

Special Edition · Fall 2013 Community Connections

Promises... delivered

Cheney Public Schools is celebrating the completion of projects funded through the \$79 million bond approved by district voters in 2010. The centerpiece of the bond provided for the construction of three new school buildings. All three have been completed ... on time and under budget.

Phil Snowdon Elementary Opened – Fall 2013

Cheney Middle School Opened – Fall 2012

Westwood Middle School Opened – Fall 2012

The district extends its thanks to NAC Architecture for its vision and dedication in designing structures that will serve the community well for decades to come. And most of all, the district salutes the supportive voters who made it possible. Thank you! See the results ...

Phil Snowdon Elementary

The newest addition to the district roster is Phil Snowdon Elementary School, serving the north-central tier of the district between Sunset and Windsor elementary schools.

Building features include high-technology classrooms; smallgroup work areas; a music room; project room for science and art; library with reading and instructional space (and 10,000 new books); computer lab; and a large gymnasium with a shock absorbent floor. Natural light – conducive to high student performance – abounds.

Phil Snowdon quick facts:

Location: 6323 S. Holly Road Building: 55,580 square feet Contractor: Leone and Keeble Inc. Students: 415 Principal: Shawna Fraser



"The community can take considerable pride in these beautiful new schools. They speak to the community's support of children and commitment to the future."

– Jessica Deutsch Parent



Safety and efficiency: The west-facing entrance to Snowdon adjoins a parking lot for parents, staff and visitors.

Students riding the bus embark from a separate area on the south side of the building.

Active and healthy: Outdoor amenities at Snowdon include play structures, a paved area for court sports and a large grass field.



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Our two middle schools

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Phase One of the bond involved replacement of Cheney Middle School, an overcrowded 1970s edifice housing nearly 1,000 students. In its place are two modern buildings that opened in the Fall of 2012 – the new Cheney Middle School, built on the previous school site; and Westwood Middle School in the Windsor neighborhood.

The buildings are virtually identical in size and design, save for school colors. Both feature separate, dedicated wings for grades 6, 7 and 8 - a design element intended to reduce foot traffic and passing time between classes. Each wing includes specialty rooms for robotics and construction projects.

Gym space – at a premium in the old building - is now plentiful. Each building features two large gyms, plus separate space for music and drama programs that once shared the old athletic venue. The new gyms also have created welcome new opportunities for community use.



Chenev **Middle School**

Quick facts Location: 740 Betz Road Building: 110,750 square feet Contractor: Lydig Construction Students: 479 Principal: Mike Stark



Westwood Middle School

Quick facts Location: 6120 S. Abbott Road Building: 110,750 square feet Contractor: Garco Construction Students: 469 Principal: Erika Burden





Did you know ...

Cheney is one of the fastest-growing school districts in Spokane County. Enrollment has grown nearly 20 percent – to more than 4,200 students – in the last decade.

"Beyond the obvious improvement in space, the new buildings have also changed our culture. Relationships are now closer and we have a greater sense of community." - Erika Burden

Westwood principal

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