



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

Nov. 12
Veterans' Day
No School

Nov. 14
Focus on Education Week Event
at Salnave
Elementary
School
1:00 p.m.

Nov. 21
Early Dismissal
1-1/2 Hours Early

Nov. 22-23
Thanksgiving
Holiday
No School

Nov. 27-30
11:30 Early
Dismissal
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 30
No Late Start

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

Our Board of Directors is committed to providing our community with opportunities to provide input and feedback to our Board as we strive to meet the educational needs of our growing student population. In October we hosted two events that were very well attended – a community roundtable about Cheney High School and a community partner conversation about the new science field station.

The community roundtable was held at Cheney High School on October 24, 2012. Community members in attendance learned about the growing student population at Cheney High School and the constrained facility there. The high school was originally constructed in 1966 and was renovated in 1994. The facility was designed to accommodate approximately 900 students. The current enrollment at Cheney High School is approximately 1200 students. Enrollment has been on an upward trend for the past few years and is expected to continue to grow. You may have driven by the high school and noticed that we have relocated several portable classrooms to the high school in order to provide an additional 10,800 square feet of classroom space.

Some of the key needs identified for our high school include:

- A commons area for students to gather which may also serve as a cafeteria space for students during the lunch period;
- A performing arts venue for our music and band programs as well as our drama program;
- A better flow of students throughout our school during the transitions between classes and more classrooms for instruction of regular classes and specialty classes.

Our Board of Directors is hosting another event on November 14, 2012 as part of our Focus on Education Week. Patrons of the District are welcome to join a tour group at Salnave Elementary School to visit classrooms to witness, first-hand, the great education we are providing our students. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. If you have time in your schedule and would like to attend, please confirm your participation by giving me a call at 559-4502, as space is limited.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

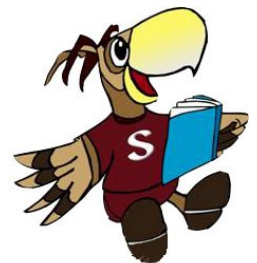
Our essential foundations

- ★ 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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Join us!



**Salnave
Elementary**

Nov. 14, 1:00 p.m.

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Band members represent the district in amazing fashion

The 2012-13 school year started in August for the CHS Instrumental Music Program. This year's Marching Band boasted a membership of 107. The higher than average enrollment placed the AA school band in the AAAA division. But, as expected, the CHS Marching Band students rose to the challenge. Following is a sampling of the judges' feedback about CHS bands:

- "This may be the most progressive marching program I've seen in Washington State in years and I congratulate you, Mr. Suhling, for both you and your students' innovation and drive." - Puget Sound Festival of Bands
- "What I appreciate about Cheney is that you've really stepped out and taken a chance ... kind of a dare ... a pioneering thing in terms of marching bands, with a lot of work and passion and a vibe all your own." - Thunder Marching Band Competition



With Marching Band ended, the focus in the coming months will shift to "stage" groups: Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Bands. The groups will travel Washington State, performing and competing in high school and college auditoriums from January to May. CHS student ensembles are judged according to their ability to perform on a formal stage, and must compete with groups that have access to a stage at their schools.

Despite not having a performing arts center at CHS, the hard work of our director and students has gained regional and statewide recognition. Current limited solutions to provide basic stage training include the use of the EWU recital hall stage by CHS Jazz with the EWU Jazz Ensembles on December 5, and the rental of the EWU recital hall by the CHS Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble on March 26. The Cheney High School bands are proud to represent the Cheney community around the state in 2012-13. Please join them at their upcoming performances and experience the success, excitement, and "vibe all their own." The CHS Band and Choir Programs present their holiday concert in the CHS main gym on December 10 at 7:00 p.m.