



Cat Chat



Cashion High School

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Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

Generosity – bounty, kindness, charity

When you come to Cashion Schools, generosity abounds. Our student body has the opportunity to see this trait demonstrated frequently and at a variety of levels. It starts in the home and continues into the classroom. We're lucky here in Cashion that generosity isn't just a seasonal thing; it's exhibited year round.

Each year we have parents and teachers purchase school supplies for students who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to supply their own materials. No questions are asked and no answers are needed. We just try to see that each student gets what they need to be successful. Our parents are so generous with their time. They help with many fundraising projects such as Popcorn Friday at the elementary school or volunteering to work a concession stand for FFA or the athletics program. The Cashion Education Foundation is diligent in their efforts to provide grants to district teachers for classroom materials and technological supports. Our patrons have been so openhanded in their giving through the support of two consecutive bond issues.

When our students see adults model such a positive attribute, they are inclined to do the same. The recent disaster in Haiti has students searching for ways to raise money to assist those in such dire circumstances. It is truly heartwarming to hear their plans and then to see those plans succeed. Of course, there are underlying lessons – the budgets, the planning, the marketing – that will serve them through life also, but I feel the generosity is paramount. The adults in their lives have started them on the road to personal satisfaction and caring. We can't measure this on a report card or with standardized testing, but we know it's good to plant the seed and foster it.

Cheerleader tryouts approaching

By Krissy Garrett and Cindy Seaton

Calling all future Cheerleaders! JH and High School Cheer Tryouts are approaching. We will have a mandatory parent and aspiring cheerleader meeting on February 23 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parents and aspiring cheerleaders have to be at the meeting before they can participate. The girls have to be present to learn the choreography (cheer and dance) required for tryouts on February 27 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tryouts will be held at 4 p.m. on March 2. Good luck to all, and we will see you soon.

School Calendar Changes

Make-up Days:

February 12

April 2

May 20

Remaining days to be determined following winter season.

Happy Valentines!

Secondary News

By: Mr. Vandruff
H.S. Principal

Welcome back. It feels as if we just returned from vacation once again. I know I am extremely excited to be back in school, and I know my wife is very happy that I am back at work also. Hopefully, the winter storms can stop so we can get back into the routine of school. We were able to purchase the School Messenger program this year and **REALLY** we did not expect to use it so many times in the first year. I am sure all of you are tired of getting a wake-up call and hearing my voice. Snow days are definitely some quality time with family, but enough is enough!

We have had a very busy January, hosting the Cashion County Line Tournament, FFA Labor Auction, and Achievement Day. These activities required our coaches, teachers, patrons and parents to give up their own time to work gate, work concession, prepare meals for our players, and host our hospitality room. What a spread we were able to enjoy in the hospitality room! I can't tell you all how many compliments we received from visiting coaches and parents about our facilities. Many stopped to comment on their admiration of our outstanding gym. With each compliment given, my sense of pride for the Cashion community grew.

Achievement Day was a huge success and I believe it was because of our parents, patrons and students who donated a myriad of hours to the cause. Even with the weather conditions, we were able to make it a great success! I was very impressed by everyone's combined effort to put on an outstanding show. I also would like to thank our sponsor, Mr. Carroll, for doing such a great job with our agricultural program.

January was Board Appreciation month and I would like to take this time to thank our board members for their service and dedication. Things are definitely moving forward as we complete the new library and our newly renovated Gym, renovate the FACS room and begin working on our Cafeteria. The ten smart boards are now installed. Our teachers are using this new technology to engage students in more effective learning. Once again, I would like to thank our board of education for their tremendous support.

Cashion High School lost a long time employee in

Mrs. Evelyn Robison. She has moved onto a new and exciting adventure working at White Fields. We will miss her multi-tasking skills, personality and expertise here at Cashion High School. We wish her the best with her new job and expect to continue seeing her at many Cashion events.

We were able to hire Mrs. Susan Banks. Mrs. Banks was born in Clinton, Oklahoma, raised in Hammon, Oklahoma and moved to Elk City in 1998. She moved to Elk City to be closer to her mother and for her job as a dispatcher for the Elk City Police Department.

Mrs. Banks is an awesome MiMi to four-year-old Aubrey and eleven-month-old Jarrett. She and her three dogs moved to Oklahoma City in 2009 to be closer to her daughter and her family. If you run across Susan, ask her who Tater Tot is. Mrs. Banks would like to tell everyone that she appreciates all the help and support she has been receiving to make her feel right at home.

I look forward to the second half of the school year. Spring is just around the corner. This thought makes me look forward with great anticipation to all those wonderful spring activities.

Kyle Vandruff

High Expectations...High Achievement

BPA News

Eight BPA members will be competing in the BPA Spring Leadership competitive events. They will take an online test the week of February 15. The top 20 in the state will advance to the state competition on March 9 in Okmulgee. Competing are Jay Nail and Baylee Broadbent, Fundamental Word Processing; Evan Bird and Nolan Reasnor, Advanced Word Processing; Nicolas Rollins and Sierra Thorp, Fundamental Spreadsheet Analysis and Advanced Spreadsheet Analysis; and Zac Lee, Courtney Conrad, and Brian Kliever, Desktop Publishing.

BPA will hold its etiquette dinner in Stillwater this year. It will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at Meditations. There will be approximately 35 BPA members attending to learn about dining etiquette.

FCCLA Week!!!!!!

By Tiffany Hill, FCCLA Reporter

Hey community, coming up February 8 through February 12 FCCLA is celebrating FCCLA Week! We have put together some things to celebrate this fantastic week at Cashion High School! Following is a list of "Dress Up" Days!

Monday, Feb. 8 – Crazy Valentine's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Hawaiian Day.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Toga/Royalty Day. Students will dress as Ancient Greeks or as Queens and Kings.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – Nerd Day. Students will dress as the nerdiest of nerds.

Friday, Feb. 12 – Cashion Spirit or Favorite Athlete Day. Students will dress supporting Cashion Wildcats or their favorite National/College teams!

Prizes will be awarded to those that dress up each day! Wednesday, FCCLA will be serving a meal to all paying members! It will either be Italian or Mexican food!

Throughout the week there will also be FCCLA emblems hidden around the school. When students find them they are to return them to the FACS room for a prize!

There will also be a GUESS THE CANDY!!! Contest. Guess the amount of candy in the container and win the candy. This will take place at least three times during the week.

Furthermore, Valentine's Day Cards will be distributed to Grandparents in the community. Teachers and Administration will also be honored with FCCLA Valentine's surprises! As always, thank you for your support!

ACT Test Dates-

April 10th Registration due by March 5th

June 12th Registration due by May 7th

Congratulations to Brian Kliever for being nominated as a State Superintendent's Academic Scholar. Students must have a 3.7 GPA and score a 27 composite score or above on their ACT.

Congratulations to Austin Phippen, Brian Kliever, and Courtney Conrad for being selected as Valedictorians for the 2010 graduating class. Corrie Ready is the class Salutatorian.

Congratulations to Jayci Robinson, Cyleigh Maroney, and Brook Fields for being selected Valedictorians for the 8th grade graduation. Emily and Lauren Buchalla have been named Salutatorians.

