



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**April 18**

Westwood Middle School Community Visit, 1:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

**May 9**

Employee Recognition Night, Cheney High School, 5:00 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



April

Character Trait  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS:**

Inspiring complete reliability and confidence in his/her truthfulness, integrity and discretion

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

In February of 2017 the voters of the Cheney School District passed a \$52,000,000 bond to provide expansion, renovation, and safety upgrades to Cheney High School, expansion and safety improvements to Betz, Sunset, and Windsor Elementary Schools, and a secure entryway at Salnave Elementary. Following months of design and planning, construction has begun on two of our projects, and will begin soon on the remaining three.

Installation of the secure entryway at Salnave Elementary began over spring break, and is expected to be completed in the next several weeks. The new entryway routes visitors through the main office and provides the building's main entrance with additional security and lockdown capabilities.

Recently, construction has also started at Betz Elementary, where a new classroom wing will be added to the north side of the building, several restrooms will be added to existing classrooms to be utilized for preschool and kindergarten, and the main entry to the building will be renovated to provide a secure entryway. The project at Betz was awarded to Leone and Keeble Inc. and is expected to be completed by August of 2018, in time for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Expansion and safety improvements at Sunset Elementary are scheduled to begin very soon. Recently, the project was awarded to T.W. Clark Construction. Once construction begins, we are estimating completion of the work by July of 2019. The Windsor Elementary project was recently bid, and the award of the contract will be considered at the upcoming April 18 School Board meeting. The estimated completion date for the Windsor project is also July of 2019.

Lastly, the high school is a General Contractor/Construction Manager project which has allowed our architects (ALSC Architects) to work with our construction firm (Lydig Construction) on the design and development of the project. Currently, we are working towards the construction document approval phase. The expansion, renovation, and safety upgrades at the high school are scheduled to begin this summer and run through the summer of 2020.

The beginning of construction is an exciting time in our district. Throughout the process we will continue to provide updates to share the progress and completion timelines for each of our projects. If you have any specific questions about any of this work, please feel free to call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at [rroettger@cheneysd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneysd.org).

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*Robert W. Roettger*

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Superintendent

*Thank you  
for your  
continued support!*

## Our essential foundations

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

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**April 2018**

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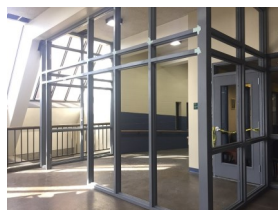
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## Betz and Salnave construction began ... and plans for CHS are underway!



We are excited to share that not only has construction begun at Betz and Salnave Elementaries, but plans are coming together for the Cheney High School project.



## "Senator for a Day"

Kali McCormick, a senior at Cheney High School and a School Board Student Advisor, served as "Senator for a Day" with 6th Legislative District Senator Michael Baumgartner on March 2. He shadowed Senator Baumgartner, attended intern classes, visited the Senate Floor and spoke with the Senator about bills and his experience in Olympia. Kali said, "The day was very inspiring and there were dozens of remarkable people. One day I hope to return as an intern and perhaps hold office." We know Kali himself is one of those "remarkable people" who will one day make a significant contribution to society.



## Adam Smith is 2018 Outstanding Business Education Teacher



Cheney High School teacher Adam Smith was recently named the 2018 Outstanding Business Educator by the Western Business Education Association, and honored at their annual conference in Boise. Mr. Smith was nominated and selected through a competitive process by

his peers in the WBEA. This is one of WBEA's highest honors, and is presented to a member who has contributed to business education through professional teaching over many years, and whose contributions are significant and impactful. This honor is extremely well-deserved, as Mr. Smith has impacted so many students' lives over his years at Cheney High School.

## Allen Skoog named Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher

Cheney High School Agricultural Education teacher Allen Skoog was recently named the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher for District 5 and the Outstanding Agriscience Teacher for District 5 by his peers and the Washington Association of Agricultural

Educators, and will be honored at their conference in June. This is one of WAAE's highest awards, and Mr. Skoog was recognized due to his implementation of a strong Agriscience program at Cheney High School. Also, he will be teaching a class for the National Association of Agricultural Educators at Oregon State University.

