



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

### August 12

Sports physicals at Cheney Medical Center, 5:30 p.m.  
\$20 cash only accepted

### August 18

Elementary registration begins at each school site

### August 19

School Board Meeting, Betz Viking Room  
6:00 p.m.

### September 1

First day of school



### August

#### Character Trait

#### GRATITUDE:

Feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

Welcome back to school! For our younger learners we have great news to share. The State of Washington now provides funding to each of our elementary schools for full time kindergarten! Thanks to the recently-approved State budget, we are busy setting up additional kindergarten classrooms and hiring fabulous teachers to welcome our children each and every day to kindergarten.

Research has long supported the benefits of full time kindergarten. Key benefits to the children enrolled in a full time program include higher academic achievement and greater social emotional growth as a result of exposure to more teacher-initiated and child-initiated interactions. Teachers have more time to work with students individually and in small groups, which provides them the opportunity to explore key concepts in depth. Kindergarten teachers also have more time to get to know and communicate with parents because they have fewer total students. Another added benefit is that our kindergartners will be exposed to more assemblies and other school functions; therefore, they and their families develop stronger connections with one another and their school community.

Although some parents have had concerns about fatigue in their full day kindergartners, research confirms that children adjust quickly. In the Cheney Public Schools our children also have multiple recesses throughout the day to express their physical energy. The full day, every day program also provides support for parents who have had to juggle scheduling of childcare and transportation for a child in a half time program. For all of these reasons and more, the recent decision within our State to fund full time kindergarten for ALL children in our District is wonderful news!

Registration in each of our schools begins in August. Please register as soon as possible so that we can plan for your child's attendance in our school district. If you are new to the area and need assistance locating your school, please know that our elementary and middle school boundary maps are available on our [website](#); or give us a call at 509-559-4599 and we will direct you to the appropriate school.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

*Let's go to school!*



## 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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## New elementary student registration

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade who are new to the district can register at their respective schools every weekday beginning **Tuesday, August 18th**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Kindergartners and students new to the district must bring a birth certificate (or proof of birth) and immunization records when registering. *Immunization requirements for each grade level are available [online](#).*

We are pleased to provide full time kindergarten in all of our elementary schools!



## Middle school appointments available after August 11

**Cheney Middle School** students new to the district can call 559-4400 at any time beginning August 11th to make an appointment to register.

**Westwood Middle School** students new to the district can call 559-4150 beginning August 11th for registration appointments.

Our middle schools look forward to greeting all of their students—whether new to our district, or coming from our local elementary schools and just new to the middle school experience!

## High school registration

**Cheney High School** appointments for new student registration should be made in advance at any time beginning August 6th by calling 559-4000.

**Three Springs High School** students should call 559-4587 on August 21st or later to make an appointment to register.

Counselors will be available to help students select the best possible classes for their schedule in order to fulfill their graduation requirements and future goals.

## Bus riders—please take note!

**To guarantee transportation the first week of school (September 1-4) for students new to the district, you will need to have your child/children registered by August 25th.** Please print and fill out the [Bus Registration Form 674](#), available on the District Transportation website, and return it to your school. The Transportation Department will contact parents with the correct bus information once it has been determined.

- Choice Students: Any student attending school outside of their attendance boundary will be required to provide their own transportation.
- Students who were walkers, Sunset students going into the 6th grade, or Westwood students going into the 9th grade: If you have not already completed the Bus Registration Form 674, please do so and return it to your school no later than August 18th.

If you have questions about previous or current bus information, please call the Transportation Office at 559-4523 no later than Tuesday, August 18, to receive an immediate response. If any change to your child's bus information from last year occurs, you will be notified by the Transportation staff.