



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

December 2

Community Engagement,
Windsor Elem.,
5:30 p.m.

December 17

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

December 18

Community Engagement,
Sunset Elem.,
5:30 p.m.

Dec. 22—Jan. 2

Winter Vacation—
No School



December

Character Trait

CARING:

Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

Our number one priority transporting students to and from school each day is student safety. As a result, we have implemented consistent expectations for student behavior on our busses. In addition, we have several new technologies that ensure a safe trip to and from school for all of the children we transport.

Our bus drivers intentionally teach, enforce, and reinforce the expectations for student behavior on our busses. Students learn that RIDE means “**R**espect and support; **I**n your seat safely, **D**efinitely keep aisles clear, and **E**xtra attention to safety.” When students demonstrate PRIDE in their behavior as a rider on our busses, they receive a RIDE CARD that can be entered into a drawing for a prize at whichever school they attend. Our drivers are proud to be a member of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program that we have implemented district-wide. Research shows that when students are intentionally taught expectations, they are most likely to follow those expectations when the expectations are positively reinforced.

The latest new technology that we have implemented is a ‘paddle camera.’ This camera takes a picture when the ‘stop sign’ is activated. Other drivers on the road are required to stop whenever the bus driver activates the stop sign; however, some drivers are in a hurry and violate the stop sign. This is a serious violation of state law and could result in a significant injury for a child. As a result, we have installed paddle cameras on several of our busses, and are working with our local law enforcement agencies. Our law enforcement partners review the photos and make a determination about the most appropriate step; the same process they use daily in their work of enforcing laws and promoting safety in our community.

Other technologies that we employ to keep kids safe include cameras on our busses. If something happens on a bus that is reported to the driver after the children have been safely delivered to school, our transportation director and building-level administrator can review the video on the bus to determine what happened and take appropriate steps.

We are committed to providing a safe, caring learning environment in all areas of district operation, including a courteous and safe ride to school.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

RIDE

- R.** Respect and support
- I.** In your seat safely
- D.** Definitely keep aisles clear
- E.** Extra attention to safety

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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Bus fleet logs miles

Our fleet of busses travels more than 695,000 miles in a typical school year. In fact, we provide approximately 3,700 students with regular service to and from school—traveling 582,206 miles last year, thanks to your support. In addition, our extra-curricular program which includes athletics and activities transports students approximately 85,000 miles per year, providing our children with the opportunity to participate in the after-school activity or sport of their choice.



Thanks to the vigilance and expertise of our mechanics, our bus fleet is second to none!

Mechanics' dedication pays off

Our mechanics are dedicated to keeping our fleet of busses in top condition. Our most recent Washington State Patrol inspection resulted in 100% of our busses passing without a single issue. Our mechanics are proud of their record; and they receive accolades from the inspectors for their fine work. They are also called upon in a time of crisis to offer a helping hand. They have assisted other district busses that have traveled to our area that have had mechanical issues. The focus is to help out so the children visiting our schools may return home safely.

New technology keeps our children safe!

We recently installed cameras on several of our school busses to assist us with ensuring the safety of our students by requiring other vehicles on the road to STOP when the bus driver signals the bus is stopping to pick up children. We are committed to the safety of our children, and this new technology is making a difference.



accurate information on idle times so that we can reduce our costs and minimize air pollution at our schools.

Global positioning equipment

The global positioning equipment installed in our busses provides accurate information for routing our busses, providing correct pick-up times, and retraining our drivers. The equipment also provides