



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

August 26

Elementary Schools
Kindergarten Round-up

September 2

Labor Day Holiday

September 3

Elementary/Middle
School Open Houses

September 4

First day of school

September 4

Snowdon Elementary
School Board Work
Session, 5:30 p.m.

September 9

Kindergarten starts

September 18

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

October 4

Professional Learning
Day—no students

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I'd like to welcome each of our approximately 4,800 students and their families back to school for the 2019-2020 school year! The start of a new school year is definitely an exciting time and there is much to be excited about in Cheney Public Schools.

This summer we have completed expansions at Sunset and Windsor Elementary schools, and the new classrooms and gym/multipurpose spaces look wonderful! Additional parking areas have also been completed which will support changes to our parent drop off/pick up and bus loops. The additional classrooms and educational spaces will help support growth in the Sunset and Windsor attendance areas, and parking expansion will be appreciated by both staff members and the community.

It has been a busy construction summer at Cheney High School as well, and the project will continue throughout the 2019-2020 school year. The parking lot and bus loop (shared with Betz Elementary) will be complete prior to the start of the school year. Construction will continue on the new auxiliary gym, weight room, fitness room, auditorium, commons/kitchen area, main entrance, and classroom addition by the Little Theater. Although there may be some inconveniences related to the ongoing project at CHS, the end product is going to be a phenomenal upgrade to our high school facility. On behalf of our Board of Directors and school district, thank you for your support of our capital projects and your patience during the construction process!

In order to plan for the growth of our region and increases in enrollment, the district has been searching for property where we can build additional schools in the future. I am happy to share that the district has entered into a purchase and sale agreement on 11.5 acres in Airway Heights for a future elementary school site. In addition, the Board of Directors recently approved a resolution to submit a ballot measure to voters for consideration during the November election. On the ballot will be a two-year capital levy with an estimated rate per thousand of \$.50. If passed, the levy would generate \$4,274,000 over a two-year period and would be used to acquire property for additional future school sites (as well as property for a future transportation facility site), provide technology upgrades across the district, and provide upgrades to maintenance and grounds fleet vehicles. The district will share information related to the capital levy in the coming months, including a fact sheet prior to the November election.

In closing, my goal is that the 2019-2020 school year is the best school year ever for each of our students and families. I am looking forward to the start of the school year and the return of students on Wednesday, September 4th! As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please contact me at 509-559-4502 or email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org. Welcome back!

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 August

GRATITUDE

Feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received

Message From Cheney High School

Cheney High School is in year two of a Construction project, and the school has been an extremely busy place this summer with both demolition and new buildings going up. As new students begin to register, and for the remainder of the summer until school starts, the temporary main office/main entrance will be located at the back corner of the new classroom wing. The Business Office and Registrar have been moved to this area as well.

Please enter through the doors near the new greenhouse at the end of the lane/parking area. The best way to access this entrance is to enter along the lane and parking area that runs behind the left-field fence of the baseball field. All other entrances are not available due to construction fencing. Thank you for your patience as the school year starts. If you have any questions, would like to schedule an appointment, or need help finding the temporary entrance, please call 559-4000.

Message from the West Plains Support Network

The West Plains Support Network will be hosting a series of meetings focused on the struggles children in our area are facing and highlighting resources available to meet their needs. The meetings are open to everyone. We would especially like to invite those who care for children to attend these eye-opening meetings so you can be better prepared to help the children around you.

The meetings will be as follows:

Caring for our Kids: Real Life Struggles- **Wednesday, September 11th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM** at the Cheney City Hall at 609 2nd St., Cheney, WA. This meeting will open your eyes to the pressures and challenges the kids around you are facing every day. We will share real stories from the lives of children in our area and bring awareness to the realities of life facing children.

Caring for our Kids: Analyzing the data- **Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.** Medical Lake City Hall Conference Room, 124 S. Lefevre St., Medical Lake, WA. In this meeting we will have a panel of presenters share data from the Healthy Youth Survey and other sources to provide awareness related to the number of children who are struggling with addiction, mental health issues, and much more.

Caring for our Kids: Finding Solutions- **Wednesday, November 6th, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Airway Heights Recreation Center** 11405 W. Deno Rd., Airway Heights, WA. Our final meeting in this series will focus on resources available to help children and families.

Please plan to attend one or all of these meetings to become better prepared to make a difference in the life of a child!



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