



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

October 3

Thoughtexchange
“Star” Process
Begins

October 12

School Board
Meeting,
Westwood
Middle School
6:00 p.m.

October 26

School Board
Meeting,
Betz Elementary
School
6:00 p.m.



October

Character Trait

RESPONSIBILITY:

Being accountable,
the pursuit of
excellence, and
the exercise of
self-control

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that the month of September has come and gone and that it is already October. My sincere hope is that the first month of school has been an extremely positive experience for each and every child and family in our district.

As a new superintendent, an important part of my entry plan was to set a visitation schedule for all schools and to spend a minimum of one half day in each building during the months of September and October. Thus far, I have spent half days in six of our ten buildings, and have schedules in place for the remaining four. In addition to my school visitations, I was able to participate in our district presentations to almost every building and department. Our presentations have focused on our district assessment data, district improvement plan, staffing, enrollment, and capital projects planning. These school visitations and our presentations to staff are excellent opportunities for me to continue to connect with all of our staff members and our students. My time in our buildings has also confirmed my belief that we have phenomenal staff members in Cheney Public Schools and that we are providing excellent learning opportunities for students each and every day!

The month of September is also our first official enrollment count for the 2016-2017 school year. For budgeting purposes we projected 4,360 students for 2016-2017, and our actual enrollment for the September count was 4,438. Thus, our enrollment was up 78 students over our projections. The continued growth of our communities and school district is exciting. However, in order to manage our current growth and plan for future growth, we have several facility issues that need to be addressed. Please take a look at the information about possible capital projects scenarios and how you can share your views with us on the reverse side of this newsletter.

In closing, if I can address any questions or concerns you may have about any aspect of our school district work, including our capital projects planning, please feel free to email me at roettger@cheneyisd.org or call me at the district office.



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Robert W. Roettger
Superintendent

Help us by sharing your thoughts through “Stars”

Our essential foundations

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

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Participate in Thoughtexchange "Star" process October 3-12

In an effort to address our continued growth and facility needs, we have been working on several capital projects scenarios. In September we utilized the "Share" process through Thoughtexchange in order to gather information from our community members related to our proposed scenarios.

Our next step in the Thoughtexchange process is to open the "Star" phase. During the "Star" phase, community members will have the opportunity to review the comments and opinions that have been shared, plus support the opinions and thoughts that align with their thinking. Community members can participate in the "Star" phase whether they participated in the "Share" portion of the Thoughtexchange process or not.

The "Star" phase officially began on October 3rd and will run through October 12th. We are also planning three community meetings on November 8th, 9th and 10th in order to share the results of the Thoughtexchange process and to receive additional community input.

Parents, staff, and members of our Key Communicators list will automatically receive an email explaining how they can participate in the "Star" phase of our Thoughtexchange process. If you would like to be added to our Key Communicators list, please email us at keycommunicators@cheneywsd.org or call the district office at 559-4502. We will make certain you receive this information, as well as future updates.



CHS Marching Band

The Cheney High School Marching Band performed their first show, "Syzygy," at the 2016 Spokane Preview Showcase Marching Band Festival in September. The focus of this festival is to bring forth an educational, camaraderie-driven, non-competitive event for marching bands throughout the Pacific Northwest. It was designed to give high school marching bands and their directors an experience that involves critique, praise and support for their marching band productions.

We are very proud of this group of talented students and their director. You can view their entire performance by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Icbt69LLns>

New website

We are pleased to share that the District has implemented a new website format which will be much more economical, while providing more "user-friendly" capabilities for those who manage portions of the site.

As with all new technology, however, it will take us a few days to become familiar with the new software, and to update each school and department site. We thank you in advance for your patience with us as we do so.



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