



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

October 3

Capital Levy
Community Forums
at Sunset Elementary
School, Westwood
Middle School and
Cheney Middle School,
6:00 p.m.

October 4

Professional Learning
Day—non student day

October 9

Windsor Elementary
School Rededication,
5:00 p.m.
School Improvement
Plan, 5:15 p.m.
School Board Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

October 23

Betz Elementary
School Rededication,
5:00 p.m.
School Improvement
Plan, 5:15 p.m.
School Board Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I use the mantra US/WE/TOGETHER often when describing our work in Cheney Public Schools. On several occasions in recent days I have been reminded of the importance of our ability to work together in support of our students, staff, schools, and community.

An excellent example of US/WE/TOGETHER occurred on Tuesday, September 24th at Cheney Middle School. Following a serious situation (a threat written on a bathroom stall) many parents came together to demonstrate their support for our students and staff by welcoming them at our building entries with a donut and high five or positive message. Thankfully, it was determined the threat at Cheney Middle School was not credible. However, prior to the situation being resolved this group of parents and community members wanted our students and staff to start off a difficult day knowing they were cared for and supported. Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in this heartwarming outreach!

Another example of coming together to overcome a difficult situation occurred this week at Cheney High School. Due to construction the heating system was scheduled to be online and available after October 7th. Normally this would not be a problem as we typically start heating our schools after October 15th. However, as we are all aware, this past weekend brought a once in a hundred-year snow storm and temperatures that were twenty-five degrees below normal. Consequently, there was a need to begin heating the building much sooner than anticipated. As they have done throughout construction, our staff members and students did a phenomenal job of rallying together and staying positive through this latest bit of adversity. In addition to our staff and students, our maintenance staff demonstrated a spirit of US/WE/TOGETHER by putting in the extra time and effort to work through this situation and to get our system up and running several days earlier than anticipated. The good news is the system is working and we have had heat since Wednesday morning!

As superintendent I want every aspect of our school system to run perfectly each and every day. Although this is the goal, thirteen years as a building and district administrator have taught me that perfect days do not occur very often. The ability to rally together and overcome obstacles is an important life skill and one that has been demonstrated repeatedly by our students, staff, and community. I feel so blessed to work with and along-side caring and compassionate staff members, and to have such wonderful support within our community. As I am constantly reminded, WE (the communities of Airway Heights, Cheney, and the West Plains) are at our best when it is all of US working TOGETHER.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org.

Robert W. Roettger

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 October

RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence,
and the exercise of self-control

Cheney Students Kick Off the School Year with a PACE Celebration

Students at Windsor Elementary School and Westwood Middle School teamed up for World Character Day 2019 to highlight PACE characteristics. Students made signs featuring their own hashtags that encouraged others to be kind and respectful and posed for a drone photo. Go Wildcats and Wolverines!



Fall Sports in Full Swing

Cheney students are in it to win it this fall, with Blackhawks showing great spirit in cross country, volleyball, swim, cheerleading, soccer, football, and slowpitch softball.



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