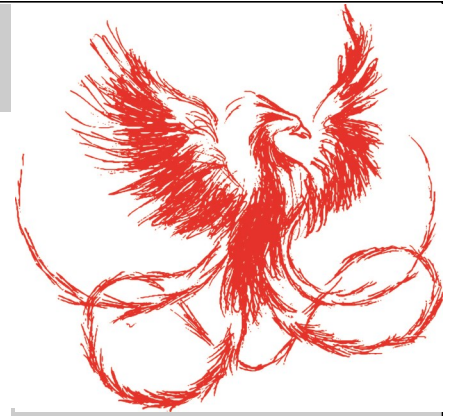


# Ash High School

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One Town  
One School  
One Family



## Teacher Shares Her Passion for Creativity

By Marisa Ramos & Arely Patino

One thing that surprised people in the community is to learn that students at Ash take all the same classes that students at Plainview High School (PHS) take. One difference is that you are more likely to have an art class at Ash than PHS. At Ash we are very fortunate to have an excellent teacher that does double duty. Ms. Willey teaches Spanish and art. She is mom to four very cool kids. All four of them graduated from PHS and are currently working on their future careers. She attended Wayland Baptist University for four years and received her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education (BSOE).



Ms. Willey enjoys sketching and drawing with pencil. She enjoys teaching a second language (Spanish) because it will help students in their future, plus she said that to her, “it is the most romantic language.” Ms. Willey also told us how fortunate she feels working here at Ash. She enjoys the opportunity to know each one of her students better compared to if she taught at a bigger school. Getting to see how creative her students are, and the endless possibilities that happen in her classroom are two of the many things she loves about teaching.

When asked, “What is one thing that no one would ever guess about you?” she shared with us about a time in middle school when she received swats. She was eating Cheetos in gym class. She was a good student, she just got hungry at the wrong time. We also asked her about one of the funniest moments in her life. She said, “getting hit in the butt at Wal-Mart with a shopping cart for taking a short cut through the pharmacy and there was a line of people who saw me get hit.

Ms. Willey asked us to mention to all Ash student about the “Doodle 4 Google.” Doodle 4 Google is a contest which allows students to use their creativity to create their own interpretation of the Google logo. If you are interested, there is more information on the back page of the newsletter and forms are available in room 109.

We would like to thank Ms. Willey for giving us the opportunity to hear her wonderful stories and allowing us to get know more about her. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing more about the creativeness you and your classes come up with!

## New Student Point of View

By: Raquel Salazar

Ranson Fuentes recently came to Ash High School. He came to Ash to graduate faster. Ranson said, “he’s doing what has to be done.” Ranson did not have a father growing up but he always looked up to his grandpa. Ranson shared that his grandpa was a hardworking man and never gave up. His grandpa use to tell him “Fight to win or don’t fight at all.” Ranson took this statement to mean, fight to be on top or do not, and be on bottom.

Ranson would like to work to save money and go to college. He wants to attend Universal Technical Institute (UTI) for diesel mechanic training. Ranson went on to share that if UTI does not work, he wants to work hard and get his own business going. He wants to make a name for himself and be successful in any way he can. In 10 years, he sees himself working as a mechanic, married, and having kids and being settled down.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/2/18 Hat Day, bring \$1 to wear a school appropriate hat

2/6/18 Student council Hamburger fundraiser 5:00 pm at Plainview High School, Cost \$6

2/14/18 VALENTINES DAY!!!

3/2/18 Doodle 4 Google! Deadline, See Ms. Willey for Details

3/9/18 End of the 3rd semester!

4/5/18 ABC Partnership Night

## ASH STATS

Graduates this Academic Year:

We have had 18 successful graduates, so far

Pending Graduates for January

We have 3 pending graduates

Credit Recovery Program APEX since 1/9/18

**Ash Students:**

8 semester credits earned

**Our RAC Students:**

5 semester credits earned

Total Second Quarter Credits:

Aug—Dec, 170.5 semester credits earned!

