



# Cat Chat



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Cashion Public Schools

February 2008

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## **WORDS FOR WILDCATS**

By Mr. Garrison

The holiday break was wonderful and enjoyable, but it has been a fast and furious start to the second semester of the school year. It is always a busy time of year filled with numerous school activities. It is nice to see familiar faces and thrilling to see our students excel in their respective extracurricular activities. As our activities start I always like to take the time to remind parents and students that the third nine-week period, in my opinion, is the most difficult for students. It is important to get off to a good start in the second semester. Make certain that all assignments are completed and that adequate preparation goes into preparing for exams.

While we have been away from school, the construction has continued. I am excited to see the progress being made on the new facilities each morning I arrive and again in the evening when I leave. It is hard to believe that in August when the next school year starts we will be utilizing our new facilities. I meet with our construction managers and architects every two weeks to discuss our progress. Everyone seems pleased and feels confident that we are on schedule.

As many of you are aware we had a major leak in one of the main water pipes that supplies the high school, cafeteria, and gymnasium. We were very fortunate that the leak was detected almost immediately by one of our evening custodians, Mr. Troy Simmons. His quick actions most definitely prevented a great deal of flood damage. After detection of the leak, our entire custodian staff consisting of Dave Maston, Darrell Christianson, Randy Wagner, and Troy Simmons did an excellent job of removing the water quickly to prevent further damage. The pipe that ruptured is located under the flooring of the cafeteria. We have capped the water line and restored water supply to all locations with the exception of the gymnasium and the restroom in the gymnasium area. I apologize for the late notice for canceling school and inconvenience it may have caused.

I notified all major media stations close to midnight Thursday evening. Because of this cancellation we have exhausted all of our built in inclement weather days in the school calendar. Let's hope for great weather in February!

Finally, with the upcoming school board election on February 5, our district will have a new face on the Cashion Board of Education. Anita Robinson has chosen not to seek re-election after ten years of service to the Cashion School District. I would like to express my appreciation for her services. In the short time I have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Robinson, I have grown to respect her for her commitment, strong business knowledge, and outstanding professionalism.

## **Cashion Winners at the Cashion Scholastic Meet:**

### **5th grade winners:**

Brett Wilson- 1st in Math, 1st in Social Studies  
Haley Fisher- 2nd in English  
Alex Robinson- 3rd in Social Studies  
Erin Smith- 2nd in Reading  
Kaleb George- 1st in Reading  
Austin Herrin- 3rd in Science  
Truett Olney- 3rd in Current Events

### **5th graders won their division!**

### **6th grade winners:**

Colby Bodkin- 3rd in Math, 2nd in Social Studies  
Jayci Robison- 3rd in Social Studies  
Gregory Cooper- 2nd in Science

### **7th grade winners:**

Gred Weins- 1st in English, 3rd in Science  
Evan Bird- 2nd in Current Events

### **8th grade winners:**

Caleb Kimberling- 2nd in Reading  
Austin Evans- 1st in Science

## *Secondary News By Mrs. Oard*

I am fortunate to spend a great deal of time with teachers and students discussing education with a focus on how students learn. Students who can identify the instructional strategies that help them access the material presented in the classroom tend to be more successful. These students are comfortable approaching teachers and asking for direction of another fashion if a lesson wasn't understood by them. Requesting further assistance is also an example of the independence schools want to foster in our students.

Our teachers spend many hours developing lessons and searching for innovative techniques to promote student achievement. The veteran teachers of the district are willing to maximize their professional experience by using new technologies in their classrooms to heighten the students' education. All of our teachers are willing to share the collaborative practices and knowledge management they have gained with peers to enhance the education of our students.

So where do the faculty members get the innovative equipment to create lessons and stimulate students' minds? Where do teachers discover new practices they bring to the classroom? While the district provides as much as possible, we are so grateful for the donations made to our programs by organizations such as the Cashion Educational Foundation and the Cashion Parent/Teacher Organization. We teachers get as excited over new "toys" as

little children at Christmas. The real excitement occurs when a teacher observes a student making a connection as a result of a new technique or technology. On behalf of the faculty, I would like to offer many thanks to our generous community for making this a possibility.

