the school suburban are older models with increasing maintenance costs and high mileage.

With your help we can address these issues. The proposed bond election will provide the funds necessary to repair our leaking roofs, greatly extending their existing life. Additionally the elementary school will receive foundation repairs as well as restroom renovations. The high school library, the kitchen, and the Family and Consumer Science rooms will be expanded and renovated. The classrooms in the original high school will be remodeled and the old single pane windows will be replaced with a more energy efficient window.

The transportation bond issue will be used to replace these student transportation vehicles. In addition to safer transportation, newer vehicles provide lower maintenance costs & fewer repairs.

A portion of the funds approved will be used to purchase equipment and uniforms for our band program as well.

Any resident who paid \$100.00 dollars in taxes last year will pay approximately \$0.48 cents more per month. The proposed bond issue will maintain a millage rate of 15.55 mills staying well under surrounding districts rates which are in excess of 20 mills.

Support Cashion Public Schools & Vote February 10th

Secondary News

By. Mrs. Oard,
H.S. Principal

*"It's not the length of life,
but the depth of life."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

My husband and I were making plans for spring break and summer vacation a couple of weekends ago. Of course, we were trying to squeeze in as much as possible before the first of August and wanted to include our children whenever we could. Juggling schedules for four people and trying to book lodgings was becoming a nightmare. I couldn't recall a time when planning a vacation was so difficult. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that it wasn't where we went but who we were with. I've known that all along but let the idea get away from me in the hustle and bustle of life. We will have family time this summer and it probably will be within the state lines. My daughter said it best when she said that you don't have to leave the state to have a family game of Scrabble (yes, we are a bunch of geeks at my house).

As we move through the third nine weeks of school and into the final quarter, I hope you and your family remove yourselves from the rigors of daily life to spend a few extra moments enjoying each other's company. Forging a deeper bond with your children now will keep you closer when they leave

home for their independent lives. I crave time with my son and daughter every day and they have lived away from home since they started college. You've allowed me to share time with your children and the time has been a delightful substitute. The "depth of life" for me comes in forging relationships. I hope you have some depth in your life as well.

Student Council News

STUCO and FCCLA sponsored the winter formal last Saturday. The students enjoyed dancing to the music provided by Mr. A the DJ. It was a successful event and a great way to start off the new semester.

STUCO and FCCLA will once again be selling candy grams and orange crushes as a fund raiser. Please order one for your friends, brothers or sisters, sons or daughters. Thanks for supporting our organizations.

Student Council will work with FFA for a community blood drive in February. Please watch for our signs and give to save a life.

FCCLA Valentine Fundraiser

FCCLA will be hosting, along with STUCO, a Valentine Fundraiser for the Elementary, as well as, Junior High and High School. The fundraiser consists of individual Crush pop and bags of Hershey Hugs and Kisses Candy Grams or snack size Snickers. A Crush pop

can be purchased for \$2.00 and the Candy gram is \$1.00. Each purchase comes with a valentine note that says "I have a crush on you", "Hugs and Kisses", or "You make me Snicker". All can be purchased and sent from a "Secret Admirer" status if the student wishes to be anonymous.

Valentine orders will be sent out Friday, February 13. The cut off date for turning in orders is **Friday, February 6**. This is the Friday before the Valentine Weekend. This allows FCCLA and STUCO enough time to fill, organize and type messages for each class's orders. If more order forms are needed please contact the Elementary and High School offices. Extra forms will be available there for your convenience.

FCCLA will take its Parliamentary Procedure Team to Regional Competition on Wednesday, February 4. This competition will be held in Enid at the Oakwood Christian Church.

BPA Etiquette Lunch

BPA will be traveling to Stillwater on February 25 for their biannual etiquette lunch. The lunch will be held in the Taylors Dining Room at the Atherton Hotel on the OSU campus. Members will be taught how to eat with a full place setting and how to act appropriately at nice eating establishments.

