



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

November

Nov. 11

Veteran's Day Holiday
— no school

Nov. 18

School Board Meeting
Zoom, 6 p.m.

Nov. 23-24

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 25-27

Thanksgiving Break—
no school

December

Dec. 2

School Board Meeting
Zoom, 6 p.m.

Dec. 16

School Board Meeting
Zoom, 6 p.m.

Dec. 21-Jan. 1

Winter Break—no
school

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

This week we had the opportunity to celebrate Veteran's Day as we recognize the men and women who have served or are serving in our nation's military. I want to personally thank our Veterans and share my appreciation for the sacrifices they have made to serve and protect our country. Thank you, Veterans!

At times it has been difficult to maintain an optimistic outlook as we have faced many obstacles due to COVID-19. While we continue to face challenges associated with the virus, I believe it is important to focus our mindset on the many positives in our lives, school district, and community as we approach the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

To begin with, we have amazing students, families, staff members, and community support in our school district and together we have risen above a variety of challenges to support a non-traditional learning environment. As we were forced to shift to remote learning last spring, and began the current school year in a 100% distance learning model, our students and families have made many adjustments to their schedules and routines in support of the education system. I am so grateful for the willingness to be flexible and the grace and support that has been extended by our students and families as our school system has temporarily shifted instructional models. I am also extremely appreciative of the outstanding certificated and classified staff members we have in Cheney Public Schools. Our staff have approached monumental changes with a *can do* attitude and a willingness to do whatever it takes to support our students and families. Thank you, students, families, community members, and staff for all of your amazing grit and determination throughout the past eight months.

Although we began the school year in a 100% distance learning model, I am thankful we have been able to begin the transition to in-person learning and safely phase some students back into our schools. Currently, we have approximately 830 students in grades Prek-2 and 370 students receiving special services attending our schools each week. Although we are working hard to determine safe ways to provide additional in-person instruction, I am very grateful that we have been able to create robust distance learning options for our students. In addition, as students transition back to in-person instruction, our district is fortunate to be able to support distance learning for families who are choosing this option.

I am appreciative of the measures people in our community take on a daily basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As we approach the holiday season, it is important to continue to take the COVID-19 situation seriously and follow health and safety precautions including handwashing, physical distancing, wearing face coverings, and staying home when we are sick. While this is the case and we cannot let our guard down with regard to COVID-19, I also urge everyone to find ways to focus on the many positive areas of life that we often overlook. Together we have overcome significant challenges and together we will continue to do so. Take care and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Robert W. Roettger

Rob Roettger, Superintendent

Our essential foundations

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

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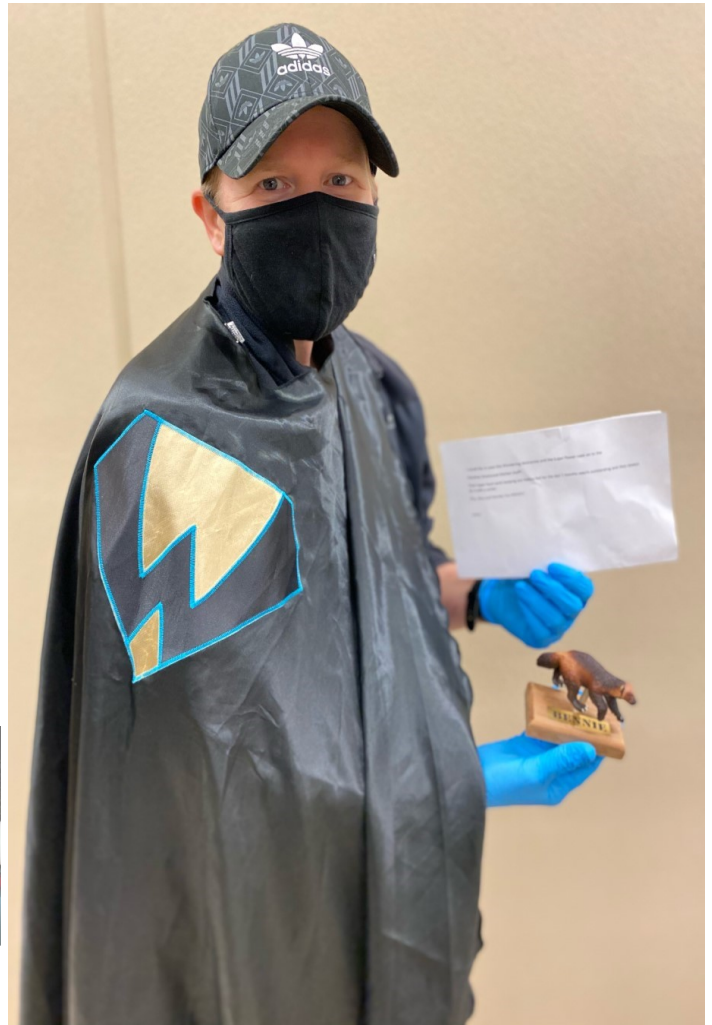
Character Trait for November
CITIZENSHIP

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

November 2020

West Plains Homecoming A Huge Success!

A huge round of applause for all our students, staff, and families who helped make a full week of West Plains Homecoming 2020 events amazing, and thank you to everyone who participated! Check out these great photos of the parade — our community rallying with such positivity is an amazing thing. Happy Homecoming!



Wolverine Wanders to Nutrition Services!

The Nutrition Services team at Westwood Middle School received a Wandering Wolverine award for their hard work feeding our students these past 7 months. They were so excited and wanted to share a picture with the honor, complete with superhero cape! The award is a way to recognize the hard work and contributions of our caring staff members. “There are two Wandering Wolverines at Westwood. named Bennie and Biff,” Westwood principal Erika Burden said. “Every staff meeting the wolverines wander to another staff member. The staff member who was nominated for the award at the previous staff meeting gets to pass it along to another deserving staff member. They get both the figurine to display in their work area as well as the cape with the W on its back. They have two weeks to proudly wear their cape before passing it along. We do this to honor all of the amazing work that happens at Westwood because of our dedicated Wolverines!”

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