

# **Community Connections**

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

#### Important dates:

December 7

School Board Meeting, Windsor Elem. School 6:00 p.m.

December 19-**January 2** Winter Vacation-No School



December Character Trait **CARING:** Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper

Parents. Guardians and Community Members.

Recently we had the opportunity to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite times of year, as it is a time for us to gather with family (without gifts) and to reflect on all of the things for which we are thankful. One of the things that I am truly grateful for is the opportunity to lead Cheney Public Schools. I feel blessed to work with amazing educators and employees, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve the communities of Airway Heights, Cheney and the West Plains.

As I continue to reflect on the things for which I am thankful, I can't help but think about the outstanding students we have in our system. I am consistently impressed by everything that they accomplish and how well they represent our schools and communities.

In fact, there have been many times when I have found myself beaming with pride because of the actions and accomplishments of our students. One such time was on November 10th when, across our district and at all levels, our students did an amazing job of honoring our veterans during our Veterans' Day assemblies. Other times include Board meetings when we have the opportunity to hear from our students. For example, in August we learned about the cooperative work of our Cheney Middle School and Westwood Middle School student leadership teams; on October 12th Westwood students shared their Wolverine Pride presentation; on October 26th several students at Betz Elementary shared in a Number Talk presentation; and in November our Cheney High School administrators and students shared the many outstanding accomplishments of our high school ASB, band, and fall athletic teams.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our communities for your continued support of our students and schools. Without your support, Cheney Public Schools would not be able to offer the variety of curricular and extra-curricular programs that we make available to our students. I feel extremely fortunate to work in communities that value education and understand the importance of supporting our children.

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

Robert W. Roetteen

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# **Our essential foundations**

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

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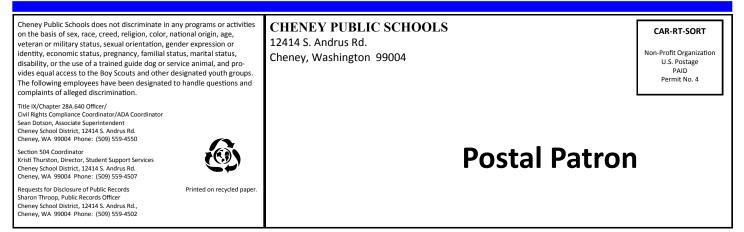


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Enjoy the upcoming winter break!



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### Our athletes excel

Cross country students performed well at State. Isaiah Rigo is State Champion in the wheelchair race for the 3rd time!

Boys Cross Country finished in 4th place at State as a team; and Drake Johnson, Matt Christianson, Bas Holland, Jack Peabody, Kaleb Lerch, Tucker Cunningham, and Andres Margraf had amazing individual results.

Girls Cross Country participants at State, Hannah Spakousky, Brette Draper and Megan Habegger did an awesome job.

The Volleyball Team took 9th in State, and earned their first State victory since 1987!

### Artists share their creations

This fall, art created by Cheney High School students was on display at the downtown Spokane Public Library in the "Creative Class," where teachers from Ferris, Mead, C.V. and Cheney were showcased alongside their students.

Westwood Middle School student artwork will be displayed from November through May in a permanent, rotating exhibit at the Airway Heights Library. The drawings, paintings, sculptures and pottery displays will be changed each new school quarter to highlight the most engaging and well-crafted pieces.

Artists at District schools participate in "Art Night" and share their talent with other students, their parents, and community members.



## Congratulations to the CHS Swim Team

The Cheney High School swim team did very well at the State meet, and finished in 8th place!

Alexis Schmidt is the State Champion in the 100-yard Butterfly! She also finished in 3rd place in the 200-yard Individual Medley. Makenzie Norman finished in 2nd place in the 50-yard Freestyle, and also finished in 4th place in the 100-yard Freestyle. Our 400-yard Freestyle Relay Team finished in 4th place, and the 200-yard Freestyle Relay Team finished in 8th place. All of our swimmers improved on their entry times into the meet.



#### CHS National Honor Society adds new members

In a recent ceremony held in the Cheney High School Little Theater, 22 students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Students with a 3.5 GPA are selected for National Honor Society based on their choice of rigorous courses, character, and willingness to participate in community service.

Shown are the new inductees, the officers, and some of the senior members of National Honor Society.