*Happy
Valentines
Day!*

School Board Recognized

Dear Patrons,

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month, a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. The theme of this year's celebration, "School Boards Make A World of Difference," reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability for ALL children.

In Cashion, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. This year they bear the responsibility for an annual general fund budget of nearly \$4,000,000 plus the responsibility of overseeing numerous activity accounts and bond issue funds.

Our Board has the responsibility to provide for 509 students and 63 employees. Our Board members carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy, volunteer public service and preserve the core of our democratic land and public education.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. I invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your board members by letting them know you appreciate what they do for Cashion students.

Cashion Board of Education Members

Sharon Kadavy, President	10 Years of Service
Jerry Barry, Vice-President	4 Years of Service
Steve Andrews, Clerk	8 Years of Service
Amy Broadbent, Member	7 Years of Service
Anita Robinson, Member	11 Years of Service

Please join me in saying "Thank You" to an outstanding Board of Education!

Sincerely,
Todd Garrison
Superintendent, Cashion School District

Hoggatt's Happenings

Wow! 2009 is here and we have been very busy kicking off the New Year. We have many fun and exciting things happening around school. One event that I would like to tell about involves Reading and supports Literacy. Mrs. Hixon, our librarian, has challenged our student body to read 3,000 books. Our theme for the 2009 Principal's Reading Challenge is "Experiment with Books." Each week brings a new challenge. Mrs. Hixon has challenged us to read different genres of books, write poems and essays, read a book that teaches us something new, and we even have some "Very Important Readers" coming to WildCat Wakeup to share their favorite book.

Mr. Garrison, Coach Robertson, High School student athletes and Cashion's Own Robbie Davis will be coming home to share a book that he has written

titled "Hoobachoo." When Mr. Davis was asked to return to Cashion Elementary to share his new book he responded with . . . "Count me in!! I would love to come back to Cashion and read to the students! I owe everything I have ever done in my life to Cashion Schools so I would be honored to do something at the school. Most of the main characters are actually people I knew from Cashion! I just had so many heroes growing up there. Thank you for the invite. This will be a fun event!" -Robbie Davis. . . Mr. Davis will be here on Feb. 6th at 8:30. His books will be on sale for \$13.00. You may pre-order them in the elementary office.

We are finishing off our Principal's Reading Challenge with a *Scientific Celebration: Dr. Dewey X. Periment's Science Showcase*. The Scientific Celebration will be a collaborative effort full of fun and physics with Mrs. Allen's class. Wow what an exciting time!

In closing, The National Institute for Literacy states that there are five skills children need in order to be a successful reader. I would like to highlight number 1. Spoken Words—teachers call knowing how language sounds “Phonemic Awareness.”

Before your child ever sees a word on the page, he/she will hear thousands and thousands of words-spoken words. Every spoken word is a series of sounds. Say the word “football.” Now say it again, slowly. Take it apart. Stress every little sound, from the “f” sound at the beginning to the “l” at the end. “Football” has six sounds in it. A child who can tell these sounds apart is on the way to becoming a reader.

Children also need to hear how sounds in words go together. “Hat,” “Bat,” “Fat,” “Cat,” and “Rat” are almost the same word—but most people don’t wear cats on their heads on cold days. Only the beginning sounds in these words are different. But that one letter makes a huge difference. When you help a child hear and play with sounds in words, you’re getting him ready to read, to see those differences between words when their written down.

Hint: Play with sounds in all parts of words (beginning, middle and end): like “job,” “joy,” and “jog,” where the difference is at the end of the words. Rhyming is also important. Listen for rhyming words in songs and poems. Play a game: who can come up with three words that rhyme with “cool?”

Next month, I will be sharing with you about “Written Words” and how the leap is made from talking to reading. Please be mindful of the on-line calendar and the many events that are taking place at Cashion Schools.

Students' lunch statements are now available online through the gradebook program.