



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

September 20
School Board
Meeting, Cheney
High School
6:00 p.m.

October 11
School Board
Meeting, Cheney
Middle School
6:00 p.m.

October 13
Professional
Learning Day—
No School



September
Character Trait
RESPECT:
Recognizing,
considering and
properly honoring
the worth of one's
self and others

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to Cheney Public Schools! The beginning of the school year is one of my favorite times of year. Our schools come alive again, as students and staff return for another exciting year.

As educators we are constantly looking for ways to improve our system in order to ensure high levels of learning for all students. Oftentimes our desire to improve leads us toward new initiatives, and with good intentions we pursue these initiatives with the hope of positively impacting student learning.

In Cheney Public Schools we want to implement strategies and initiatives that improve learning for every student in our district. However, we know creating and sustaining a world-class educational system for students does not occur by happenstance. Consequently, our school district has committed to focusing our efforts in three areas—building positive relationships with students and families, supporting social and emotional learning, and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

We know positive relationships between adults and students are imperative to student success. The adage that students do not care how much we know, until they know how much we care, rings true. Therefore, a focus on building positive relationships with students and families is essential to our goal of improving learning for all children.

In recent years our district has received a CLEAR grant which has supported social and emotional learning within several of our buildings. As a district, we understand the importance of providing professional development to our staff in this area as we support students and families. Therefore, we are committed to building upon our past work and ensuring a continued focus on social and emotional learning throughout our district.

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will be the structure that guides our teaching and learning work. This work is not something we will begin and finish in one school year. Rather, PLCs will become the way we do business in Cheney Public Schools as we strive to ensure high levels of learning for all students.

In closing, my hope is that the 2017-2018 school year is the best school year ever for each and every student in our district! If you have any questions about our district's focus, or any other aspect of our school system, please contact me at 509-559-4502 or at rroettger@cheneysd.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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*Welcome to the
new school year!*



September 2017

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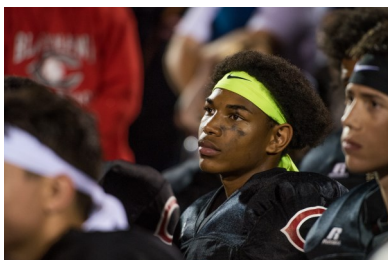
The school year has begun!

Excitement was in the air as students returned to classrooms across the district. For our youngest students, this meant their very first experience within an elementary school—and they were greeted by smiles from their principals, teachers and staff members!



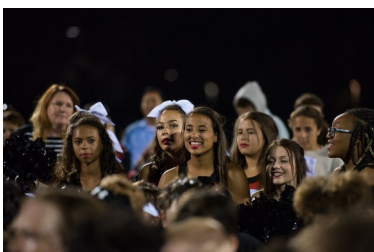
Cheney Middle School students were thrilled to reconnect with their old friends, and to meet more soon-to-be-friends, while classrooms were full of eager faces, and the learning commenced!

At Westwood Middle School, students have already had the opportunity to share their artistic talents by bringing color and feeling to the school entrance through their works in chalk pastels.



During the Red & Black football scrimmage, Cheney High School students enjoyed seeing their athletes in action, as well as the camaraderie that team sports create.

The football teams, cheerleaders, students and spectators all enjoyed this night. Possibly those attending their first game as high school students enjoyed it the most!



Air quality is addressed

Unfortunately, heavy smoke from regional wildfires has resulted in local unhealthy air quality. When unhealthy air quality is encountered, school schedules will proceed normally, but individuals are encouraged to stay indoors when not traveling to or from school or work.

The district follows the healthy air recommendations set forth by the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, and the current air conditions are available on their website. In addition, you can view the guidelines recommended by the Spokane Regional Health District, which our schools utilize.

Late-start Fridays

On Fridays during the 2017-18 school year, all schools will once again begin one hour later than the usual start time—and buses will run one hour late as well. Late starts allow district staff members time to collaborate and share best methods for serving our students.

Salnave secretary Jen Pohl is state award recipient

Not only was Jen Pohl selected as the District's Classified Employee of the Year—she was honored with the Public School Employees of Washington "President's Leadership Award" for 2017. This state recognition was recently shared with her and District staff members at the back-to-school gathering.

Anyone who has visited Salnave knows what an amazing person Jen is—always there to help students, parents, staff and visitors in every way. Please join us in congratulating her on this significant accomplishment!

