



Community Connections

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Important dates:

May 27

Memorial Day Holiday
No school

June 4

Capstone Commencement, 1:00 p.m.

June 5

Three Springs HS
Commencement, 5:00 p.m.

June 7

Cheney High School
Commencement, 7:00 p.m.

June 12

Budget Work Session
Cheney High School
5:30 p.m.

June 13

School Emergency
Make-up Day from
February 11, 2019

June 14

School Emergency
Make-up Day from
February 12, 2019
*Last Day of School,
8:20 a.m. Start Time
11:30 a.m. Dismissal

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Legislative actions to comply with the 2012 McCleary Decision have brought additional resources, positive changes, AND several challenges to public education. While there has been an increase in state education funding, there has also been a struggle to create policies and funding structures that meet the unique needs of each of the state's 295 school districts.

Historically, local maintenance and operation levies have been an important aspect of the overall funding for most school districts. Understanding the guidelines related to these levies has become increasingly difficult as the structure has changed twice in the past two years. Thus, in the coming weeks, a document explaining the new local levy structure and how these funds support the overall budget will be created and shared.

Due to the budget impacts of changes in the local levy structure, a new state health care system (SEB – School Employees Benefits), and other factors, many districts in our state are facing layoffs and program reductions. As a district, we too are faced with adapting to policy and funding changes, and we are currently determining how best to move forward. Fortunately, our district is in a solid financial position, and we are not facing layoffs or program reductions. The District is, however, thoroughly analyzing the changes and proceeding with caution as we prepare the 2019-2020 operating budget.

Switching gears... From April 30th – May 10th, staff and community members had the opportunity to provide feedback via Thoughtexchange regarding things the district is doing well and areas where the district can improve. During this recent "weather report", 390 individuals participated, providing 483 thoughts and 16,060 ratings (stars). Once available, we will share a link that will allow the community to explore the themes and results of the exchange (more to come soon). Thank you to everyone who participated; your input is appreciated and valued!

Lastly, as the end of the 2018-2019 school year draws near, I would like to share information about our upcoming graduation celebrations. Students in the Capstone program will graduate at 1:00 p.m. in the CHS Little Theater on June 4th; the Three Springs High School graduation will take place at 5:00 p.m. on June 5th at Hargreaves Hall on the EWU campus; and the Cheney High School graduation takes place at 7:00 p.m. at EWU's Reese Court on June 7th. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

In closing, if you have questions about any aspect of our school system, or if you would like additional information on any items I have shared, please email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org or call me at 509-559-4502.

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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 May

Courage

Displaying integrity in spite of
obstacles and challenges

May 2019

8th Grade Students in Washington DC

During spring break, WMS had another amazing trip to historic Williamsburg, Jamestown and Washington DC. This year they saw the full military presentation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as the President of Mongolia laid a wreath to honor our fallen soldiers. Every year they visit the NASA site that is in remembrance of the Columbia Space Shuttle team on which Cheney's Michael P. Anderson flew.



CHS and WMS Track Meet



CMS Team Heading to State MESA Competition!

Smoky summer skies? We can help with that! CMS students Brenna Cunningham, Nelly Cruz, and Sedona Ericson recently earned 1st place at the regional MESA competition, qualifying them for the state competition on May 18th. This amazing team designed



and programmed a sensor to detect particles in the air, with the goal of helping individuals in our community detect the air quality level at their own homes, particularly during wildfire season. Excellent work!

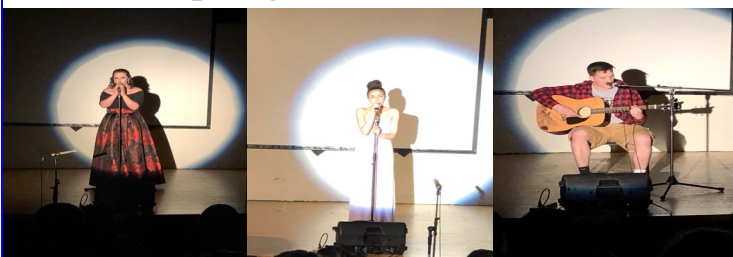
Blackhawk Soccer



Home Works!



Spotlight on CHS Talent



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