### **Academic Team News**

The high school academic team placed third at the Area tournament held in Canton on January 12. The top two teams qualified for State and we came within two questions of making it! Team members participating were Joe Dunn, Dillon Craig, Jordan LaFave, and Jacob Clark. Special thanks to Aubrey White for helping us out as scorekeeper.

Our last regular triad was January 28 at Geary. Students, please think about trying out for the team next year. It is a great addition to your educational experience and a lot of fun, too!

### **February FFA Events**

#### **Feb. 2-4**

Achievement Day  
(No School Feb. 4th)

#### **Feb. 7**

Kingfisher PI Scrapbook Check @  
Kingfisher @ 4:30

#### **Feb16-19**

Kingfisher County Livestock Show

#### **Feb. 16-23**

National FFA Week

#### **Feb.27- March 3**

NW District Livestock Show

### **FCCLA News**

FCCLA is working with Stuco to provide a fundraiser for Valentines Day. Every year FCCLA week is the week of Valentine's Day. The Candy Gram Fundraiser is part of the weeks events. FCCLA week begins on the 11th of February until the 15th. Deliveries will be made at the end of the day on the 14th for the elementary celebrations and by lunch time in the high school. Candy Grams cost \$1.00 per candy bar and \$2.00 per Crush Pop for the High School and Kool-aid Jammer's for the elementary. Various slogans accompany the Candy Grams. It is a festive way to celebrate our students, faculty, and staff. The emphasis is on giving rather than receiving. The money that is made will go towards State Convention and Frontier City fees for FCCLA members. Our hope is to raise enough money to pay the fees that will be accrued on April 4th.

Other activities planned for FCCLA week will include a "Guess the Candy" contest. Those wishing to participate will stop by the FACS room to guess the amount of candy in the container. The number closest to the count will win the candy. This will be done three times over the course of the week. Another activity for that week will be an FCCLA Emblem Hunt. If anyone during the week finds an FCCLA emblem they can return it to the FACS room to receive a prize. Another activity will include dressing up for Valentine's Day in all Red and/or all Pink. The best dressed will win a prize. Some community service projects for Valentine's are also in the planning stages.

## Scholarship List

| NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP/CONTEST                     | DUE DATE      | APPLICATION        | WEBSITE  |
|---|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Burger King Scholars Program                    | Feb. 15, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://www.bk.com/scholars">www.bk.com/scholars</a>                   |
| OSSAA/State Farm Basketball Scholarship         | Feb. 15, 2008 | counselor's office |  |
| FFA.Ford Truck                                  | Feb. 15, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://scholarships.ffa.org">http://scholarships.ffa.org</a>          |
| Monsanto(Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship) | Feb. 15, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://www.nafb.com">www.nafb.com</a>                                 |
| Best Buy Scholarship                            | Feb. 15, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships">www.bestbuy.com/scholarships</a> |
| Okla City Community Foundation                  | Feb. 28, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://www.occf.org">www.occf.org</a>                                 |
| Hal W. Almen Scholarship Program-OKC Rotary     | Feb. 28, 2008 | online             | <a href="http://www.westokcrotary.org">www.westokcrotary.org</a>               |
| GPACAC  | Feb.29, 2009  | online             | <a href="http://www.gpacac.net">http://www.gpacac.net</a>                      |
| Org. Of Rural Oklahoma Schools                  | 1-Mar-08      | counselor's office |  |
| SAMMYBODY BY MILK                               | 7-Mar-08      | online             | <a href="http://sammy.bodybymilk.com">sammy.bodybymilk.com</a>                 |
| Tinker Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship      | March 14,2008 | counselor's office | (military dependents)  |
| Ok. Burglar & Fire Alarm Assoc.                 | March 15,08   | counselor's office |  |
| OSSAA/State Farm Baseball Scholarship           | Apr.14,2008   | counselor's office |  |
| OSSAA/State Farm Slow Pitch, Track Scholarship  | Apr.14,2008   | counselor's office |  |
| Ayn Rand Essay Contest                          | Apr. 25,2008  | online             | <a href="http://www.aynrand.org/contests">www.aynrand.org/contests</a>         |
| BigSun Scholarship                              | June 20,2008  | online             | <a href="http://www.bigsunathletics.com">www.bigsunathletics.com</a>           |
| Enid Beauty College Scholarship                 |               | counselor's office | <a href="http://www.enidokbeautycollege.com">www.enidokbeautycollege.com</a>   |

