



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

December 18

School Board Meeting,
Cheney Public Schools
Conference Center,
6 p.m.

December 23 - January 3

Winter Break — no
school

January 8

Home Works! & Three
Springs High School
SIPs, 5:15 p.m.
School Board Meeting,
Cheney Public Schools
Conference Center,
6 p.m.

January 22

Cheney Middle School
SIP, 5:15 p.m.
School Board Meeting
6 p.m.

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

During this holiday season I am reminded of, and have spent time to reflect upon, the many things I have to be thankful for within my role as superintendent of Cheney Public Schools.

To begin with, we have exceptional children and young adults in our district and they are accomplishing amazing things in the classroom, on the athletic field, and within our communities. During the month of December (and throughout the remainder of the school year) there will be many opportunities for you to attend a concert, play, performance, athletic event, awards assembly, or other school event. If possible, I urge each of you to make time to come out in support of our students in order to celebrate their many accomplishments.

I am also thankful that within our school district we have outstanding staff members who truly care about each and every student and their success. Every week I have the opportunity to observe the commitment and dedication of our employees, and witness the many things they do above and beyond their regular duties in order to care for and educate our children. I feel extremely fortunate to work alongside such an extraordinary team of professionals!

As an educator I understand the importance of community support within our work. Our school district could not provide the type of educational offerings, extra-curricular opportunities, and facilities without the support of our community. For example, in 2017 our community approved a \$52,000,000 bond to add classrooms and educational spaces at three of our elementary schools and our high school. This past month our community also approved a two-year \$4,274,000 capital levy which will provide the district with the opportunity to purchase property for future school sites (planning for growth), upgrade technology across much of our system, and provide updates to our maintenance and operations fleet. I know how extremely fortunate I am to live and work in a community that supports our children and education. Thank you!

Although there are many things to be thankful for during the holiday season I am also reminded of the many families and community members who struggle throughout the year to meet basic needs. I encourage each of us to find opportunities to provide whatever assistance we can (time, resources, etc.) to help local foodbanks, charities, or other community outreach programs during this holiday season (and throughout the year) in support of our students and families in need.



As always, if you have questions about any aspect of our school system, please call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at roettger@cheneysd.org. Thank you for all that you do for our students, schools, and district. Together, we are Cheney Public Schools!

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

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 December
CARING

Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper.

Cheney High School Donates 2,000 Pounds of Food

This week, Leadership students packed up more than 2,000 pounds of food gathered for the Cheney Food Bank! About 1,500 pounds were brought in by Cheney High School students for its Food Drive, while the rest was gathered during the Turkey Trot, organized by the boys cross-country team. Students worked together to load a box truck with the food. We're proud of our students for helping the community and getting into the spirit of giving!



Great News!

- Westwood science teacher Lucas Jensen was awarded a West Plains Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year award at the "Best of the West" gala in November.
- The Cheney District has been awarded a \$95,000 grant specifically for Computer Science and Cisco Networking from the state's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Arts and Culture Night at the high school was a big success, with families from all over the district attending to celebrate.
- State Representative Jenny Graham visited Westwood Middle School and sat in on some of the District's groundbreaking Professional Learning Communities (PLC) work. She also received a tour of the school and heard some of our educators' legislative priorities from Principal Erika Burden! Thank you, Rep. Graham!
- Students across the District commemorated Veteran's Day with family member receptions, presentations of flags and choirs singing the Star-Spangled Banner!



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