



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

### October 10

Westwood MS

\*School Improvement Plan 5:15 p.m.

\*Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### October 12

Professional Learning Day—  
No School

### October 24

Betz Elementary

\*School Improvement Plan 8:00 a.m.

\*Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.



### October

### Character Trait

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Cheney Public Schools continues to experience enrollment growth. At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, our enrollment was 4,569 full time enrollment (FTE). We budgeted for 4,655 FTE for the 2018-2019 school year, and our current October enrollment is 4,788 FTE. There is also the potential for future growth (above and beyond our regular projections) as the Amazon Project is currently under construction. In addition, there are housing developments planned and under way in Airway Heights, the West Plains, and the City of Cheney.

As a district, we are addressing our growing enrollment by adding ten classrooms and a second gymnasium at Sunset Elementary; eight classrooms and a multi-purpose room at Windsor Elementary; seven classrooms at Betz Elementary; and seventeen classrooms, an auditorium, a third gymnasium, a weights/fitness room, a wrestling room, and new woods and metal shops at Cheney High School. The additional classrooms at Betz are currently in use; the projects at Sunset and Windsor will be completed in late spring 2019, and the high school project has begun and will be completed by the summer of 2020.

With an increase in enrollment and new classrooms and instructional spaces in several of our schools, our district is also beginning the process of planning for boundary revisions which will take place in the 2019-2020 school year. We will establish a boundary review committee and plan to involve our community in the process by utilizing a Thought Exchange survey which will occur toward the end of October. Additional information will be shared soon on how to access the Thought Exchange feedback process.

As a district, growth and expansion is exciting. However, with growth there can be challenges. There are times when students are overloaded to schools outside of their regular attendance area due to space limitations, and boundary revision conversations can be uncomfortable. Therefore, as we continue to address the needs of our growing district, we know it is important to seek community input and to communicate all changes in a timely manner.

In closing, my hope is that each and every child has had a great start to the 2018-2019 school year and that they are able to build upon their initial success as we enter the month of October.

If you have any questions about any aspect of our system, please call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at [rroettger@cheneyisd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneyisd.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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## Student Advisors to the School Board of Directors

We are pleased to welcome two Cheney High School students as Student Advisors to the Board of Directors for the 2018-19 school year. The Board continues to recognize the value of communicating with students and receiving their input and perspectives. To foster this relationship with students, the Board annually seats two student representatives as advisory non-voting members of the Board. Our student representatives attend all meetings and provide regular updates on what is happening in our District, from a student's perspective. They also have the option to travel with the Board to the Annual Legislative Conference to share our Board adopted Legislative Priorities with our elected representatives.

**Kaiden Robbins**  
Junior at Cheney HS



**Megan Christianson**  
Senior at Cheney HS



## Autumn has Arrived!

Brisk temperatures in the morning and the warmth of the sun in the afternoon can make it difficult to know how to dress your children before they leave for school. Dressing in layers will keep them warm, and they can shed a layer if the temperature rises. Labeling clothing that is likely to be shed will help staff get lost items back to their proper owners.



## ☆ ☆ ☆ Fall Sports are in Full Swing ☆ ☆ ☆



## National School Lunch Program

As of October 11, 2018, families that have submitted a meal application this school year and have received approval will continue to receive free or reduced meals and reduced fees. Reduced fees may apply differently depending on the grade level of your student(s). The annual application process can be completed online through the Skyward Portal or turned in to your child's school or the Nutrition Services District Office.