



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

February 11
School Board Meeting,
Sunset Elem.,
6:00 p.m.

February 13
Professional Learning Day —
No School

February 16
Presidents' Day
Holiday —
No School

February 25
School Board Meeting,
Salnave Elem.,
6:00 p.m.



February
Character Trait
HONESTY:
Sincerity and reverence or love for the truth

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

May I help you?

This simple question is one that our employees know to ask if an adult is walking down a hallway in one of our schools without a visitor's badge or employee identification. The safety and security of our children is of utmost importance, and our staff is trained to implement consistent daily practices that help to ensure student safety.

For example, in each of our schools all doors except the main office entrance are locked during the normal school day. This is to ensure that patrons use one main entrance to the school where staff members are always present. In our newer schools the design is such that patrons must enter the office after the normal school day begins, to check in prior to accessing the building. The high school construction bond would provide the resources to remodel the main entrance at the high school in order to provide for a similar level of security. In each of our schools we communicate to patrons the importance of checking in at the main office.

Other practices that are in place in our schools include the completion of emergency drills. We have collaborated with our emergency response partners and we have hosted two major training drills in our schools in the recent past. The drills were conducted on a non-school day. One was held at Sunset Elementary School; the other was held at Cheney Middle School. These drills provide our local police as well as city, county, and EWU the opportunity to simulate a major drill and ensure that there is excellent communication across all of our emergency responders.

We partner closely with our local emergency responders to teach our children how to respond in an emergency and to ensure that we have proactive safety and security practices in place. Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment for our children.

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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

Westwood Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4161

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

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LEVY AND BOND FACTS

Just visit the district website if you are looking for information concerning the upcoming Educational Programs and Operation ([M & O Levy](#)) or the [Bond Proposal](#) to make improvements to Cheney High School.

Should you have questions, please call Mr. Probert in the District Office at 559-4501.

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Sean Dotson, Associate Superintendent
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Safe Schools Alert system

Our school district provides for a Safe Schools Alert. The Safe Schools Alert system may be accessed from our District website homepage or by visiting the website: <https://cheney-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/> Sergeant Kelly Hembach follows up on any concerns that are reported on our 24-hour Safe Schools Alert site. Safety concerns may be reported via a text message, email message, website contact or telephone call. We know that tips help make our school community an even safer place to work and learn. Sergeant Hembach provides direct service to the schools on all matters of safety and security.

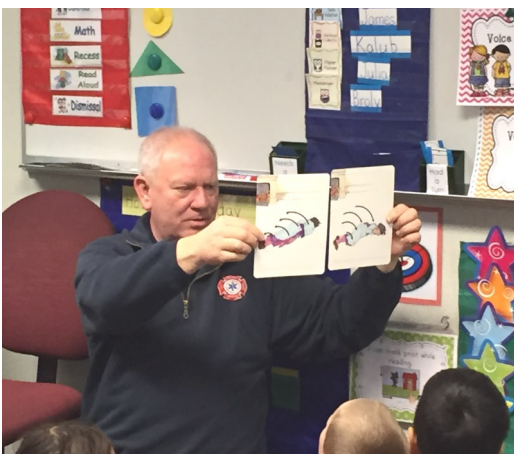
Technology aids response

New technologies improve communication during an emergency. Thanks to an Emergency Response Grant received by the school district, we are using evolving technology to expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency at a school. The technology has been configured and training is beginning in each of our schools; again, Sergeant Hembach is leading this effort to strengthen communication in an emergency.



Stranger Danger Program

Deputy Travis Pendell, of the Spokane County Sheriff's Department, is teaching a Stranger Danger Program in each of our elementary schools. This program helps children learn practices to remain safe. Children learn to recognize and handle potentially dangerous situations. Children learn about safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there's trouble. Children learn to play with others because there is safety in numbers. And children learn to be assertive, among other practices that Deputy Pendell reviews in detail.



Fire safety

Recently, our Airway Heights Fire Department provided training to our Kindergarten children on how to "stop, drop, and roll" in the event of a fire. Thanks to the partnerships with our emergency responders, we are able to provide trainings that are up-to-date and considered best practices for our children.

