



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

July 21
2022-2023 Student
Registration, all school
sites, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

August 1
Secondary School
Offices reopen

August 8
Elementary School
Offices reopen

August 17
School Board Meet-
ing; 5:30 pm.,
Cheney High School

August 22
Welcome to Kindergar-
ten Event

August 31
First Day of School
(Grades 1-12)

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Thank you for the warm welcome to Cheney Public Schools. I hope you are having a great summer and enjoying the warmer weather. I officially started my role as superintendent on July 1st and am excited and look forward to serving in this amazing school district! Our year-round staff are working hard over the summer doing maintenance and improvements to our beautiful campuses and planning for the return of school staff and students. We are also in the process of hiring several positions across the district. The hard work over the summer is to provide our students with the best staff and learning environment possible upon their return.

The opportunity to work and lead in Cheney Public Schools affords the opportunity to genuinely live out my beliefs as an educator, one of which is to be visible and a part of our schools and community. From my perspective, district-wide achievement and growth comes down to three fundamental concepts: 1) Relationships are the foundation of a successful school district; 2) Teamwork is essential in all levels in a school district; and 3) Systems Thinking is the way in which lasting improvements are sustained. Building on current success and finding ways to realize sustainable progress is done through collaboration and teamwork. True innovation comes from a team working together, listening to ideas and one another, and using a systems approach to plan and carry out implementation.

Students need to be engaged in meaningful and relevant learning, through which they can see their own growth and in turn leads to higher self-esteem. As a district, we must be doing everything in our power to provide the best learning experiences for our students. In order to do this, we must meet them where they are and grow from there.

We are all in this together and embrace that by being a team, we will make a difference for all of our students. *Every* student in our district deserves our very best every day.


I am looking forward to a great year ahead, and am grateful to be on the same team with each of you!

Ben Ferney
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 July

Generosity

Unselfish giving and sharing of resources,
time, and talents with others.

July 2022

Cheney Middle School MESA Students Compete in National Engineering Challenge

Four Cheney Middle School students started with a vision to help individuals experiencing homelessness. They are now getting to share their idea at the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) National Engineering & Design Challenge. Students Gracie Day, Daylynn Newbill, Annika Palmer, and Layla Shepard created and coded a prototype called the "Seek Shelter Alert System," which would alert individuals experiencing homelessness to get up, get moving, or get to a shelter when temperatures have reached hazardous levels. Their presentation of their prototype won at the regional level in April, took first place at the Washington state competition in May, and allowed them to present at the MESA National Competition on June 23-24. Congratulations to these students and the compassion and ingenuity they have displayed!



New Student Registration

School offices are open for two days this July for student registration on Tuesday, July 12th, from 8 am until 12 pm, and Thursday, July 21st, from 12 pm until 4 pm.

School offices will reopen in preparation for the fall on Monday, August 1st for secondary schools, and on Monday, August 8th at elementary schools.

For more information, visit www.cheneyisd.org and click on the New Student Registration link on the homepage.

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

School Administrators Collaborate and Prepare for the Fall

On Tuesday, June 21, Cheney Public Schools principals, assistant principals, and administrative leaders met for a full day of learning with Janel Keating, our WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) Professional Learning Community coach. The team celebrated student success from each school this year related to their PLC work, discussed goal setting for the next school year, and planned for the August professional learning day. While the school year just ended, our dedicated school leaders are preparing for the coming year. Thank you, school administrators!



Cheney High School Student and Scout gives back to Westwood with Eagle Project

Logan Morrison, a Cheney High School student and a scout in Boy Scout Troop 356, is completing his Eagle Scout project at Westwood Middle School. He is donating two beautiful benches, which are being installed outside the library entrance. An Eagle Scout project is a capstone project for scouts pursuing the Eagle award, the highest rank in Scouts, BSA. The expectation is that the scout will design, fundraise and organize the project to benefit the community. Thank you, Logan, for choosing to give back to Westwood!



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