Number of Students Enrolled:

We have 77 students enrolled at Ash High School

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As I sit back and think about the three short years of being principal of Ash High School, I can't help but to think about the many positive changes that have taken place in just a short period of time. Besides changing the name of the school from Houston School to Ash High School, the school also found its way back to its original destination - 908 Ash St. The staff quickly adopted the saying "Achieve Success Here". We realized there are "endless opportunities" for the students who attend Ash.

Each student that attends Ash has their own unique reason for enrolling, but those reasons unite us as a family. Our family grew this year to encompass the educational needs of Reed Adolescent Center students. With all of this growth, we have adopted the Cheers opening theme song to tell the world why so many are choosing Ash and what Ash stands for. When you have some spare time, just sit and really listen to the words of the Cheer's theme song, because as you are listening to the words, you are truly hearing the heartbeat of Ash.

### Discipline & Attendance Contest

By: Joseph Castro

Family groups at Ash compete for the best attendance and least discipline actions. The family group that has the best attendance is rewarded with lunch grilled by our own principal, Mr. Wallace. The family group with the least discipline actions gets to have pizza and video games for lunch with Mr. Wallace.

The standings currently for the attendance reward are:

Mr. Soliz and the RAC students are in first. While Ms. Meza and Ms. Willey are tied for second, followed by Mr. Pittman in third. Then in fourth is Mrs. Howell and trailing her in fifth is Mrs. Coon and then Mrs. Hanoch rounding out the family groups.

The current standings for the least discipline actions are:

Mr. Soliz and the RAC students taking first place currently. We have Mrs. Hanoch and Mrs. Howell tied for second. Mrs. Madison is in third place followed by Ms. Willey in fourth. Then, there is another tie with Mrs. Coon and Mrs. Nunez in fifth. Following fifth is Ms. Meza in sixth.

### Ash Sports Center

By: Omar Rivera

In case you did not know, there is a big football game coming up, Super Bowl LII (52). The last couple of weeks have led to this event. There will always be four teams left that are going to try to make it to the Super Bowl every year. There are two sides for each two teams. One side is called NFC and the other side is called AFC. The Jacksonville Jaguars and the New England Patriots are on the American Football Conference (AFC) side. The Minnesota Vikings and Philadelphia Eagles are on the National Football Conference (NFC) side. AFC covers region of the northeast country stretching from Massachusetts to Indiana. NFC is grouped around the Great Lakes region and in the south.

My prediction for the NFC Championship was that the Jaguars would win against the Patriots. I predicted the Jaguars because they have the number one defense and they were going to stop Tom Brady, the Patriots quarter back. However, that did not happen. Patriots had the strength to move the ball every time because of their quarterback, Tom Brady. He was able to come through in the clutch every time they got the ball and put points on the board. My prediction for the AFC Championship was the Eagles would win and they won big time. The Eagles had the strength to not let the Vikings be the first team to play home in the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl LII will take place in Minnesota between the Philadelphia Eagles against the New England Patriots it is going to be a good game. I feel, based on the Patriots offense and having the best quarterback in the league, Tom Brady, they are going to lead every quarter. I think the Eagles will do their best, but really they have no chance and ultimately, the New England Patriots are going to win the Super Bowl.



## Movie Review - a bit different

By Miriah McQueen

The movies are a good place to go when you want to hang out with friends or family. There are all different types of movies and theaters you, your family, and friends can go watch. There are a variety of types of movies such as comedy, scary, suspense, drama, and more. The good thing about the movies, you can go just about any time you want. Movie theaters have evolved to offer many different food and snack options. Some even offer full meal service while you are viewing movies. This review will be a bit different in the sense that it is about the movie theater here in Plainview.

Here in Plainview we are fortunate to have a small movie theater, Cinemark Town Centre Movies 6. This theater has basic snacks, candy, and popcorn options. The different matinee show times are from 1:00 pm to 4:50 pm. The evening show times begin at 5:00 pm. Monday through Wednesday the last showing is at 7:50 pm, but Thursday through Saturday the last showing is as late as 11:00 pm.

The best part of this theater is the prices. Matinees are \$3.50 for general admission and \$3.00 for children and seniors. Evening shows cost \$5.50 for general admission, military \$4.50, children and seniors are \$3.00. The cost of popcorn and drinks are high as usual, but if you purchase the popcorn bucket with the refills for the whole year, it is money worth spending.

