



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

September 2
First Day of School

September 10
School Board Meeting,
Betz Viking Room,
6:00 p.m.

October 8
School Board Meeting,
Betz Viking Room,
6:00 p.m.



September Character Trait

RESPECT:

Recognizing, considering and properly honoring the worth of one's self and others

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

The Cheney Public Schools Board of Directors and staff are eager to welcome all 4,200 students to the 2014-15 school year on September 2, 2014! We are looking forward to partnering with parents and community members to ensure our students achieve success in school and life. As such, our theme for this school year is 'go the distance' for our kids, and I'm pleased to share that we have already gone the extra mile by making several preparations for a wonderful start to the school year.

Your bond dollars have funded several capital projects this summer that are nearing completion. For example, several of our elementary school students will enjoy new carpet in libraries and classrooms. Our high school students will enjoy running on a new high school track which has been resurfaced. We are also thrilled to share that important and necessary roofing projects have been completed at several schools and an upgraded HVAC system installed at Salnave Elementary School. Our students and staff will have a comfortable learning environment thanks to these capital improvements!

Though we are extremely proud of the school site work which has been completed, it truly is our staff members and their work with students which provides the basis for our students' success. This year we are pleased to welcome more than 40 new staff members across the District. From the time students board a school bus in the morning, through the critical instructional time spent in the classroom, during lunch when nutritious meals are served, and as they encounter custodians and office staff throughout the day, they will be met by dedicated and caring individuals.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe, caring, and quality learning environment in order to achieve consistent and measurable academic progress for each and every child.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

*Go the distance
for our kids!*

Our essential foundations

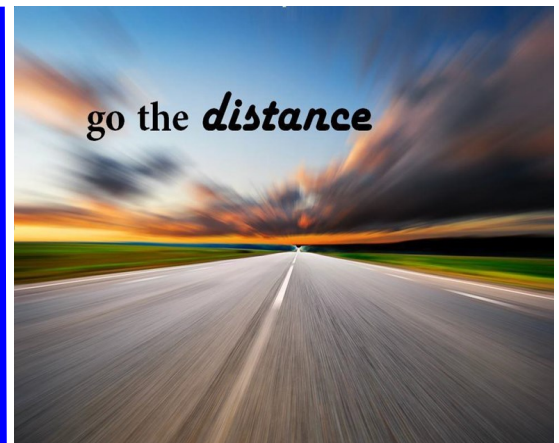
- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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

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Professional growth through evaluation

We continue to improve our evaluation process as we enter the school year with full implementation of the new Teacher Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP). Our District TPEP leadership team has designed a plan for the upcoming school year that will once again provide professional development and support for our teachers aligned to the state criterion using the Marzano Instructional Framework.



Home Works! dedication ceremony

Thanks to all who participated in the site tours and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Home Works! School on August 20, 2014. It was exciting to share this new home for the Parent Partnership program, along with the administration work sites and warehouse space created by the District's talented maintenance staff. Visitors were amazed to learn about the history of the former military site and the previous use of these buildings that now provide modern work areas for District departments.

Join the PACE Program

Our [Partners Advancing Character Education](#) (PACE) program enters its second year and we invite community members to partner with us in advancing character education throughout our community by joining the PACE initiative. Displaying a PACE poster at your work site is an easy way to show your support. You can also attend a school assembly to assist in the recognition of students who are honored for exemplifying the character trait! Our intent with PACE is to raise awareness about the importance of good character for success in school and life. Join us this month as we celebrate the character trait of "Respect."

Alignment to CCSS

We continue to strengthen our knowledge of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). At the elementary level, our teachers updated our Standards Based Report Card in alignment with the CCSS for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Our middle and high school teachers are working hard to align their instruction to the new standards which will be assessed for the first time this year using the Smarter Balance Assessment. We field-tested the Smarter Balance Assessment last year; therefore, are prepared to administer it on-line this year.

