

The K-9 unit: Deputy Geier and Keltin



On May 1st, 2017, the Monroe County K-9 unit came in to visit and teach the 6th graders. The 6th grade reading classes have been reading and researching to answer the question, “How do humans and animals change each other? Deputy Geier and his dog, Keltin, came to help the 6th graders answer the question. First, Deputy Geier talked to them about the basics of his job, and where his Czech Shepherd dog, Keltin, came from. Keltin is used to locate things, such as drugs, run away prisoners, run away elders, and runaway children. The 6th graders asked Deputy Geier many questions. After discussion, Deputy Geier went and fetched Keltin, and showed them some of Keltin’s skills. First, he put a drug scented decoy on the bleachers, and then had Keltin show off his skills to find it. Keltin signaled to others that he had found something by putting his nose right next to it, and then sat down, and finally he lay down. Deputy Geier rewards Keltin with his tennis ball, which he loves. The 6th graders are really thankful that Deputy Geier came to teach them about his career.

By Katie Alderson and Naomi Mason

Choir trip

On Friday April 21st, both the high school and middle school choirs, as well as the 5th grade class, boarded the busses and took a trip to Viterbo University in La Crosse to watch the Platinum Edition Showcase. Students watched soloists and small ensembles perform, as well as the Platinum Edition show choir and the Coulee Kids show choir. Choir director Mrs. Ludeking says:

“Taking students to see a live performance is always a great opportunity to expose students to area talent and see what else is available to them after graduation, should they want to continue their musical journey. It was even more exciting to attend this year because we had a music department alumni, Amanda Hemmersbach as a member of Platinum Edition.”

Amanda Hemmersbach is a first year member of the Platinum Edition showcase and also actively participated in music related events like solo and ensemble and show choir when she was in high school. She says, “The adrenaline was nothing I have ever experienced before. It's amazing to be a part of a group that together makes something so beautiful. I love singing and performing so being in show choir and continuing my love is something I am thankful for.” The students really enjoyed the opportunity and are excited for other opportunities like this in the future. The music department is also hosting their spring pops concert coming up on May 19th.

By Megan Culpitt

New Track Season Comes to a Start



This new Track and Field season has begun! It began with a meet at Sparta, where the Cashton Middle School men and women's team did outstanding. After that, the teams went to Viroqua and dominated the meet. Even though the weather was terrible, the women won the meet and the men placed fifth. Many women and men placed in the top three places. Bonita Hanley, a distance runner, is a part of the 2016-2017 Track Team. She says, "I think it is very fun and a good experience because you can meet new people." The team is disappointed, since in two weeks the season will be over. The Eagles Track and Field team is looking forward to going to Viroqua, Cashton and Bangor in the upcoming weeks.

By Annie Schreier

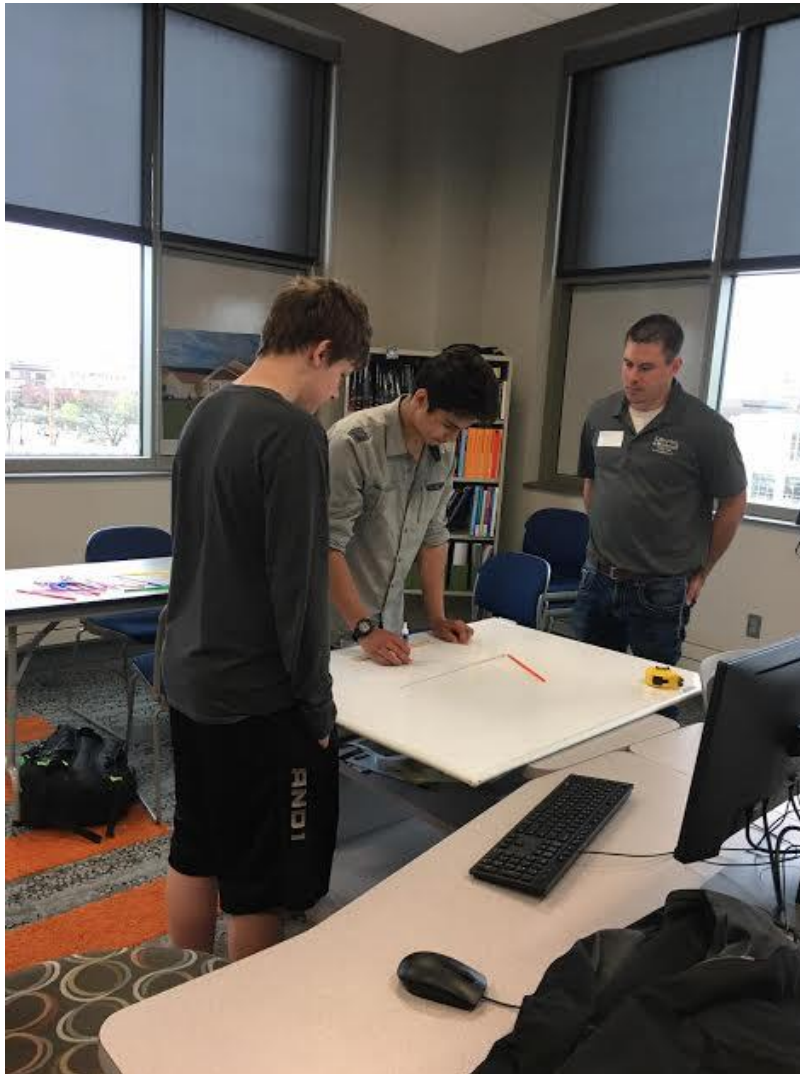
New Staff

As members of the community, most of us can only wonder what Cashton is like from the eyes of a newcomer. At the beginning of this school year, Cashton welcomed multiple new teachers into the community. Among these new teachers were Mrs. Weibel, who teaches middle school Language Arts, and Mrs. Gluch, who teaches 9th grade English and provides Title 1 support to middle school students. When asked what she likes about Cashton, Mrs. Weibel stated, "So far, in Cashton I really love the people. The other school staff, the parents, and the students have all been wonderful to work with."

Mrs. Gluch stated similar things regarding the friendliness of staff and students. Both teachers mentioned how the community values education and supports its students. Mrs. Gluch said that one of the things she loves about Cashton is the school pride, and how Mrs. Butzler "instills that in us all." She also mentioned that she appreciates the mix of old and new, or as she stated, "honoring tradition while embracing the future and growing with the times." Both newcomers stated that they received a warm welcome and are happy that they joined this team of educators.

By Laurel Adams

Junior Achievement Technical Careers Challenge



On Wednesday, April 26th, the 8th Grade went to Western Technical College in La Crosse to participate in the Junior Achievement Technical Careers Challenge. The students were grouped into different career clusters based on their interests. There was many different careers, such as Business Media, PT, Education, Veterinary Science, Architecture, and more. The students got to hear from people in the community who are in that career, and learn from them. Each group worked on a different project, and had a competition between themselves. For example, the Education group had to act out a story to the judges as if they were kindergarteners; the Veterinary Science group groomed dogs, which included clipping toenails, cleaning ears, brushing teeth, and doing a health check, as well as training the dogs to do new tricks. After the activities, all of the students got to go on a tour of the campus. Emma Schlesner, one of the 8th Graders that participated, said, "It was fun to learn about more careers and interact with new people." Overall, many students enjoyed the Career Challenge and Cashton looks forward to continuing the tradition of going on this trip each year.

By: Izzi Mason