A few things to keep in mind with this theater, take a sweater. The theater is generally cool and it is a big space, so it does not exactly warm up quickly. The volume in the theater is very loud, if you are taking small children you could use earplugs for them and they could still hear everything very well. If you arrive early, there is a small arcade with a few video games. The cleanliness of the theater is ok, they could improve in that area, especially in the restrooms, in my opinion. The staff is nice but not very attentive to addressing problem patrons in the theater, just try to ignore the obnoxious people in theater.

## Plainview Restaurant Monthly Review

By: Vivian Gonzales

When it comes to choosing a place to eat in Plainview the choices are plenty. If you want to go someplace to feel like you are eating out at a nice restaurant your choices are slim. Most people go to Tokyo Japanese Steak House (Tokyo's). With the New Year comes changes, and Tokyo's has made some changes. These changes have not made people happy. Tokyo's has changed the portion sizes. Technically this is not bad for the health conscious, but for those who were accustomed to the larger portions it is a shock. In addition, they are now charging for everything such as lemons (\$ .50 each) and sauces.

Many people are upset about the new changes because not only are they spending more money but they are getting less food. I totally enjoy the food, but the wait to be seated is ridiculously long and the price is a little too high. The service really depends on who you get as your cook and waitress. I have heard that "JR" is the best cook there, so if you plan on going to Tokyo's any time soon I would definitely recommend him. There are so many pros and cons about Tokyo's and everyone has your own opinion about the restaurant.

This reviewer will likely go back, but with someone else paying the bill and no lemon in my water!

## Carissa's Cooking Corner

By: Carissa Gonzalez

The one thing I would miss the most if I left home would be, my grandma's caldo.



Caldo is great for a cold, rainy day but I could eat it any day, in any type of weather.

The recipe for this astonishing dinner is: Beef (round steak, short ribs or stew meat) 2 teaspoons of salt, 2 teaspoons ground black pepper, 1 onion, chopped, 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, 3 cups beef broth, 4 cups of water, 2 medium carrot, coarsely chopped, 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, 1 potato, quartered (optional), 2 ears corn, husked and cut into thirds, 2 squash, quartered (optional), 1 medium head cabbage, cored and cut into wedges, 1/4 cup sliced pickled jalapenos, 1/4 cup finely chopped onions, 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro, 2 limes cut into wedges, and 4 radishes, quartered.

Directions: 1. Cut the meat into about 1/2 inch pieces, leaving some on the bones. 2. Heat a heavy soup pot over medium-high heat until very hot. Add the oil, to coat the bottom. Add the meat and bones, and season with salt and pepper. Cook and stir until thoroughly browned. 3. Add 1 onion and cook until onion is also lightly browned. Stir in the tomatoes and broth. The liquid should cover by 1/2 inch. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 1 hour with the lid on loosely. If meat is not tender, continue cooking for another 10 minutes or so. 4. Pour in the water, return to simmer.

Add the carrot and 1/4 cup cilantro, and cook for 10 minutes, then stir in the potato, corn and squash. Simmer until vegetables are tender. Push the cabbage wedges into the soup, cook for about 10 more minutes. 5. Ladle soup into large bowls. Garnish with jalapenos, minced onion, and additional cilantro. Squeeze lime juice all over, and serve with radishes.

Recipe from: Allrecipies.com 3

## Top Ten Musicians for 2017

By Tyger Juarez

According to Billboard Magazine, they list the top ten rap artist of 2017 as the following:

1. Drake
2. Kendrick Lamar
3. Bruno Mars
4. The Weeknd
5. Future
6. Migos
7. Lil Uzi Vert
8. Post Malone
9. DJ Khaled
10. Khalid

I would not agree with this list. There are some artist that are superior to the one ones on the Billboard list such as NBA Youngboy. NBA Youngboy is a much better rapper than Drake, but yet NBA Youngboy is not even on Billboard's top 50. Billboard misses the mark on looking at rappers for their ability to rap. Billboard does not take the time to look for the new rappers and the artist that are working at their craft. The Billboard list is more of your mainstream artist, not the ones that are independent and performing at the grassroots level.

