



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

May 30

Memorial Day -
Holiday

June 8

School Board Work
Session;
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.,
Cheney High School
Library

June 10

Cheney High School
Commencement
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,
Northern Quest Resort
and Casino

June 11

Three Springs High
School Commence-
ment
2:00 p.m.,
Northern Quest Resort
and Casino

June 17

Last Day of School

June 22

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

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Although spring officially arrived months ago, we finally had spring-like weather for several days this past week and the temperature reached 70 degrees yesterday. I hope you and your family were able to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful weather together.

The warmer weather is a reminder that summer is just around the corner and the end of the 2021-2022 school year is only weeks away. With less than 15 school days left we have approximately eight percent of the entire school year remaining. Thus, it is important that together we utilize these days to the fullest as we continue to strive to ensure students learn at high levels and finish the school year strong.

The end of the school year brings many culminating events and celebrations across our entire system. For our seniors, this means graduation is right around the corner. The celebrations will kick off with our Community Connections program ceremony on Tuesday, June 7th at 4:00 p.m. Next up, we will have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of seniors during "A Time to Honor" at CHS on June 8th at 6:00 p.m. Finally, the Class of 2022 commencement ceremonies will occur at Northern Quest with the Cheney High School graduation on Friday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. and the Three Springs High School graduation on Saturday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m. I am very proud of the many accomplishments of our students in the Class of 2022. Please join me in congratulating and celebrating these amazing young adults as they finish their high school careers and prepare to move on to the next phase of education and life.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome an outstanding educational leader, Dr. Ben Ferney, as the incoming superintendent of Cheney Public Schools. Dr. Ferney has already been active and involved in our school system as he prepares to officially transition to the superintendent role on July 1st. I know Ben is extremely excited by the opportunity to lead in our school district, and he is going to do a phenomenal job for our students, staff, and community. Welcome Dr. Ferney!

In closing, I hope each family has a restful and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. While Memorial Day typically signifies the start of summer for many, I urge everyone to carve out time to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday and to remember the men and women who lost their lives in our nation's wars. There are many Memorial Day events in our area and I encourage families to consider attending one to honor those who lost their lives in service of our country.

Take care, have a great weekend, and let's finish the school year strong!

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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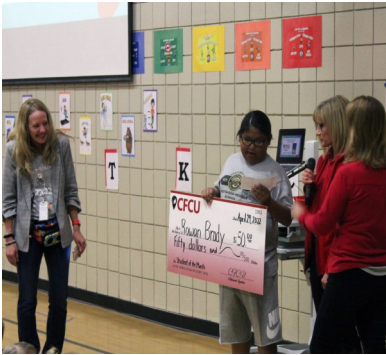
Character Trait for May

Courage

Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges

May 2022

CFCU Students of the Month



In April, Cheney Federal Credit Union presented Sunset fifth-grader, Rowan Brady with the student of the month award during an all-school assembly at Sunset.

In May, CFCU presented their student of the month award to Datrick Anderson, a fifth-grader at Betz.

Cheney Federal Credit Union awards the student of the month to a student who shows exemplary character.

Congrats to Rowan Brady and Datrick Anderson!



CHS and Westwood Middle School FBLA students excel at State competitions

The Cheney High FBLA Club had a very strong 2022 State Business Leadership Conference. The Cheney team had 22 of its 23 attending members placed in the top 10. As a team, members placed 36 times in the competition, including two state championships and three second-place finishes.

Westwood Middle School's FBLA students placed Top-7 in 27 of the 28 events they entered at the State Business Leadership Conference! The team brought home six state championships and six state runners-up awards.



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 Superintendent

Cheney Public Schools is excited to announce Dr. Ben Ferney has been selected by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to be the next superintendent of the Cheney Public School District, effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Ben Ferney is currently the superintendent of Valley School District south of Chewelah, Washington and has served in that role since 2018. Prior to that, he served as principal of Freeman Middle School for five years, assistant principal at Westwood and Cheney Middle Schools for two years, principal assistant at Bancroft Alternative School for three years, and taught high school science for ten years at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane.



Dr. Ferney on the news of his announcement said, "I am excited to come serve in Cheney Public Schools! The district is moving forward in a positive direction and I look forward to being a part of this great team." Board of Directors President Mitch Swenson offered a comment on behalf of the board, "We wish to thank all those who participated in the process and look forward to the energy and enthusiasm Dr. Ferney has for our students and schools as he moves into this important role in our community."

Cheney Public Schools congratulates Dr. Ben Ferney on his superintendent offer and looks forward to working with him to steer the Cheney Public School District as the region continues to grow.

Staff Appreciation Week

May 2nd - 6th marked staff appreciation week in Cheney Public Schools. From our inspiring teachers, hardworking support staff, bus drivers, and so many others, our public school staff work hard every day to make our schools a wonderful and safe environment for our kids to flourish.

District staff spent Wednesday, May 5th, and Thursday, May 6th going classroom to classroom, thanking all teachers and staff with treats and a kind word!



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