



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**February 8**  
School Visit at  
Sunset Elementary  
School, 1:00 p.m.  
School Board  
Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

**February 17**  
Snow Closure  
Make-up Day—  
Late Start Friday

**February 22**  
School Board  
Meeting, CHS  
6:00 p.m.

**February 24**  
Kindergarten  
Registration Begins  
at Local Schools



February  
Character Trait

**HONESTY:**  
Sincerity and  
reverence or love  
for the truth

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

A unique feature of our school district is that it is approximately 380 square miles in size. We serve expansive rural areas, the incorporated communities of Airway Heights and Cheney, and the unincorporated areas of the West Plains. Although the geographic size of our district can bring some minor challenges, the benefits of what we accomplish together for all of our students far outweigh any challenges that we may face.

As an example, it is due to the outstanding support that we receive from all of our patrons that we are able to provide our students with extraordinary opportunities that are not always available and present in all school districts.

Although not an all-inclusive list, the following items provide an example of the opportunities, in addition to our core programs, that are made available to our students and families. Our high school offers twenty Honors and Advanced Placement classes, twenty-six clubs, an after-school Homework Center, College in the High School classes, Robotics competitions, and seventeen athletic programs. At the middle school level we offer Leadership classes, Gaming Garage, Video Production, Web Design, Photoshop, Vex Robotics, Psychology, Sewing, Intro to Engineering, Woodworking, Percussion, a Computer Apps course, Veterinary Science, Popular Mechanics, Production Technology, Medical Detective, Roller Coaster Physics, ten athletic programs, intramural athletic opportunities, and ten clubs. At the elementary level we offer programs such as Math is Cool, Marimba Band, Jump Rope for Heart, Fit for Bloomsday, Gardening Club, after-school athletic opportunities, after-school science clubs, Trailblazers, ASB Leadership opportunities, Falcon Fitness Club, and Instrumental Music.

In closing, I would like to thank our communities and patrons for all of your support. We are certainly blessed within the Cheney Public Schools to be able to offer the number and quality of curricular and extra-curricular programs that we make available to our students and families. As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at [rroettger@cheneyisd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneyisd.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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## FBLA Club takes 2nd place

The Cheney Future Business Leaders of America Club finished 2nd in the Spokane Teachers Credit Union \$100 "Make a Difference" Contest. STCU gives local students \$100 for a project, and then asks them to document with a video how they used the \$100 to make a difference in their community.

The Cheney FBLA officers used the \$100 to run an after-school dodgeball tournament, which ended up having over 100 competitors on 16 different teams. The tournament raised \$797, which was donated to the March of Dimes. For placing 2nd, the Club received a \$1,500 prize from STCU!

The video of the Cheney Dodgeball Tournament, along with all of the other projects that STCU sponsored, can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/100dollarprojects>.

## Kindergarten registration begins February 24, 2017

Registration for kindergartners attending Cheney Public Schools in the fall of 2017 will take place beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24, at your neighborhood school. Registration will continue during each subsequent school day through June 16, 2017. Be sure to bring a birth certificate (or proof of birth), immunization records and proof of residence (such as a utility bill) when registering. Immunization requirements are available on the [Washington State Dept. of Health website](#).

Kindergarten students must be five as of midnight August 31, 2017 to be eligible to enter kindergarten. Some registration forms can be completed in advance and are available on the [District website](#) under the "Parent Resources" tab.

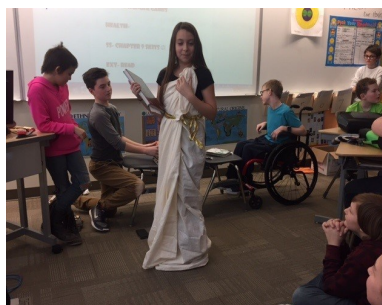
## You are invited to visit Sunset Elementary School on February 8

The School Board would like to invite you to join them for a visit of Sunset Elementary School, 12824 W. 12th, Airway Heights, on Wednesday, February 8, at 1:00 p.m.

We enjoy sharing a different school with our community three times a year. We are now looking forward to sharing our young Sunset "Falcons" with you. Please contact Sharon Throop at 559-4502 or by email at [sthroop@cheneysd.org](mailto:sthroop@cheneysd.org) to let her know if we can expect you. Our guests will meet in the school lobby. Principal Ty McGregor will make a brief presentation in the library, and we will divide into groups to complete a "Learning Walk" as we visit classrooms.

## Westwood students learn about Ancient Egypt

For two weeks, students at Westwood Middle School learned about the social classes of Ancient Egypt. The students were thrilled to perform skits to teach the other students about their topic. They were able to see how government officials dined, peasants planted crops, scribes attended school, artisans made their tools and—a crowd favorite—how to embalm a pharaoh.



The students all were assigned their own parts: historian, director, special effects, and host. They went above and beyond expectations, bringing in elaborate props and very well-developed scripts. The skits were a huge success!