



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

September 3
Labor Day

September 4
Kindergarten begins

September 5
Cheney HS
Open House 5p.m.

September 5
School Board Work
Session, District
Conference Center
5:30 p.m.

September 19
New Employee Re-
ception, CHS at
5:30 p.m.
School Board Mtg.
CHS at 6 p.m.



September **Character Trait** **RESPECT:**

*Recognizing, con-
sidering and
properly honoring
the worth of one's
self and others*

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

On August 14 and 15 our district hosted a PLC (Professional Learning Community) Hybrid Event for approximately 160 of our staff members. During one of the presentations, Mike Mattos shared two slides related to jobs and postsecondary learning. The first stated, "By 2020, 65 percent of all jobs in the economy will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school" (Carnevale, Smith, & Strohl). The second stated, "35% of the job openings will require at least a bachelor's degree and 30% of the job openings will require some college or an associate's degree" (McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University). I'm not sure how to quantify the exact number of future jobs that will require postsecondary education, yet I am absolutely positive it is our responsibility as an education system to ensure our students are prepared for an ever changing economy. Students must graduate from Cheney Public Schools prepared for life after high school and with postsecondary options (whether trade school, military, two-year or four-year college, etc.).

As we strive to ensure high levels of learning for all students and to prepare our students for an ever changing economy, I am reminded of the vital role of regular school attendance. Excluding conference days, there are 176 instructional days in the school calendar. Thus, each school day represents slightly more than .5% of the school year and at the end of this week approximately 4% of the new year will already be complete. Looking at each day as a percentage of the overall school year helps demonstrate the importance of every day. There are many important factors that go into supporting our students during their P-12 education. One of which is ensuring students are on time and present each and every day possible (of course, excluding illness and family emergencies).

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a fantastic start and as a school district we are looking forward to building upon the positive momentum of the first week of the new school year. 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.



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Robert W. Roettger

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Superintendent

Our essential foundations

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

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*Salnave staff at
the PLC event*



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Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 Officer/
Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator/ADA Coordinator
Sean Dotson, Associate Superintendent
Cheney Public Schools, 12414 S. Andrus Rd.
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4550

Section 504 Coordinator
Robin Andrus, Student Support Services
Cheney Public Schools, 12414 S. Andrus Rd.
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4507

Requests for Disclosure of Public Records
Helen Page, Public Records Officer
Cheney Public Schools, 12414 S. Andrus Rd.,
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READY! For Kindergarten

Birth to Age 5: Preparing Children for School Success

Did you know that the Cheney Public Schools funds FREE READY! for Kindergarten workshops each school year for parents & caregivers of children birth to age 5?

READY! for Kindergarten workshops provide learning targets, take home activities, and tools to equip families to help babies and young children develop strong brain connections for success in school.



Volunteer Opportunities

You can change a child's life forever just by volunteering! Volunteers play an important role in the school community, and their individual and collective efforts have a positive impact on students.



Cheney Public Schools offers many opportunities to volunteer. Call or email Jessica Deutsch at 509-342-0747, jdeutsch@cheneyds.org to get more information on how to mentor, read to young children, assisting at a track meet or serve in any number of ways.



Online Payment Portal

Cheney Public Schools is using a new online payment portal. This payment portal can be used to put funds onto a lunch account, purchase ASB cards, pay class fees, or pay fines using a debit or credit card. Access through your schools' website under parent resources.



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Public Announcement: Special Education Records Destruction

Special education records that have been collected related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of special education in Cheney Public Schools must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of six years after these services have ended for the student. This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the District's intent to destroy the special education records of students who are no longer receiving special education services as of the end of the 2011-12 school year or prior years.

These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or adult student notifies the District otherwise on or before September 30, 2018. These records may be useful in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc.

If you wish to obtain a copy of these records prior to their destruction, contact Student Records, 12414 S. Andrus Rd., Cheney, WA 99004, Phone: 509-559-4526. If a student, parent or guardian does not respond to this public notice prior to September 30, 2018, the District will assume consent to destroy all special education records specific to the student after that date.