



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**November 10**  
Veterans' Day—  
No School

**November 15**  
School Visit at  
Windsor Elementary  
School, 1:00 p.m.  
School Board  
Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

**November 20-21**  
Conferences—  
No School

**November 22-24**  
Thanksgiving  
Vacation—  
No School



**November**  
**Character Trait**  
**CITIZENSHIP:**  
Positively contributing  
to society and commu-  
nity as well as dutiful-  
ly respecting authority  
and the law

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

First and foremost, I hope the school year has gotten off to a great start for every one of our students and their families. I know personally September and October have flown by, and it is hard to believe we are already in the month of November.

As we head into November, I want to remind our families that we have adjusted how we approach conferences within our school district. In past years, conferences were held over the course of four half-days. This year, we are implementing a conference schedule which provides two full days for conferences. Therefore, fall conferences will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20th, and from 7:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st. The intent of this change is to limit the number of half-days we have in our school calendar and to provide one evening where conferences can be scheduled outside of regular school hours. As we implement this change, I am very interested in your feedback. Please feel free to email your thoughts and suggestions to me at [rroettger@cheneysd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneysd.org).

During the month of October our district enrollment surpassed 4,600 students for the very first time. As a district, we are very fortunate to be able to address our continued growth through upcoming capital projects which were made possible when voters approved a 52 million dollar bond last February. The bond will allow us to provide expansion, renovation and safety improvements at Betz, Sunset, and Windsor Elementary Schools and Cheney High School, as well as providing for a secure entryway at Salnave Elementary. Please visit our website at [www.cheneysd.org](http://www.cheneysd.org) to review the plans and timelines related to each of our projects. In addition, if you have any questions about any of our projects, please contact me at 509-559-4502 or at [rroettger@cheneysd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneysd.org).

As we approach the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded how thankful I am to have the opportunity to lead such an outstanding school district. I want to thank our community members for your continued support of our students, schools, and district. Thank you!

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*Robert W. Roettger*



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Superintendent

*Parent Conferences*  
*November 20-21*



## Our essential foundations

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

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## CHS student athletics

Cheney High School athletics wrap up Veterans' Day weekend with the girls swim team participating in the WIAA Championships at the King County Aquatics Center.

At the State cross country meet, sophomore Bas Holland placed 10th, Jolene Whiteley 14th, and Isaiah Rigo 1st—capping his career with his fourth State championship in the wheelchair division. The girls cross country team finished 2nd in the GNL and Regionals, and took 6th at State.

Volleyball finished a strong season at Selah in a Regional playoff. Led by seniors Allison Janes, Megahn Short, Taishae Wallace and Peyton Stark, the team battled through injury and a tough Selah squad to fall only a few points short of qualifying for State for the second time in as many years.

Football faced a tough road with Washington 4A Sunnyside and Idaho's 5A Post Falls on their early schedule. Playing in a league that advanced 3 teams to the round of 16 in State playoffs also carried significant competition throughout the regular season. Nevertheless, the team showed continued persistence, and the future looks bright.



## Community partnerships

District students benefit from partnerships with entities and organizations throughout our area. We especially appreciate our strong partnership with Eastern Washington University. Just recently, both middle schools were able to participate in the annual "Friday Night Lights." Cheney Middle School and Westwood Middle School teams competed on the red turf of Roos Field. What a fun, spirited event for our students, staff and families!

## District snow closure information

Cheney Public Schools will be open daily as scheduled, regardless of weather, unless a closure or late start announcement is made. Students who bus or walk to school are encouraged to dress warmly during the winter. Students who take the bus may experience delays when there is snow or ice on the ground due to slow traffic. The Superintendent, in consultation with the Transportation Director, will decide whether or not to close schools due to inclement weather. Closure information will be provided to parents via School Messenger at approximately 5:45 a.m. and broadcast by the local media beginning at about 6:00 a.m., posted on [www.cheneysd.org](http://www.cheneysd.org) and the District Facebook page, and sent via Twitter. Please make certain your emergency contact information is correct in the Skyward system.

