



Cat Chat



Cashion High School

May 2009

Words for Wildcats

By: Mr. Garrison

It is May and the calendar is full of year-ending activities and banquets. It is certainly hard to believe that we have nearly completed another school year. Although it is a busy time, I always enjoy May. It is a time to reflect on all that has been experienced and accomplished. For some, the reflection is just that of the previous year as students anxiously await summer and the year to come. However, for our seniors the reflection is much deeper. The reflection is often the experience of school from the very beginning. In their individual reflections I hope they find a sense of pride, accomplishment, and personal growth. I am very proud of our senior class for their achievements and for the leadership they have demonstrated. I wish them well in their future endeavors.

The school is continuing to make progress on bond projects. The architects have completed many of the renovation designs and have put several projects out for bid. We hope to work on the roofing system, windows, restrooms, and the gymnasium projects in the near future. We have also moved forward on bidding the activity bus and suburban. Both vehicles should be purchased before the end of May. It is exciting to have the opportunity to improve the school and again we appreciate the support that has been demonstrated by the community in our recent bond elections.

On a personal note, I will conclude my tenure as superintendent of Cashion Schools on June 30. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the support that has been given to me and my family during our time here. While serving Cashion, I have grown both personally and professionally. I have enjoyed working with the staff and have made numerous friendships that make this transition to a new community and school very bitter sweet. Most importantly, I will be forever grateful for the experience my children have had while attending Cashion Schools. I truly believe that this has

been the best possible place for my kids over the past three years. They have both flourished here, had a great experience, and have made great friends. Thank you, and I wish Cashion continued success for many years to come.

CASHION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009 HONOR GRADUATES

Jordan LaFave–Valedictorian
Austin Mason–Valedictorian
Bailey Welch–Salutatorian
Luke Broadbent–Salutatorian
Megan Adams
Kourtney Jenkins
Sarah Robinson
Brentney Maroney
Jessica Brunette
Ashley Rush
Alycia Cavazos

****HONOR GRADUATES MUST HAVE A 3.5 OR ABOVE GPA.**

Graduation Schedule

Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 10, 6:30

8th Grade Graduation - Tuesday, May 12, 7:00

Senior Graduation - Friday, May 15, 7:00

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• **Yearbooks for Sale** •

• **\$ 35 until May 29** •

• **\$ 40 after May 29** •

• **See Mrs. Gruntmeir** •

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Secondary News

By. Mrs. Oard,
H.S. Principal

It is so hard to believe that it is May. I know that students are eager for the year to wind up and move into the activities that summer brings. However, we have much to do academically before the end of May. While competitions in spring events such as sports, agriculture, and academics continue, teachers are diligent in continuing instruction. April and May are the months in the educational arena that we measure the achievement of our students. Students in 7th and 8th grade will participate in the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT) while the upper grade levels will undergo examination in subject specific End of Instruction (EOI) exams and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Please encourage your children to get a sufficient amount of sleep during this time and to eat a good breakfast. It really does help them receive their best results which is such a boost to their self-esteem. How gratifying to see a satisfactory good score reflect the efforts a student has demonstrated over the past year.

Pre-enrollment for the coming year is also right around the corner. Your child should bring home a form for your viewing and signature. Please remember that any changes in our faculty could affect our course offerings and that there may be minor changes from May to August. Of course, Mrs. Scott and

I will work diligently to keep those changes to a minimum. As our students prepare for life after high school, whether it is work, career tech, or college, it is important that they choose a diligent path in high school. Please support your older child as they consider AP courses or concurrent enrollment. If you would have questions concerning either of these opportunities, please contact the school at 433-2575.

It continues to be a delight to spend time with your children. In my mind, our students in Cashion are easily the community's greatest asset. These young adults are pleasant, well-mannered, and extremely bright individuals. I appreciate the opportunity to work with them and you.

New Cheerleaders Selected

Congratulations to Cashion's JH and HS Cheerleaders for 2009-2010 school year!

JH Cheerleaders are:
Kaylee Stephenson
Cortney Maroney
Cyleigh Maroney
Mariah Tucson
Caitlin Graber
Kelsey Daniel
Emilee Evans

HS

Courtney Conrad
Corrie Ready
Kelley Marlow
Shelby Sexton
Staci May
Melissa Barry
Randi Lamle
Brittany Mayfield

New cheer sponsor for JH will be Krissy Garrett and Cindy Seaton for HS.

