

Community Connections

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

Important dates:

September 1 First Day of School, grades 1-12

September 1-3 Kindergarten Parent Connection Conferences

September 6 Labor Day Holiday -No School

September 7 First Day of Kindergarten

September 8 School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., CHS and Zoom Webinar

September 13 First Day of Preschool

September 22 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., CHS and Zoom Webinar

October 8 Professional Learning

Day - No Students

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

It is with great excitement that we welcome our students and staff back to our campuses for the 2021-2022 school year! Our entire staff is looking forward to the first day of the new school year on Wednesday, September 1st!

As we begin the school year we will be following updated health and safety guidance from the state including universal masking for all staff, students, and school visitors regardless of vaccination status. In addition, we will continue implementing all other mitigation strategies including hygiene and cleaning protocols, increased ventilation, and ask that parents keep children home when sick or when they have been a close contact to a positive COVID case outside of school. Although we still have many health and safety measures in place, there are several changes from last spring. Students will not be required to wear masks outdoors and at recess and we do not have a daily attestation form for parents to complete. In addition, the distancing requirement has eased from 6' to 3' which provides more of a typical classroom experience for students. If you have specific questions related to the latest health and safety protocols, please contact your child's school or reach out to our district office at 509-559-4502.

As a reminder, our district has implemented a staggered start and end school schedule to allow our buses to run multiple routes due to a shortage of bus drivers. Below are the Monday through Thursday schedules and Friday will start one hour later in support of our PLC work.

- Betz, Snowdon, Sunset, and Windsor elementary schools -- 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
- Salnave Elementary -- 8:35 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
- Home Works -- 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Cheney and Westwood Middle Schools and Cheney High School 8:55 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
- Three Springs HS - 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Currently, we continue to seek additional drivers to support the bussing needs of our school district. If you know of individuals interested in becoming bus drivers, please have them contact our transportation department at 509-559-4523. Transportation staff will be reaching out to notify each family that is utilizing the bussing system of their specific pickup/drop off times and location in the next few days. Also, they will do their best to work through new bus registrations as they continue to come in. Please note that adding new registrations may take up to a week due to the complexity of altering routes.

The past seventeen months of the pandemic have brought many challenges to our school district and community. I am very proud of the way we have all come together in support of children. While not everything has been perfect, we have done some amazing work because of the dedicated and caring staff we have in Cheney Public schools and the outstanding support we receive from our families and community.

In closing, I am honored to serve as superintendent of Cheney Public Schools. Thank you for your support of our children, schools, and entire system! As always, if you have questions about any aspect of our work, please call your child's school or reach out to me personally at 509-559-4502 or at roettger@cheneysd.org.

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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 August: **GRATITUDE** Feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received



SCHOOL INFORMATION - Elementary

Salnave Elementary School 509-559-4700 Principal, Celina Brennan Assistant Principal, Sara McKennon

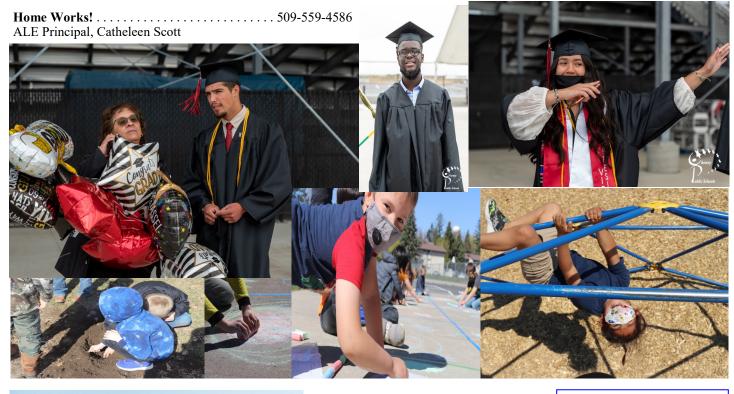
Sunset Elementary School 509-559-4800 Principal, Kim Montecucco Assistant Principal, Aleisha Larsen

Windsor Elementary School 509-559-4200 Principal, Laura Roehl Assistant Principal, Cindy Spatz

SCHOOL INFORMATION - Secondary

Cheney Middle School 509-559-4400 Principal, Mike Stark Assistant Principal, Eli Holm Assistant Principal, Sarita Hopkins

Three Springs High School 509-559-4586 ALE Principal, Catheleen Scott



AUGUST IS NATIONAL BACK TO SCHOOL MONTHI

<u>Getting Ready For</u> <u>Back To School!</u>

Find back to school information on our website, including registration instructions, new student information and school supply lists in one convenient place! Visit www.cheneysd.org and scroll down to "News and Announcements" or go to https://bit.ly/ cheneysupplies for individual schools' supply lists for the 2021-2022 school year! Under "News and Announce-ments" you can also find detailed scheduling information about this year's new staggered school schedule. School buildings are now open to help answer questions and assist with registration!

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

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Requests for Disclosure of Public Records Helen Page, Public Records Officer Cheney School District, 12414 S. Andrus Rd., Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4502 Email: hpage@cheneysd.org