



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

### Aug. 13

CHS, CMS, and WMS may be contacted to schedule registration appointments

### Aug. 15

Sports Physicals  
Cheney Medical Center, 5:30 pm.  
\$20 cash only  
accepted

### Aug. 19

Elementary registration begins and Three Springs HS may be contacted for registration

### Sept. 2

Labor Day  
Holiday

### Sept. 4

First Day of School

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

Going to a new school can be a scary experience for an elementary student—but for the approximately 400 students who will be transferring to Phil Snowdon Elementary School this fall the term they use to describe it is “Excited!” Our little “Cougars” will join their friends and many familiar adult faces at their new school. They will have room to grow and learn in the new instructional environment that has been thoughtfully designed by teachers, administrators, and support staff to provide a state-of-the-art educational program for them.

The school has two wings: a primary (grades PK-2) wing and an intermediate (grades 3-5) wing. The design team created spaces for small groups of students to work and learn together in an area directly outside of the classroom. We described this area as a “POD.” There are four in the school, with two conveniently located in each wing. The preschool and kindergarten students have access to an enclosed playground which is designed with small play structures for younger children and ensures their safety. Other specialty rooms include the music room, project room, library/computer lab, and gymnasium. The music room opens up to become a stage for concerts and other planned performances—making efficient use of the space. The project room provides a space for students to “get messy”—completing science projects or art projects. The library has an instructional space, reading space and new computer lab for researching and completing technology rich projects. The gymnasium is flooded with natural light and has a shock absorbent floor that helps prevent injuries.

This beautiful new facility has been constructed on time and under budget. We are so very grateful to you, our patrons, for your support of the children in our District. As a result of your support, the over-crowded environment that our children have experienced in recent years will become a distant memory.

Thank you!

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

**School starts Wednesday,  
September 4!**



## 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  
Westwood Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4161  
Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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## Phil Snowdon Elementary is ready for kids

Work on the new Phil Snowdon Elementary School has continued at a fast pace throughout the summer. We know community members, parents and students are as excited as we are to see the finished product!



## Joe Flatt builds beautiful windmill for Snowdon

District fabricator/welder extraordinaire Joe Flatt created the silver windmill at Snowdon Elementary School. Be sure to look for it when you drive by to view the building. This work of art truly captures the farming community theme at the heart of our school design.



The dedication of this beautiful new school has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Be certain to mark your calendars and plan to join us at Snowdon Elementary, 6323 S. Holly Rd., that evening.

## Bus riders—please take note!

There have been some changes in a few of the routes with the opening of the new elementary school. Letters have been sent out to all those students who are affected, with information pertaining to bus numbers and times.

- If your child is a new student, or
- If you have moved during the summer or have a new mailing address, or
- If your child rides a shuttle bus in the City of Cheney

Please call the Transportation Department at **559-4523** no later than August 19th to determine the appropriate bus route and arrange to have your child(ren) picked up.