



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

March 1
Kindergarten
Registration Begins

March 3-8
Parent Conferences
Early Dismissal,
11:30 a.m.

March 9
School Board
Meeting, Windsor
Elem., 6:00 p.m.

March 23
School Board
Meeting, Betz
Elem., 6:00 p.m.

March 28
Preschool
Registration Begins



March
Character Trait
DILIGENCE:
Persistence,
dedication and
hard work

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

We know that parents are the first and most important teachers that children have. Each and every day, from the moment a child is born, the child is learning. The early years are the most extraordinary period of growth and development in a child's lifetime. Your public schools welcome a partnership with parents, guardians, grandparents, early learning providers, and community members to ensure that our youngest learners have every opportunity to establish a solid foundation for success in school and life. Excellent, free resources for Kindergarten readiness are available from the Department of Early Learning <http://www.del.wa.gov/development/guidelines/>.

The excitement of a child's first day of Kindergarten is something to cherish. However, the preparation for this exciting day begins long before the first day of school. As we turn the calendar to March, we welcome parents and their soon-to-be Kindergartners to our schools as we start the registration process for the 2016-17 school year. Although the registration process requires a number of documents, it also includes helpful information about Kindergarten readiness. Make no mistake, Kindergarten readiness is all about loving, talking, and playing with your child. Visit <http://lovetalkplay.org> to learn of ways to interact with your child to promote Kindergarten readiness. It can be as simple as looking out the window while driving in your car and asking your child what s/he sees. Wonder together. Ask questions and share your ideas. Or while shopping at the grocery store talk with your child about how things look, feel, smell and sound. The opportunities to learn are all around us.

Yet, we understand that transitions can be scary – for children and parents. We can set your child up for success by providing the opportunity for a smooth transition. One simple way for guardians to support a child through a school transition is to talk about it with your child. Another important step is to visit the school site with the child. Most children (and parents) are less afraid about the upcoming change in school setting when they have had a chance to visit the campus and meet the caring adults who will be working with their children.

Visit your local school, talk to your friends and neighbors, and spread the word - Kindergarten registration is now! Your local school is ready to welcome you and help you navigate the process for a successful registration.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Our essential foundations

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

Cheney Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4488

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Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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Tuesday,
March 1*

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Kindergarten registration begins March 1st

We are pleased to provide full-time kindergarten in all of our elementary schools! Registration for kindergartners attending Cheney Public Schools in the fall of 2016 will take place beginning at 7:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 1st**, at your neighborhood school. If you are uncertain which school is “your” school, visit the [District website](#) to see our elementary school boundary map.

In order to enter kindergarten, students must be five as of midnight August 31, 2016. Parents must bring a birth certificate (or proof of birth) and immunization records when registering. Immunization requirements are available on the [Washington State Dept. of Health website](#). You will also need to bring proof of your home address—your utility bill, etc.



Many of the documents which must be completed are available on the [District website](#) and can be completed in advance of visiting your school.

Please inform school staff at registration if your child has a health condition. Any student who has a potentially life-threatening health condition must provide written instructions from their physician prior to attendance at school. Additional information is available from the District's Student Support Services Department at 559-4507.

Help your kindergartner be ready to succeed

Here are five ways you can help ready your child for their kindergarten experience.

- Health – Be sure your child is up to date with immunizations, is eating healthy, and has a consistent sleep schedule.
- Play – Play with your child to ensure that sharing, taking turns, playing nice, and physical activity are part of their day.
- Learn – Learn together – read together, review colors and shapes, and count items in your home.
- Talk – Talk to your kids, other parents, schools, church, and community members about registering for kindergarten.
- Register TODAY!

As part of the registration process, you will receive some helpful learning tools you can use with your child, including fun activities to strengthen their readiness for kindergarten.

It will not be long until your student is enjoying school with all of their friends—and just possibly entertaining you with the things they have learned!

