



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

July 15

School Board Meeting, Betz Viking Room
6:00 p.m.
2015-16 District Budget Public Hearing
6:05 p.m.

August 19

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



July

Character Trait

GENEROSITY:

Unselfish giving and sharing of resources, time and talents with others

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

Summer is for learning. Some of the best learning opportunities come from visiting places in our community. During the month of July, please consider taking advantage of the various learning opportunities that are right outside your front or back door!

Although I have enjoyed visiting some of our most recognized national parks, such as the Grand Canyon, Turnbull Wildlife Refuge is right in our backyard! Turnbull hosts wonderful programs as well as self-guided walks. You and your children can enjoy a walk, view wildlife, and learn about native plants. Plan your visit in advance by visiting their [website](#). Outdoor learning provides children with experiences that support their natural curiosity and wonder as they explore and discover their natural world.

The Fish Lake Regional Park is also a great place to visit. It is a 67.5-acre park with access to the Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. Perfect for biking, this 130-mile-long rail-bed trail was originally created in 1908. It has scenic vistas along the trail, with 23 miles of trail currently open for public use. Fish Lake offers other amenities such as a swimming beach. More information and hours of operation are accessible on the Spokane County [website](#). It is so important for our children to be active during the summer months, and this local park provides convenient access to a beautiful bike ride.

I would be remiss if I didn't also highlight our amazing local [libraries](#). They have wonderful summer programs that help children to have access to interesting books and technology. They also have specific [events](#) planned for community members of all ages.

Finally, you likely know that our District's summer school programs are in full swing in July. Special thanks to our dedicated staff members who have planned, prepared, and are delivering wonderful summer learning opportunities for our students! To see our summer school programs in action, please visit our [Facebook](#) page; from video production to fire safety, our students are learning this summer.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Wildlife at Turnbull



Our essential foundations

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

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

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Summer Summit

The Summer Summit programs at Cheney Middle School and Westwood Middle School are not your traditional summer school! Students began this experience on June 22nd, and will be participating through July 17th.

They attend in the morning, with free breakfast and lunch provided. There are enrichment activities that provide opportunities to continue practicing language arts and math skills in a fun way.



They are learning science by launching a weather balloon, learning history and math by practicing archery, and keeping their writing skills sharp by writing movie scripts and making short films.

There may be some rock-etry involved, and perhaps some architectural bridge design. How does Lego robotics, or constructing a soap box derby car, or

taking a cooking class sound? There will even be educational and fun field trips.

What an amazing way to keep all the skills that students have learned during the school year!

CHS Summer Program

The high school program is a free credit retrieval opportunity for any Cheney High School or Three Springs High School student deficient in credits. These students attend mornings through July 28th. They enjoy breakfast upon arrival in the morning, and lunch just before they leave for home. Several different subject areas are available, including math, science and language arts. Experienced CHS teachers are on hand to help all students succeed in their studies.



Start your summer reading now!

Track your reading and win prizes this summer! You can sign up at your favorite library or [the Spokane County Library website](#). You might want to check their calendar so you can come when some of the great programs they have planned at the library branches are happening.

Windsor's summer library is open every Tuesday through August 11, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., so check out what they have to offer.

Once you've completed your reading, visit your favorite branch of Spokane Public Library (by the end of August) and show them your completed reading log. If you're 17 or younger they'll let you choose a book to keep from their stash of Summer Reading Giveaway Books. If you're 18 or older they will use your completed log that you turn in to enter you into a drawing for a prize. If you need book recommendations, check out their [blog](#) or ask a staff member for ideas. They are experts!

Betz and Sunset Trailblazers

The summer Trailblazer program is taking place at Betz and Sunset Elementary Schools, and the students are enjoying an amazing array of activities. Students in the first session learned about how to make videos and design and create their own, and took a field trip to KREM 2 News. In the second session, they are learning all about being a beekeeper, growing fruits and vegetables, and planning and designing their own Discover Our World project. They will visit a working bee colony, check out farm animals, and enjoy a hayride!