

# **Community Connections**

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

## Important dates:

March 27

Cheney High School Facility Conversation and Tour -5:30 p.m. at CHS Join us! School Board Meeting follows -6:45 p.m.

### March 29

Cheney MS and Westwood MS End of Quarter

**April 1-5** Spring Vacation

No School

April 10 School Board Meeting at Westwood MS 6:00 p.m. Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

You may know that the Cheney Public Schools district boundary spans approximately 380 square miles. We are one of the largest districts in our region; therefore, providing reliable transportation services to the children of our community is a top priority.

Our fleet of 65 busses travels more than 652,000 miles in a typical school year. In fact, we provide approximately 2,100 students with regular service to and from school – traveling 566,400 miles. Our extra-curricular program which includes athletics and activities transports students approximately 69,000 miles per year – ensuring that the children of our community are able to participate.

Our mechanics are dedicated to keeping our fleet of busses in top condition. We recently had a surprise inspection from the Washington State Patrol (WSP), and 100% of the busses passed without a single issue! Our previous inspection, which was completed last summer, also concluded with rave reviews by WSP. Cheney Public Schools is known for excellence in all areas – including transportation services.

Thanks to the support of our local community, which supported a transportation vehicle fund levy in 2006, we continue to provide excellent service on busses that will last us for several more years.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D. Superintendent

# Thanks Bus Mechanics

## **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

Go to www.cheneysd.org for more news and information about Cheney Public Schools.



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# New technologies ensure student and staff safety

Student and staff safety is certainly a priority for our transportation services department. There are several new technologies that have been purchased and installed over the years to ensure student and staff safety. These technologies include: digital cameras, computer based routing system, and global positioning equipment. Through the careful use of these technologies, our staff and students enjoy a safe trip to and from school.



The technologies also provide our Transportation Director

with access to information in the event of a mishap. Although we are proactive in teaching our students



how to behave on the school bus, the digital cameras provide us with accurate information when a student has a concern about how another student has behaved on the bus. Our Director works closely with our building level administrators to follow up on concerns and make contact with students and parents. The computer based routing system assisted our Director with the creation of new and

most efficient routes for our new middle schools, and will also play an important role in determining routes

for students transported to our new elementary school which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. Finally, in the event of an accident, our global positioning equipment can provide accurate information on location and what occurred prior to the accident. Student and staff safety while riding our busses is our priority.

