

Community Connections

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

Important dates:

September 9
Kindergarten starts

September 18

Cheney Middle School New Employee Reception, 5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

September 23

Preschool starts

October 4

Professional Learning Day—no students

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,

As superintendent, one of my favorite things to do is to visit each of our schools on the first day of the new school year. I was able to make it to each of our schools this past Wednesday and had the opportunity to welcome many parents, staff members, and students. Throughout my school visits it was obvious that our 2019-2020 school year was off to a great start!

The first official student count for September enrollment will be on Monday, September 9th. During the past three years our September student count has been 4,536 in 2016, 4,673 in 2017, and 4,849 in 2018. At this time, our initial student count for September is approximately 5,055 students in grades K-12.

In order to better project and plan for future enrollment growth, we have been working with Davis Demographics. They recently completed a ten-year student population projection report for our district. The final report was shared with our Board of Directors during a work session on Wednesday evening.

Davis Demographics has made the following 10-year enrollment projections for the district based upon the number of construction projects in our region, birthrates, mobility factors, and additional demographic information. The enrollment projections are for March of each year.

Year	Enrollment Projection	Year	Enrollment Projection
2020	5,290	2025	7,919
2021	5,831	2026	8,342
2022	6,386	2027	8,726
2023	6,935	2028	9,061
2024	7,436	2029	9,290

You can view a summary containing district and individual school enrollment projections, or the entire report, on our website at www.cheneysd.org under the News tab.

There are many factors that can impact growth in a region/district, and thus enrollment. For example, a recession would adversely impact the economy which in turn could impact housing additions and growth. Planned expansions could run into unforeseen issues that affect timelines and completion dates. Therefore, we will continue to work with Davis Demographics to analyze growth in our district and to update enrollment projections. I have shared some factors that could slow growth in our region, however, a quick drive around our district will show you that growth IS occurring in the form of new businesses, residential housing developments, and multi-family housing units.

Cheney Public Schools is unique in that WE serve the communities of Airway Heights, Cheney, and the West Plains. When addressing the facility needs of our district, it will be essential that we work together as communities to plan and prepare for the future of our growing district. Together WE can provide the necessary facilities and programs that meet the educational needs of all children within our district boundaries.

In closing, my sincere hope is that each and every student had a wonderful first week and that the coming weeks are full of excitement and high levels of learning. As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please contact me at 509-559-4502 or at roettger@cheneysd.org.

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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 September RESPECT

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

Improved and Expanded Cheney Public Schools

Cheney Public Schools is pleased to share an update on how bond dollars are being utilized to improve and expand schools for students. A video describing the completed and planned work can be accessed through the Capital Projects Quick Links tab on the District webpage at www.cheneysd.org.

The following schools will be rededicated this school year:

Windsor Elementary October 9, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Betz Elementary October 23, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Sunset Elementary November 13, 2019 4:15 p.m.

Cheney High School August 12, 2020 5:00 p.m.































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