



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

June 3

Three Springs Commencement, 5:00 p.m., Betz A Time to Honor, CHS, 6:00 p.m.

June 5

Cheney High Commencement, EWU Pavilion, 7:00

June 10

School Board Meeting—Betz 6:00 p.m.

June 12

Last Day of School—Early Dismissal



June

Character Trait

INTEGRITY:

Living a set of values which includes honesty, respect for others and a sense of personal responsibility

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

The month of June brings with it many annual traditions in our schools. The most notable are the commencement ceremonies planned for our Three Springs High School graduates and Cheney High School graduates. As our society becomes more automated and fast-paced, I appreciate the commencement ceremonies that ground us in long-standing traditions.

The Three Springs High School commencement will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Betz Elementary School in the Viking Room. Our graduates welcome family and community members to celebrate the accomplishment of achieving a high school diploma. You likely know that earning a high school diploma today requires that students not only pass credit bearing classes that are required for a diploma, but also demonstrate proficiency in specific content areas. We are proud of each of our graduates for achieving these higher standards and we are incredibly grateful to our teachers and staff for providing the support necessary for all our students to achieve success.

Cheney High School's commencement will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastern Washington University Reese Court Pavilion. The academic commencement ceremony is one of the few rites of passage that remains in our modern society. Students don hats and gowns as they enter the pavilion walking to the traditional *Pomp and Circumstance* music performed by our Cheney High School band. The ceremony includes the tradition of speeches delivered by students and staff – some lighthearted and others more serious and inspirational. Our choir performs a piece prepared for the celebration, and then the most personal part of the ceremony | each graduate's name is called – s/he comes forward to be recognized, individually, for earning a high school diploma.

Our hope is that the commencement ceremony provides an experience for both students and parents that can long be remembered as a day of honor. In the Cheney Public Schools, our students graduate prepared for many post-secondary options. We are proud of each graduate and are grateful to our community for their support of the educational and co-curricular programming that makes the high school diploma a reality for each and every child in our community.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

*TSHS Commencement
June 3, 5:00 p.m.
CHS Commencement
June 5, 7:00 p.m.*

Our essential foundations

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

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CHS Valedictorians and Salutatorians

The criteria set for Cheney High School valedictorians and salutatorians are quite high. The graduating seniors with the highest grades 9-12 cumulative grade point average with a Humanities emphasis or Math/Science emphasis are considered for this recognition. These programs include their participation in Advanced Placement or Honors courses throughout their high school experience. Congratulations to the CHS valedictorians this year—Keith Emert and Sonora Hetrick, and the salutatorians—Connor Pratt, Jackson Spencer and Allison Sanchez. We are very proud of all of these fine students.



Hawks & Wolverines become Blackhawks!

At both of our middle schools, our eighth grade students participate in an end-of-year event to mark their middle school experience. Cheney Middle School and Westwood Middle School students will go to Silver Lake, and will be joined by the leadership class from Cheney High School for some fun team-building activities as they get ready to become Blackhawks!



Fifth graders celebrate

At each of our elementary schools, our fifth graders are taking the opportunity to remind us that they are the designated leaders of our elementary schools. To mark this occasion, each of our elementary schools plans for a special event. For example, at Snowdon Elementary School, our fifth graders planned a 'skip day!' - to Eastern Washington University. The children spent a day on the campus experiencing the recreational components of college life.

Other schools chose different events—at Windsor Elementary School there will be a fifth grade trip to Wonderland sponsored by the Windsor PTO, and several students will be recognized at their awards program on the last day of school.

Sunset Elementary School plans for a special recognition ceremony for each of their students. At Betz, fifth graders will visit the EWU Ropes Course on June 5. Salnave fifth graders will also experience the EWU Ropes Course to celebrate the end of their elementary years. They are excited to celebrate their years together and do some bonding with each other as they anticipate the fun they will all have at Cheney Middle School.