



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

Sept. 1-3
Parent/Student
Orientation
Virtual by appointment

Sept. 7
Labor Day — no
school

Sept. 8
Distance Learning K-
12

Sept. 14
First Day of Preschool

Sept. 16
School Board Meeting
Zoom, 6 p.m.

Sept. 30
School Board Meeting
Zoom, 6 p.m.

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I want to thank all of our students, parents and guardians, and staff members for all your hard work, flexibility, and willingness to work together as we begin the school year in a distance learning model. We have experienced some difficulties and a few bumps in the road, and there has also been a lot of excitement as students reconnect with staff members and peers. I saw this firsthand last Tuesday as I had the opportunity to visit each school and observe teachers engage in teaching and learning activities with students in our virtual platform.

Although we are beginning the school year in a distance learning model, we continue to meet weekly with the Spokane Regional Health District and closely monitor the COVID-19 situation within the county. As of September 10th, the rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 county residents over a two-week period was down to 98 and approaching the moderate range. Just over a month ago this number was approximately 230. As a reminder, a county is considered to have high COVID-19 activity at 75 new cases and above and the moderate range for activity is between 25-75 cases. The moderate range provides school districts with the opportunity to initiate plans to phase some students back onto campus. In discussions with the health department, it is important that the COVID-19 numbers stay below 75 cases per 100k residents for several weeks before districts begin the phase in process. A consistent trend over time is critical so that we can avoid jumping in and out of in-person or distance learning models and create as much stability as possible for students, staff, and families. We will continue to provide regular COVID-19 updates, and any changes to our instructional model will be communicated well in advance of implementation.

I understand beginning the school year in a distance learning model has created many unique challenges for everyone. Please know that I want (and our district wants) our students to physically be in our schools as soon as possible. We are committed to reopening our buildings to in-person learning when the COVID-19 data demonstrates that it is safe to do so and through consultation with our regional health district.



During this uncertain time I remain extremely hopeful because I know this situation is temporary. Six months ago our schools were completely closed and now we have staff members back on campus, we will begin to bring small cohorts of students in need of the most support back to buildings this week, and the COVID-19 data within our county and region is improving. As a system we WILL continue to work hard and are committed to doing our very best to meet the academic and social and emotional needs of each and every student. I appreciate your patience, grace, and support while we continue to navigate the ongoing health crisis and implement our conditional reopening plan.

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 September
RESPECT

Recognizing, considering, and properly honoring the worth of one's self and others.

September 2020

CHENEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT MEAL PICKUP

DAYS OF THE WEEK:

- MONDAY – 2 BREAKFASTS, 2 LUNCHES AND 4 MILKS
- WEDNESDAY – 2 BREAKFASTS, 2 LUNCHES AND 4 MILKS
- FRIDAY – 1 BREAKFAST, 1 LUNCH AND 2 MILKS
- ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR WEEKS WITH HOLIDAYS OR NON-SCHOOL DAYS

LOCATIONS/TIMES (ALL TIMES ARE A.M.):

- BASALT RIDGE APTS., 7:50 – 8:20, SCHOOL BUS
- BI-MART CHENEY, 7:50 – 8:20, SCHOOL BUS
- CEDAR SUMMIT APTS., 7:35 – 8:05, SCHOOL BUS (BEGINS 9/16)
- CHENEY HIGH SCHOOL, 7:30 – 8:30, BUS LOOP
- CHENEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 7:30 – 8:30, PARENT PICKUP AREA
- COPPER LANDING APTS., 7:50 – 8:20, SCHOOL BUS
- SALNAVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 7:50 – 8:20, SCHOOL BUS
- SNOWDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 7:30 – 8:15, BUS LOOP
- SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 7:30 – 8:30, BUS LOOP
- VIETZKE VILLAGE, 7:10 – 7:40, SCHOOL BUS (BEGINS 9/16)
- WEST PRAIRIE MOBILE HOME PARK, 7:10 – 7:40, SCHOOL BUS
- WESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, 7:30 – 8:30, BUS LOOP
- YOKES AIRWAY HEIGHTS, 7:50 – 8:20, SCHOOL BUS

DETAILS:

- PLEASE ADHERE TO MASK AND 6' PHYSICAL DISTANCE GUIDANCE.
- FAMILIES MAY PICK UP MEALS FOR STUDENTS AT NO CHARGE UNTIL WINTER BREAK.
- STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A MEAL.
- STUDENTS RECEIVING IN-PERSON LEARNING WILL BE FED IN THE CLASSROOM(S).

Sunday, September 20th, 2020

BlackHawks Fundraiser

A Fun Day of Golf to Raise Much Needed Funds for Cheney High School Athletics and Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

Presented by
Kiwanis Club of
Cheney High School

4 Man Scramble

Entry fee: \$75/Player
Tee Times Starting at 8AM

Includes:
18 Holes of Golf
Golf Cart
Sack Lunch
and Prizes

Events:
Long Drive
Closest to the Pin
Baseball Bat Approach
Rewards for Low Score & High Score

Tons of Prizes:
Big Raffle Items, Silent Auction
& Lunch to follow the round

Deadline to sign up: September 13th, 2020

Register by calling
The Fairways Pro Shop at
509-747-8414

www.GolfTheFairways.com

FREE PRESCHOOL

For 3 and 4 year old children within the Cheney School District area

Helping families succeed through education and opportunity.

Our ECEAP Program follows the Cheney School District calendar and the 2020-2021 plan of re-opening schools.

We are currently serving families and children remotely.

For more information:

CALL
(509) 559-4650 OR (509) 559-4828

Or visit the district website at www.cheneyisd.org and apply under "Parent and Student Resources."

Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program
Community Colleges of Spokane
Cheney Public Schools



District Helpline Information:

A district helpline has been created to support families as we begin the school year in a distance learning model. The helpline is live and will be available on school days from 8:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m. This resource will be staffed with district staff members who will be available to answer questions related to technology and learning needs. The helpline contains a variety of menu options that will help us provide the appropriate support and resources. Families can also leave a message outside of daily scheduled times and a return response will be provided within 24 hours. Call 509-559-4375 for support.

Cheney Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, economic status, pregnancy, familial status, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination.

Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 Officer/
Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator/ADA Coordinator
Tom Arlt, Assistant Superintendent
Cheney School District, 12414 S. Andrus Rd.
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4550

Section 504 Coordinator
Franklin Day, Director, Student Support Services
Cheney School District, 12414 S. Andrus Rd.
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4507

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