All cheerleaders need their physicals done before Cheer Camp. The school has physicals are on May 18th.

Cashion All-Star Camp Boys

Who: Boys entering the 3rd-9th grades
When: May 26-29 1:00-4:00pm
Where: Gym
Cost: \$50.00

Junior High (Boys entering the 7th-9th grades)

Morrison Summer League-June 1-2
Cashion Summer League-June 8-9

High School (Boys entering the 9th-12th grades)

Cashion Skills Camp-June 8-9
Covington-Douglass Summer League-June 15-17

Cashion Summer League-June 22-24

Oklahoma University Team Camp-June 26-28

FCCLA News

It is the end of the year and FCCLA has a few things more to accomplish. Friday, May 1st, the 5th and 6th grade will come by to experience a dirt cake snack in the FACS room. A yearly FCCLA fiesta is planned for Tuesday the 6th of May. Mexican cuisine is offered at lunch that day to members for their hard work and interest. FCCLA members have been asked to bring a homemade dessert to compliment the Mexican food being supplied.

Students need to look for an officer sign-up sheet in the FACS room in order to run for an office for the 2009-2010 school years. Everyone is to be commended for their great support and participation.

New Officers Elected

Student Body Officer and class officer elections were held in April. The following students were elected:

2009 – 2010

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

Pres.- Courtney Conrad
Vice Pres.- Austin Phippen
Secretary- Cade Broadbent
Treasurer- Jarrel Kadavy
Reporter- Tres Basler

Senior Officers

Pres.- Brian Kliwer
Vice Pres.- Christian Minard
Secretary- Cory Palmer
Treasurer- Bailey Wilkerson
Stuco Rep.- Britney Temple and Zac Lee

Junior Officers

Pres.- Sierra Thorp
Vice Pres.- Nolan Reasnor
Secretary- Ashley Burkette
Treasurer- Shelby Sexton
Stuco Rep.- Lauren Neece and Taylor Sexton

Sophomore Officers

Pres.- Austen Evans
Vice Pres.- Clayton Daniel
Secretary- Taylor Cochran
Treasurer- Brandon Dewberry
Stuco Rep.- Lane Welch and Hunter Mason

Freshman Officers

Pres.- Dexton Robertson
Vice Pres.- Mitchell Yearout
Secretary- Sarah Arms
Treasurer- Evan Bird
Stuco Rep.- Nate Lee and Ty Reasnor

8th Grade Officers

Pres.- Jayci Robinson
Vice Pres.- Braden Mason

Secretary- Shelby Dunkle
Treasurer- Brianna Kurtz
Stuco Rep. Cotney Maroney and Hunter Suntken

Hoggatt's Happenings

Last month I wrote about *Reading Fluency*. To sum up my five month reading instruction series I am closing with **Reading Comprehension**. Teachers call the ability to understand what you read "comprehension."

We read for a reason. To get swept away by a great story. Or find out what happened in last night's game. Or figure out how to put together a bicycle. (Good Luck!) There is no point to reading it if doesn't help us understand something.

That is why we spend so much time helping kids learn how to read. Eventually, they will read for a purpose. If your daughter can read the words on a page, but doesn't understand what the words mean, she's really not reading. Reading uses a reader's own knowledge of the world, and of the words, to make sense of what she reads. Research over 30 years has found ways parents can help their children become better at understanding, remembering, and communicating what they read.

Does your child understand the details, the meaning and the ideas behind what she is reading? **How can you help?** Ask questions! It's a great way to know if your young reader really understands what he reads. And it stimulates his brain to think and ask questions himself. When you're reading a story with your child, stop and ask questions once in a while: Why did that character do that? What do you think will happen next? What would you do in that situation? Don't just ask questions about books-do it about everything you see with your child-from what's for dinner to what the coach should do in the next play. **By asking these questions you will build your student's reading comprehension skills!**

In closing, I have a few dates on the back on the calendar I want to remind you of. We have many special events occurring in the last days of the 2008-2009 school year you won't want to miss.

Wildcat Waltz-
Little Olympics-
Great Expectations Model School Celebration-
Awards Assemblies/KDG Graduation-

2008-2009 has been a wonderful year at Cashion Elementary! I love my school. Go Cats!

Your Partner in Education,
Mrs. Hoggatt

