



Community Connections

For our children, our community, our world, our future

Important dates:

April 4 - 8

Spring Break - no school

April 13

Board Meeting;
6:00 p.m., Snowdon
and Webinar

April 19, 20 & 21

Tentative Superintendent Finalist Interviews/ Community Forums, TBD

April 27

Board Meeting;
6:00 p.m., Cheney HS
and Webinar

May 30

Memorial Day - Holiday

Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Community Members,

Spring has arrived and temperatures are beginning to rise! With the onset of spring and the easing of COVID-related restrictions, there are many opportunities to support our students during the myriad of extra-curricular activities that are offered throughout our school district. I urge everyone to support our students by attending a concert, drama production, athletic event, or any number of extra-curricular activities. Our students enjoy the opportunity to share and display their talents and truly appreciate the support from our community.

Although there are still three months left in the current school year, Cheney Public Schools is busy planning for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. A significant aspect of this planning is the review of our daily school start and end times. Thank you to everyone who participated in the ThoughtExchange related to school schedules and those who shared their views and perspectives on this important issue. The ThoughtExchange engaged 1,356 participants who shared 1,185 thoughts and 28,378 ratings. The 2021-2022 school year is the first full school year in which we have utilized school staggered start and end times across our district. In the current model, four of our elementary schools begin school at 7:50 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m., Salnave Elementary operates within a shared transportation model with our secondary schools and begins school at 8:35 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m., and Cheney Middle School, Cheney High School, and Westwood Middle School all begin school at 8:55 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m. There are many issues under consideration as we determine school start and end times, from family schedules and child care need, to transportation limitations and the impact of schedules on students and staff. Extra-curricular activities and athletics are also a consideration in schedule changes, balancing both access to activities and impacts on instructional time.

While there isn't a perfect daily school schedule that will meet every individual need within our district, it is important that we work to create schedules that align with the mission of our school district and maximize learning opportunities and social and emotional support for our students. Ultimately, the goal is to share school start and end times for the 2022-2023 school year by May 2nd so that staff and families can plan appropriately for the start of school in the fall.

It has been a long two years as we have worked through the many challenges and changes associated with the pandemic; however, there is a renewed sense of hope as COVID case rates have dropped significantly in recent weeks and many of the health and safety protocols have become optional. With the easing of requirements our Board of Directors once again has the opportunity to visit schools and classrooms and did so at Westwood Middle School prior to our regular Board meeting last week. Observing our students' resiliency and joy was truly inspiring as they learned and worked together. Thank you, Westwood students, staff, and administrators for a great afternoon!

As we approach the upcoming Spring Break (April 4 - 8) my sincere hope is for every student and family to have a restful and enjoyable break. Take care, enjoy time together, and have a wonderful Spring Break!

Robert W. Roettger

Robert W. Roettger, Superintendent

Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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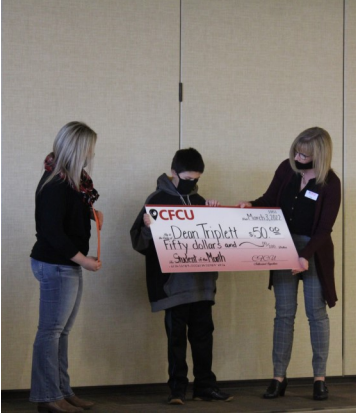
Character Trait for March

Diligence

Persistence, dedication and hard work.

March, 2022

CFCU Student of the Month



With the loosening of COVID restrictions schools have begun returning to normal, in March Cheney Federal Credit Union returned to presenting in-person Student of the Month Awards. Dean Triplett, a Snowdon 5th-grader, was awarded the CFCU March Student of the Month award. His classmates and family were in attendance for the presentation. Congrats, Dean Triplett!

Cheney HS Band recognized by STCU and KREM2

CHS Band Booster Club was nominated by community members for the STCU and KREM 2's annual "Who Do You Love" contest. The booster club came in second place and were awarded with \$2500 from STCU. The booster club fund raises to support the needs of the student musicians in the Cheney High band programs.



Bus Drivers Needed

We're looking for bus drivers! Interested? Applicants must be at least 22 years of age and have carried a valid drivers license for 5 years. Call our Transportation Department for more information.

(509) 559-4523

New Cheney High Principal



Following a rigorous interview process, Cheney Public Schools is pleased to announce that Mr. Brett Hale has been selected as the next principal of Cheney High School, effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Hale brings extensive experience from Mt. Spokane and Rogers high schools and is eager to begin at Cheney High School.

"I could not be more excited about being selected as the next principal of Cheney High School!" said Mr. Hale. "I am so appreciative of all of the staff, students, and community members who made this such an incredible week for me. Your passion for the school and the school community is inspiring, and it makes me all the more excited to have the opportunity to serve you all! Go Blackhawks!!!"

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Brett Hale to Cheney High School and Cheney Public Schools!



School Board Visits Westwood Middle School

School board director Zachary Zorrozuva visits 8th graders in an engineering class. Students were tasked with building a platform to support textbooks out of cardboard for a platform and copy paper for the legs.

The School board visits 3 schools prior to a board meeting throughout the school year. Board members visited Salnave in February, a similar visit to Windsor in October was postponed due to COVID restrictions.

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