



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**November 12**  
Veterans' Day  
No School

**November 14**  
Sunset Elementary  
5:15 p.m. School  
Improvement Plan  
6:00 p.m. School  
Board Meeting

**November 19-20**  
Parent - Teacher  
Conferences  
No School

**November 21-23**  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday  
No School



**November**  
**Character Trait**  
**CITIZENSHIP:**  
Positively contributing  
to society and commu-  
nity as well as dutiful-  
ly respecting authority

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As I shared in last month's newsletter, our school district continues to experience substantial student enrollment growth. Our initial September enrollment increased one hundred and ninety-one students from our June count. Enrollment continued to grow in October, adding an additional fifty-three students from September. Our November count is 4,832 FTE, which is forty-four students above October and two hundred and eighty-eight students above the final count of the 2017-2018 school year. Although we are seeing enrollment increase across the district, the majority of the growth is occurring in Airways Heights and the West Plains. This is reflected in our K-8 building enrollments shared below (schools in bold are located in Airway Heights or on the West Plains).

Elementary School Enrollment (K-5): Betz 413, Salnave 360, **Snowdon 474, Sunset 532, and Windsor 536.** Middle School Enrollment: Cheney Middle School 523 and **Westwood Middle School 673.**

Due to our continued growth and the addition of ten classrooms at Sunset Elementary, eight classrooms at Windsor Elementary, and seven classrooms at Betz Elementary, we will study our elementary and middle school attendance boundaries and make adjustments to these boundaries for the 2019-2020 school year. The adjustment of school boundaries allows the district to balance school sizes and plan for future growth.

We have started the boundary review process by organizing a committee which includes several community members, district administrators, and transportation leadership. In order to provide the boundary review committee with as much information as possible, we will utilize a Thoughtexchange survey to seek feedback from our parents and community members. Following the Thoughtexchange process, there will be additional opportunities for parents and community members to provide input and feedback. Ultimately, after careful contemplation and studying all input, the boundary review committee will provide a recommendation to the Cheney School Board for consideration.

We invite our parents and community members to participate in the Thoughtexchange school boundary discussion at <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#511593810>. The window for participation will be open from November 5 – 16. Within Thoughtexchange, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, view other perspectives, and star ideas that you believe are important. If you have questions about the Thoughtexchange process, please call our district office at 509-559-4502.

It is an exciting time in our school district, and we look forward to working with our community as our region and schools continue to grow.

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*Robert W. Roettger*



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Superintendent

*October 2018*  
*Student of the Month*  
*MC Mayfield at CMS*



## Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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**November 2018**

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## Horse Therapy at Free Rein

Every Thursday morning, four students from Mrs. Lemelin's self-contained special education classroom at Cheney Middle School have the privilege of attending Free Rein Therapeutic Riding. While at Free Rein, each student is individually taught and supported by volunteer staff and equine therapists. Free Rein has been serving the region since 2008 and offering programs rooted in the exciting field of equine-assisted therapy and learning. The students from Lemelin's class each have a designated horse that they get to know and ride weekly. According to Free Rein Therapeutic Riding, the horses help the students build muscle, improve their joints, and enhance balance and coordination. They also learn courage and calmness while strengthening their self-confidence and self-image. This is an amazing learning experience for the students and brings them much joy!

## Nels Radtke, Educator of the Year

Mr. Nels Radtke, Physical Education teacher at Sunset Elementary, was honored at the West Plains Chamber of Commerce Best of the West Gala with an Educator of the Year award on Friday, October 26, 2018. Mr. Radtke was recognized for his time creating programs that motivate, engage, and inspire students. The nomination stated that "every activity or lesson Mr. Radtke creates is an exciting, fun-filled learning experience" and "he does a masterful job of implementing technology into his classroom." Aside from classroom teaching, Mr. Radtke organizes celebrations like dances and runs a before school fitness club in the spring.



## CHS Girls Soccer



## District snow/ice closure information

Cheney Public Schools will be open daily as scheduled, regardless of weather, unless a closure or late start announcement is made. All students are encouraged to dress warmly during the winter regardless if they walk or ride the bus. Students who take the bus may experience delays when there is snow or ice on the ground. The Superintendent, in consultation with the Transportation Director, will decide whether or not to close schools due to inclement weather. Closure information will be provided to parents via School Messenger at approximately 5:45 a.m. and broadcast by the local media beginning at about 6:00 a.m., posted on [www.cheneysd.org](http://www.cheneysd.org) and the District Facebook page, and sent via Twitter. Please make certain your emergency contact information is correct in the Skyward system.