My list of the top ten rap artist of 2017 would be:

1. NBA Youngboy
2. Kevin Gates
3. Young Dolph
4. Russ
5. Offset
6. Tee Grizzley
7. Gucci Mane
8. Lil baby
9. A Boogie wit dae hoodie
10. YFN Lucci

## Student Challenges

By: Stephan Perez & Ruben Reyes

Ash has many different students. In this article two young men, both who are fathers, are going to share their story and opportunities for success.

### Stephan Perez

Being a dad, parent, isn't as hard as everyone says. First thing you must do is make sure you have a job and are taking care of your child. The only difficult things are changing your habits and getting use to new ones. Like being more responsible. Responsibility includes going to work, on time, and being dependable. Another aspect of changing habits is being in control of yourself. When the events of your day, or people, start irritating you, it is important to not to lose your temper. Having self-control when things get stressful is very important. You'll get stressed over school, work, getting, little to no sleep, and even personal problems but you take it one step at a time.

One thing is for sure, your child always comes first. I'll do my best to give my kid the life he deserves. For teen that do not have children and do not have to worry about anything other than themselves, they have life pretty easy. You must be an example to you children, you have to support them, you got to raise them and get them things. Caring and supporting your child last for eighteen years which means working for eighteen years. But those who do not have a child, do not understand the worry about working or being there for someone for eighteen years. Instead, they work for themselves, for extra money, or a car payment. They do not have to worry about anyone else but themselves, or being responsible to anyone but their parents. One thing is for sure, your child always comes first, I will do my best to give my kid the life he deserves.

### Ruben Reyes

We each have different challenges in addition to completing our education. I'm a senior and married to the mother of my child and woman I love. I feel and experience the happiness of taking care of my child, taking care of my wife and school responsibilities. However, I can't wait to graduate and be a full-time parent. Words can't describe how I feel about being a parent, it's really been an eye opener for me. When I graduate I want to start working so I can provide for my family and be the best dad/husband I can be.

I realize there will be trials and problem days, but honestly, I am ready and really looking forward to my life ahead with my family. My educational goals are to go to school to become mechanic. While working as a mechanic I wish to further my education by going to school for music production. My goals as a husband and parent is to get a house and necessities for my family to feel cared for. I am looking forward to exploring this world, life and seeing where experiences lead us on this road of life.



A few of our recent graduates, January 2018



# Ash High School Student Council Christmas Party 2017





## Snack Shak is off to a great start!

If you are a new student and unfamiliar with what Snack Shak is, here is a brief explanation. Snack Shak is our solution to the problem of teen hunger, a revolutionary program developed by teenagers for teenagers. It matches adult-sized portions and choices with a student-run process. If interested in receiving a bag you can fill out an application on the school website: <http://www.plainviewisd.org> and in the select a school drop-down box select ASH HIGH SCHOOL.

You will then find the Snack Shak logo on the right side of the page under QUICK LINKS. Using a simple online form select the products from several categories. Remember all students stay anonymous, but select a pick-up place you feel comfortable (i.e. a favorite teacher's room). You pick up your bag, anonymously, at your convenience. Students who have already ordered don't have to fill out another application. Any questions please contact Mrs. Nunez at the school or call (806) 293-6010.

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Ms. Willey, Art and Spanish teacher at Ash High school is challenging Ash Students to participate in Doodle for Google. Ash student have the opportunity to take part in the 2018

Doodle 4 Google contest, and creating an uplifting doodle that tells the world "What inspires me." From crayons to clay, graphic design, or even food, students can utilize any materials to bring their creation to life. Like all Google Doodles, each doodle must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e.

One national winner will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organization, and a behind-the-scenes experience with the Doodle team to transform their Doodle into an interactive experience on Google.com. The contest is open for entries from January 8th – March 2nd, 2018

This is an exciting opportunity for our students and Ms. Willey. If any community artist are interested in coming and inspiring our students please contact, Ms. Willey about visiting Ash.

