



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

March 12 & 13

Parent Conferences
NO SCHOOL

March 13

Preschool
Registration Begins

March 14

School Board Mtg.
Salnave Elementary
6:00 p.m.

March 28

School Board
Meeting, Cheney
High School
6:00 p.m.

April 2-6

Spring Break
NO SCHOOL



March

Character Trait

DILIGENCE:

Persistence,
dedication and
hard work

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The safety of our students, staff and schools is of utmost importance to me, our district leadership, and our School Board. Personally, my heart breaks each and every time another senseless act of school violence occurs in our nation. Our schools should not be places where students and staff fear for their personal safety.

As a district we are committed to providing a safe learning environment to all of our students. As an example, an important aspect of our recent bond and our upcoming capital projects is school security. During construction, secure entryways will be added at Betz, Salnave, Sunset and Windsor Elementary Schools and at Cheney High School. In addition, we are updating the school security system at Cheney High School, which will include video camera upgrades.

A second way we are addressing school security is through the addition of security personnel. We currently have a Director of School Security (Kelly Hembach) and are working with the City of Cheney to add a School Resource Officer (SRO). Our hope is to add this second position this spring, but by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year at the latest.

Another significant aspect of school safety is the district's ability to assess student threats. We are committed to addressing this issue through the utilization of the Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment model. This system creates level one threat assessment teams for each school. To support the implementation of this model, we have contracted with John Van Dreal (Director of Safety and Risk Management Services for Salem-Keizer Public Schools) to train our building administrators and staff identified as members of level one building threat assessment teams. Training for teams will occur in June, and we will launch implementation of this system at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, many school districts in Spokane County are working with NEWESD 101 to form a consortium in support of level two threat assessment teams. The consortium is designed to support our schools in dealing with situations involving extremely difficult student behaviors and safety concerns.

As a father and leader of schools, I am committed to advocating for and leading the discussion related to ending school violence in our country. Our students deserve safe learning environments, and our parents need to know with certainty that our schools are safe places for their children. If you have any thoughts or concerns related to school safety issues, please call me at 509-559-4502, or email me at roettger@cheneysd.org.

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Robert W. Roettger



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Superintendent

*Preschool
registration begins
March 13*



Our essential foundations

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

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FBLA Club excels at conference

The Cheney FBLA Club (Future Business Leaders of America) once again had a great 2018 Northeast Regional Winter Conference. 52 out of its 58 attending members placed in the top six! As a team, club members placed 93 times in the competition, and placed first in 21 of the 57 different events. Students who place top six are eligible to compete at the State Business Leadership Conference in Bellevue on April 4-7. Check out the press release on the [District website](#) for all of the amazing details of our students' accomplishments!

School bus drivers needed

Cheney School District is currently seeking full-time and substitute school bus drivers and special needs bus aides.

Minimum qualifications for school bus drivers are:
22 years old;

Washington State driver's license; good driving record; be able to pass Washington State Patrol background check; FBI fingerprinting check; drug and alcohol testing.

Interested persons may apply at the Cheney School District Transportation Department at 2736 N. Sixth St., Cheney, WA. Should you have any questions, please call 559-4523.



Windsor Family Arts Night

Windsor Elementary School hosted a "Family Arts Night" with guest artist Chris Bovey who created a silk-screen Wildcat, allowing students to "pull" a print to take home.



Westwood and Cheney Middle Schools teacher Katherine Potter demonstrated pottery techniques, the Cheney Jazz Band and Windsor's Marimba Club performed, and color guard members from EWU, CHS, WMS, and CMS shared routines. Windsor's music and PE staff provided an opportunity to drum and learn a floating square dance. Students were able to choose from several different projects to create, including print-making, tile art and paper sculpture, or watercolor—and families enjoyed hallways filled with student art.



Cheney Middle School Leadership Day

Students participated in the 1st Annual CMS Leadership Day at their school on January 31. This school-wide event gave students a day-long opportunity to take part in activities and discussions on topics they might not otherwise experience over the course of the school year. Students were able to hear and reflect upon the message from Mr. Scott Backovich to "be a catalyst for good." They were laughing one moment, and tearing up the next! What an amazing day for our students!