



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

April 18

Citizens Facility Planning Committee Meeting
12:00 noon
Fisher Building,
520 Fourth St.,
Cheney.
Just RSVP to Sharon Throop at (509) 559-4502 if you would like to participate.

April 24

School Board Meeting
7:15 p.m.
Fisher Building

May 8

Employee Recognition at 5:00 and School Board Meeting at 6:00
Sunset Elementary

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

The visual arts are recognized as a core subject by the state of Washington and Cheney Public Schools. Our Board of Directors approved a visual arts program which provides our students with a valuable K-12 visual arts experience. Our District supports visual arts instruction for students that develops a richer understanding of communication, perspectives, and cultures.

At the elementary level, our classroom teachers provide direct instruction on the art elements, principles of design, and colors. The art elements include: line, shape, value, form, texture, space and pattern. An example of a shape and form assignment for a kindergartner may include creating a design using silhouettes of hands, while an example of student work at the third grade level may include creating a profile portrait silhouette using positive and negative shapes with dark and light paper. Each elementary school student is provided an Elements of Art Portfolio which serves a dual purpose: a reminder of the art elements, principles of design and color wheel (which are included on the cover) and a protective folder for holding student artwork.

Recently our Windsor Elementary School hosted an Art Museum Walk – an opportunity for parents and community members to witness, first-hand, the visual arts projects students created. There is no doubt that you would be able to see examples of our students' visual arts learning during a visit to any one of our elementary schools.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

You are invited!

The Citizens Facility Planning Committee will hold their next meeting at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 18, in the Fisher Building, 520 Fourth Street, Cheney.

If you have interest in participating on this committee, feel free to join us. Planning for the district's facility needs and possible solutions is of utmost importance, and we would value your help! Just RSVP to Sharon Throop at (509) 559-4502.

Our essential foundations

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

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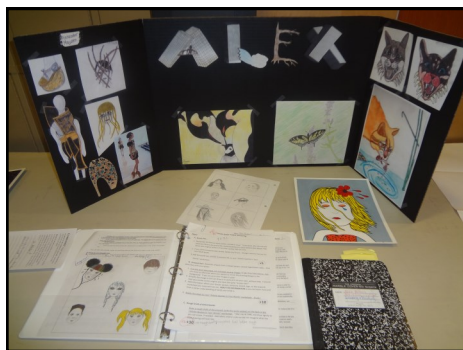
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Students enjoy learning through artistic expression

A visit to any of our schools, at the elementary through secondary level, will provide you an opportunity to view our students' amazing artwork.

The young artists in our elementary schools are eager to share their budding creativity, nurtured through art instruction, as is evidenced in the halls throughout our schools. Windsor recently hosted an Art Museum Walk for parents and community members. The picture to the right was created by a first grader—a lovely rendition of a happy giraffe.



At the middle school level, student projects are on display in the beautiful new display cases in each school. The opportunity to work in media such as clay is an integral part of the instruction that is now possible thanks to the planning which went into the construction of our new middle school facilities. An 'Art Night' is coordinated by Ms. Syrie at each school, and young artists share their talent with parents and community members during this special event (pictured at the left).



Advanced art students at the high school level can participate in junior/senior art classes, where they create unique projects under the direction of their teacher, Ms. Strampe or Mr. Scarcello. Student artwork is continually displayed in several cases throughout the school. In addition, our students enter their art in regional competitions—which are adjudicated; winners move on to the State level of competition. For example, at the recent NEWESD 101 art competition, three of our Cheney High School artists did extremely well. My Nguyen's work *Trong Dong* (pictured at left) and Payton Thorson's art *Where was my fault?* both won 1st Place Awards at the event, and Angelina Totmin's piece titled *Innocent Sound* was selected for the People's Choice Award.