



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

April 5 - 9
Spring Break —
No school

April 14
School Board Meeting
Cheney High School
Auditorium & Zoom,
6:00 p.m.

April 28
School Board Meeting
Cheney High School
Auditorium & Zoom,
6:00 p.m.

May 12
School Board Meeting
Cheney High School
Auditorium & Zoom,
6:00 p.m.

May 26
School Board Meeting
Cheney High School
Auditorium & Zoom,
6:00 p.m.

May 31
Memorial Day —
No school

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

First and foremost, I hope everyone is well and that each and every family had an enjoyable spring break. As the break comes to an end, I am looking forward to the return of students and staff on Monday and the beginning of the final stretch run of the 2020-2021 school year.

When school resumes on Monday, April 12th, our 4th and 5th grade students will return for five full days of in-person learning each week. The following week, on April 19th, our secondary students at Cheney Middle School, Westwood Middle School, and Cheney High School will expand their schedules to five days per week as well. We are excited to be able to increase in-person learning opportunities for these students and remain hopeful this is the last significant reopening change of the current school year.

As we prepare for a full return to in-person learning in the fall, we will be considering adjustments to the typical start and end times of our regular school day. In previous years we were able to provide transportation services to students who qualify within a timeframe that allowed our schools to begin and end at virtually the same time each day. While this was the case, each year it was becoming more and more difficult to meet the transportation needs that exist within our growing school district. Moving forward, we will create and analyze possible staggered start and end time schedules for the 2021-2022 school year that provide full instructional days for students. As we do so, we will engage our families, staff members, and communities in conversations to receive input as we make decisions. While this change will be a shift for our district, many school districts in our region successfully run staggered start and end times for a variety of reasons. In the coming weeks additional information will be shared on this topic.

Within our school district community we have approximately 334 students from military families on active duty, in the National Guard, or reserves. I want to take this opportunity to recognize our students from military households during April, Month of the Military Child. Please join me in thanking our military students and families for the many sacrifices they make in service of our country. Cheney Public Schools is proud to have the opportunity to support our military families and students!

In closing, I want to thank each of our families and community members for everything that has been done to support our students, staff, and school district throughout the past thirteen months of the pandemic. This is an amazing school district because of each of you. As always, if you have questions about any aspect of our school system, please call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org. Thank you!


Robert W. Roettger

Robert 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 April:
TRUSTWORTHINESS

Inspiring complete reliability and confidence in their truthfulness, integrity, and discretion.

April 2021

Classified Employee of the Year—Mrs. Kerr!

Salnave Elementary School paraeducator Saralynn Kerr was named Cheney Public Schools' Classified Employee of the year! The award celebrates a classified staff member who has exhibited outstanding work performance and has contributed significantly to student or program success and to the betterment of the school district. Congratulations Mrs. Kerr!



April 2021

Month of the Military Child

Here Comes the Sun!

Betz Elementary School students enjoyed recess in the beautiful weather, taking on the monkey bars like champions! Below and left, a Betz student is "knighted," receiving recognition for learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division!



April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



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 Children's
Bureau



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