## YEARBOOKS OFFERED THROUGH THE MAIL AND ONLINE

### An Easy Method to Purchase Yearbooks

Cashion Public Schools is offering a great way to purchase the best book-of-the-year, the Cashion Schools yearbook directly through the mail or online.

In a partnership with Jostens, our yearbook printer, Cashion is offering a program for purchasing yearbooks from the home. This simple method will eliminate the need for students to bring money to the school and allow parents the opportunity to discuss purchase decisions with students at home. Yearbook purchases will be made through the mail, Internet or by simply calling a toll-free service hotline, 1-866-282-1516. Additionally, a special feature of this program allows parents the option of an installment payment plan.

In December, students will receive complete details through the mail on the yearbook, available options and ordering instructions. You will have only three op-

portunities to purchase the yearbook this year, so make sure to watch your mailbox for details.

If you prefer to purchase the yearbook directly from the school, you are more than welcome to do so. Just send a check made out to Cashion School for \$35 to Cindy Gruntmeir at the high school. Yearbooks will be \$35 until April 1. At that time the cost will increase to \$40.

Watch your mailbox for more information!

## Juniors —

***Looking for an early start on financial aid for college?*** [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/)

Learn about the financial aid process, gain early awareness of aid eligibility, and much more!!

## Helpful Financial Aid WEB Sites

### ◆ [www.okstate.edu/finaid](http://www.okstate.edu/finaid)

Info. on applying for scholarships and financial aid at Oklahoma State University.

### ◆ [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

Register for a pin for student and parent to use when completing the FAFSA and managing other federal aid records

### ◆ [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Apply for financial aid via World Wide Web

### ◆ [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

Includes guides on federal grants, loans, and work-study programs.

### ◆ [www.okhighered.org/student-center](http://www.okhighered.org/student-center)

Includes information and links to all OK colleges and Univ. and info. on Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) and the OK College Savings Plan.

### ◆ [www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov)

This calculator uses the Federal Need Analysis Methodology to calculate an accurate estimate of Expected Family Contribution and financial need.

### ◆ [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

Provides information about all types of financial aid.

### ◆ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Free scholarship program. Students are provided with an electronic mailbox they can check periodically, and individualized, pre-formatted, letters for use in communicating with scholarship agencies.

### ◆ [www.collegeboard.com/pay/add\\_it\\_up/](http://www.collegeboard.com/pay/add_it_up/)

In addition to general financial aid and admission information, this site has calculators to let students and parents calculate the amount they can afford to borrow in the student and Parent (PLUS) loan programs.

### ◆ [www.smartaboutmoney.org](http://www.smartaboutmoney.org)

Provides an online resource library of budgeting information and offers a step-by-step format for developing a budget.

### ◆ [www.finaid.org/calculators/savingsplan.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/calculators/savingsplan.phtml)

Fast and easy calculator show how much money you must contribute each month to an interest-bearing bank account or investment fund in order to reach your savings goals.

## Science Club News

By Kasey Best, Historian

As the Science Club enters into its first year, we are off to an exciting start. Proclaiming to motivate, and mold minds. Introducing sponsor: Scott Anderson; Co-founders: Aubrey White and Kasey Best; Officers: Joe Ready, Landon Rother, Hannah Davidson, Garret Rother, Lucas Barry, and Kasey Best. With field trips such as visiting the Norman National Weather Center and the Federal Aviation Administration, we are making our mark in the Cashon club scene.

Soon enough you'll see all 73 of our members walking around in T-shirts designed by Marilyn Adams. Right now, the Science Club is sponsoring the eighth grade bridge building contest with a \$25 cash prize for the winner. Upcoming activities include: bee keeping, and exploring astronomy. We are excited for what is to come and hope you will offer us your support!