



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

### May 10

Employee Recognition, 5:00 p.m.  
Windsor Elem. School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

### May 24

School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Cheney High School

### May 29

No School—  
Memorial Day



### May Character Trait

#### **COURAGE:**

Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

It is difficult to believe the month of May has already arrived. Soon we will reach the end of another school year and will celebrate the graduation of the class of 2017. Our goal is that each and every child has a fantastic and learning-packed final six weeks of school!

**Calendar Update:** This winter there were four days when school was cancelled due to weather and road conditions. Our district requested, and received, a waiver from the state for one of the missed days. Therefore, we scheduled three make-up days—with the first one being held February 17, and the other two scheduled for June 15 and 16. Friday, June 16 will be the final day of the school year, with an 11:30 a.m. release time.

**Capital Projects Update:** To date, the district has selected a construction management firm (OAC Services) and an architect (ALSC Architects). In addition, we utilized the services of D.A. Davidson to sell bonds to finance our projects, and were able to secure a true interest cost of 3.22%. The goal of our project financing was to obtain the \$52,000,000 approved by voters while maintaining an overall school tax rate of \$5.42. As of the date of the bond sale, the overall 2018 school tax rate is projected to be \$5.40. Thus, the district has been able to acquire financing within the stated goals of the project proposal. Our next steps will now include identifying planning teams so that we can begin the specific design of each of our projects.

This past winter seemed extremely long, and thus far spring has been unusually cool and wet. We are all waiting for the weather to improve so we can get out and enjoy the outdoors with our family and friends. Recently, during one of my school visits, a kindergarten student stated, "After the rain comes rainbows." I am hopeful that my kindergarten friend is correct, and the rainbow is indeed just around the corner!

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please feel free to contact me at [rroettger@cheneysd.org](mailto:rroettger@cheneysd.org) or at 509-559-4502.

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*Robert W. Roettger*

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Superintendent

*Memorial Day  
May 29*

## Our essential foundations

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

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## CHS students received 2nd place in robotics competition

The Cheney High School Robotics Team took second place at the Pacific Northwest District Regionals. Pictured are Willem Adams, Ethan Drury, Rylan DeWeese, Austin Smith, and Ethan Campbell-Little. We congratulate these talented students!



## Artists are honored

Cheney High School artists displayed their artwork in the NEWESD 101 Annual High School Art Show, and were honored for their talent. Sarah Hagedorn received first place for her piece, "Reach," and will advance to the State Art Show in Olympia.



Drake Johnson was awarded second place for his work entitled "A Settler's Legacy."



## MESA teams excel in competition

Cheney High School students Gabe Bahme, Kassie Brennan, and Marisa Mendoza recently took 3rd place overall at the Spokane MESA competition. These students designed, coded and built a prosthetic arm which was then subjected to various performance tasks, including object relocation, dexterity, and distance/accuracy. They also had to write an extremely detailed scientific paper, and make a poster to use in a presentation. They received 1st place for both their poster and their presentation. These students did a great job in the first year in which CHS competed!



The Westwood Middle School team, comprised of students Faith Boyle, Damian Jimenez-Kreuch, Jasmine Sprague and Skyla West, also competed. They received 6th place after three events - distance/accuracy, object relocation, and their presentation. They really enjoyed learning the computer coding and engineering pieces that helped them design their arm.

Andrew McEvers received third place for "Raw Sugar." Maggie Booth received the Superintendent Choice Award for her work "Daniel." Madison Kallsen received the Judge's Choice Award for "The Key of Time," and Isabelle Smith received the Judge's Choice Award for her "Untitled" work. Madisyn Duilio's artwork "Emy Grace" was chosen as the NEWESD 101 Staff Choice.

## Terra Boling named Educator of the Year

In the recent West Plains Chamber of Commerce "Best of the West" celebration, Sunset Elementary School teacher Terra Boling was named the Educator of the Year. What a wonderful honor—and one that is truly well-deserved.



Included in her nomination letter were comments such as, "Her classroom always has high expectations, but done so in a caring, nurturing way that encourages students to take risks. Students truly feel part of a community in her classroom." It is exciting that one of our excellent teachers was chosen for this honor.