



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**November 11**  
Veterans' Day—  
No School

**November 12**  
School Visit  
at CHS, 1:00 p.m.  
School Board  
Meeting,  
4:00 p.m.

**November 20-25**  
11:30 Early  
Dismissal  
Conferences

**November 26-28**  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday—  
No School



November  
Character Trait  
**CITIZENSHIP:**  
Positively contrib-  
uting to society and  
community as well as  
dutifully respecting  
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Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

The music was playing softly as I entered the room. I sat down and took a deep breath. For several minutes, the only sound filling the space was the beautiful pianist's rendition of a song we all knew well; after a few minutes the soloist began to sing a song of hope and promise. For many events in our lives, words are simply not enough. Those occasions are complete only because of music. Throughout our society and culture, music lifts our spirits, moves us to dance, or even to shout and cheer. We are so very proud in the Cheney Public Schools to provide our students with the opportunity to learn music from preschool through grade 12. We also know and celebrate the many young musicians who have pursued professional careers upon leaving our educational system.

All of our students from preschool through fifth grade participate in a minimum of two instructional experiences in music as a regular part of their school week. Students engage in a sequential and developmentally appropriate music program aligned with state and national standards. When students enter their fifth grade year they may also add a music class for learning an instrument. In recent years we have expanded our instrumental music program to include the string instruments. We are in our third year of this expansion and I'm pleased to share that participation in the strings program is strong.

As our students enter their middle school years they have the opportunity to participate in additional classes beyond the regular school day. Students may participate in jazz band or show choir. These course offerings continue into high school and provide students the opportunity to experience an audition to compete for spots on a select band or choir group.

Throughout the school year, students are provided the opportunity to perform for a live audience. These authentic learning experiences are unique to our musicians. Thanks to the support of our patrons, we are also able to provide our students with the opportunity to participate in co-curricular events such as marching band. Students, working under the guidance of our band instructor, choreographer, and specialists, create an amazing show that they use for competition as well as for the enjoyment of fans at our home football games.

Music is an integral part of our lives. The familiar beats get us 'fired-up' at an athletic contest, while a beautiful classical melody can lift our spirits and bring us peace. Thank you for your support of our music program which enriches the lives of our students so greatly.

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

Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

*Where words fail,  
music speaks*

## 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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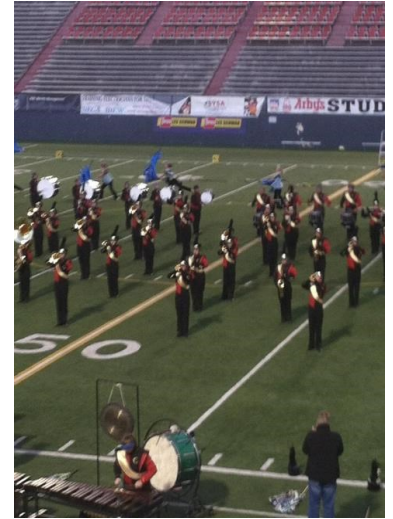
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## CHS band excels in competitions

The CHS band recently performed at the Northwest Band Competition held in Joe Albi Stadium and took 1st place in the AA division and 4th place overall. They earned trophies for Best General Effect, Best Percussion, Best Visual and Best Music. More competitions with more honors are still to come, and they join the choir at the winter concert on December 15 at 7:00 p.m.



## Choir students outperform!

CHS choir members always provide outstanding performances, and the Music 'N' Motion students put on an amazing show. Check them out at the upcoming winter concert on December 15, 2014.



## Music in our elementary schools

Students in the music programs at our elementary schools are enjoying learning about general and instrumental music. From singing to percussion, to band instruments, to strings, our young musicians have access to experiences that establish a solid foundation in the performing arts. Check the website calendar to find an upcoming concert.