



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**January 10**  
School Board  
Appreciation, 6:00  
Board Meeting,  
6:30 p.m. at CHS

**January 15**  
Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day—  
No School

**January 24**  
School Board Mtg.  
at Sunset Elem.  
School, 6:00 p.m.

**January 26**  
Mid-Winter Break  
Day—No School



January  
Character Trait

### **FAIRNESS:**

Treating people and  
ideas with justice  
and impartiality

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

It is my sincere hope that everyone had an excellent Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! For me, it is difficult to believe that 2017 has come and gone, and it is now 2018. However, the beginning of a new year provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the past and to focus upon the hopes and dreams of the year to come.

In 2017 our district received significant support from our community with the approval of a \$52,000,000 bond measure to provide expansion and renovation at Cheney High School, expansion, minor renovations and secure entryways at Betz, Sunset, and Windsor Elementary Schools, and a secure entryway at Salnave Elementary. Following a tremendous amount of planning in 2017, we are preparing to break ground on our elementary projects in the spring of 2018, and our high school project in the summer of 2018. The beginning of construction is an exciting time for our community, as our capital projects will allow us to address immediate space and security needs throughout the district.

Another memorable aspect of our work in 2017 was the beginning of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) implementation. This important initiative is in support of our district improvement goals related to improving student achievement, state assessment scores and graduation rates. Working through the four questions that guide PLCs has been, and will continue to be, a significant investment of time and energy. However, each student in our system deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential, and our intentional collaborative efforts are designed to ensure this occurs.

As I look ahead to the new year, I am excited to build upon the great work we began in 2017. My wish for 2018 is that it is the best year possible for each of our students, staff members, and community members. In Cheney Public Schools we are committed to providing the highest quality learning opportunities for students, excellent school facilities, and a variety of programs and extra-curricular opportunities that meet the interests of our students. In closing, I want to personally thank our community for your continued support and for making this past year a success. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you in support of all children within our district.

Thank you and Happy New Year!



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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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*Happy New Year!*



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## Salnave 4th and 5th grade program

Before the holidays, students across the district shared their talents through concerts and programs at their schools. Shown here are Salnave 4th and 5th grade students, who thoroughly entertained their family and friends! We are certain there was not a single person who attended one of these events who was not impressed by the accomplishments of the young people at each school.

## The four questions that guide PLCs

- 1) What specifically do we expect all students to learn?  
**(Standards)**
- 2) How will we know when each student has learned?  
**(Assessment)**
- 3) How will we respond when students experience difficulty learning?  
**(Intervention)**
- 4) How will we respond when students demonstrate they have learned?  
**(Enrichment)**

## Dueling orchestra concerts?

In early December, Westwood Middle School orchestra students put on an absolutely amazing concert!



## No — just very talented artists!

Later in the month, it was time for the Cheney Middle School orchestra to shine ... and they truly did!

