

# **Community Connections**

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

#### **Important** dates:

#### November 11

Veterans' Day Holiday — No School

#### November 17

School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Cheney High School Auditorium and Zoom

#### November 22-23

Parent/Teacher Conferences — No Students

#### November 24-26

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

#### December 1

School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Sunset Elementary and Zoom

#### December 15

School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. District Conference Center and Zoom

#### December 20-31

Winter Break — No School

Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As we approach the Veteran's Day Holiday, I cannot help but be so very thankful. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each of our Veterans and current service men and women for their sacrifice and service to our country. During the upcoming Veteran's Day Holiday, I urge everyone to reflect on the many freedoms we have and to find ways to honor and thank those who have sacrificed so much to protect our country. Thank you, Veterans and members of our armed forces!

Following the recent November election, Cheney Public Schools will be welcoming two new board members and taking time to recognize the two directors they will replace. Collectively we extend a huge thank you to Marcie Estrellado and Suzanne Dolle as they have served on the school board for 18 and 12 years respectfully. As a school district and community, we thank Marcie and Suzanne for their years of service, leadership, and dedication to the students, staff, families, and community members of Cheney Public Schools. In addition to thanking Marcie and Suzanne, please join me in welcoming Mark Scott and Zach Zorrozua to our Board of Directors as they join President Mitch Swenson, Vice-President Henry Browne, and Director Stacy Nicol.

I am very grateful that we have completed the first quarter of the school year without a single COVID related classroom or school closure. Although there have been continued challenges associated with the pandemic as the school year began, there have also been many causes for optimism as well. Our teachers are engaging students with in-person, high quality lessons, interventions and extensions and students have also had the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities and athletic events this fall. Another recent celebration included the first "official" concert by our Cheney High School choir in our beautiful new auditorium which was completed in the spring of 2020. While things aren't quite "normal" yet it is awesome to have our students in school and engaged in learning and extra-curricular activities.

In just two short weeks we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. My sincere hope is that each and every family has a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. The beginning of the holiday season causes me to reflect on all that I am thankful for, including the amazing support our school district receives from our parents, families, and community. I am also very thankful for the outstanding staff members in our district who have worked extremely hard this fall and throughout the pandemic in order to support our students. Thank you to our entire community and each of our staff members!

In closing, I hope you find the time to pause and honor our Veterans this week and that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. As always, please contact me at 509-559-4502 or email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org if you have questions about any aspect of our school system.

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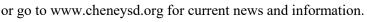
### Our essential foundations

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

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Character Trait for November: **CITIZENSHIP** 

Positively contributing to society and community as well as dutifully respecting authority and the law.

#### CHS Marching Band and Color Guard End Season on High Note

The Cheney High School Marching Band and Color Guard was recently given the opportunity to perform for the students at Westwood Middle School and Cheney Middle School. The Band and Color Guard shared: "Thank you middle schools for your hospitality and allowing us to take over the gym for a couple of hours to perform our show inside due to the weather!" These students are performing very well, yet more importantly they represent themselves, Cheney High School, and the community with high integrity each day. These students load and unload equipment trucks without complaint, are approachable with a mentorship attitude when around younger students, and are always striving to be their very best for themselves and those around them no matter the circumstances. Cheney Public Schools is proud of this group as the 2021 marching band season comes to a close. Well done!









Thank you to the veterans in our community and their families, from Cheney **Public Schools!** 



## Together, we uplift lives.

#### Seeking substitutes in all areas...



- ...including teachers, custodians, bus drivers and aides, nutrition services, and paraeducators!
- Set your own schedule.
- Benefits eligible at 630 hours.
- Continue other work
- Network and expand your skills.
- Earn \$15 -\$22/hr. dependent on position.
- Questions? Call Leigh Lubbers at 509-559-4542.

Visit bit.ly/cheneyhire to see all open positions and to apply!

#### Seeking Instructional Paraeducators!

- · Positively impact the lives of students.
- · Positions available across the district
- · Salary: \$15-\$20/hr. dependent on position and experience.
- Questions? Call Angela Moses at 509-559-4509.

Passionate about making a difference for students with additional needs? Consider becoming an IEP Support Instructional Paraeducator!

- · Join a team doing meaningful and rewarding work.
- · Work one on one with students.
- Build lasting relationships.



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Cheney Public Schools does not discriminate in

Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 Officer/ Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator/ADA

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