



# Community Connections

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

## ***School begins Wednesday, August 31 —welcome!***

Preparations are well underway for the start of the 2011-2012 school year. We are finishing up our summer projects and continuing the work on our new school buildings. New curriculum materials in the areas of social studies, fine arts and world languages are stacked high in our district building and will be distributed to our schools shortly, and our leadership team is back—putting together the final touches on this year's plans for their buildings.

We have worked hard to stretch our pennies in this tough economic time to make sure that we could continue to sustain the programs necessary to support the needs of all of our students. We have found ways to use the talent within the district to support the professional development of staff, and I am proud of how hard the staff has worked to find grants and other opportunities to create wonderful opportunities for our children. We are in the final stages of working with our community partners to develop a school based health clinic at Sunset Elementary to support our students and families. We also have an effort underway, as part of a community effort, to address childhood obesity through adjusting our nutrition services program and wellness activities. An exciting part of this is that we will move away from the warming of prepackaged foods toward cooking kitchens with better balanced meals.

In terms of facilities, what a difference a year makes! Both of our middle schools are well underway and, by the time school starts, the full outline of each school will be etched in steel. Our work on the development of co-curricular fields on Crunk's Hill has started, and by late this fall the project will be complete, with the exception of the grass growing! We are looking to have the design of the new elementary school complete this fall, with construction starting next spring, and are very close to acquiring the Four Lakes Communication site.

In summary, we are busy but very focused on how best to serve our students. For those students and families returning to the district, welcome back; and for those new to our district, we are glad you have chosen the West Plains to be your new home and we look forward to meeting you. We appreciate our communities' support and will continue to work hard to provide the best education possible for all of our kids.

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Lawrence R. Keller  
Superintendent

## **Student Advisors to the School Board for 2011-12 school year**

Two outstanding high school students have been selected by the School Board to serve as Student Advisors to the Board this year. **Seth McCombie** and **Tyler Pratt** from Cheney High School will attend Board meetings throughout the year and will provide the Board with the important student perspective as it makes policy decisions on behalf of all the students of our growing school district. We are fortunate to have such superb young people joining our dedicated Board of Directors. The Cheney School Board includes **President Larry Haskell**, **Vice-President Richard Mount**, and members **Suzanne Dolle**, **Marcie Estrellado**, and **James Whiteley**.

**Friday reminder:** One hour late start for all schools in our district to provide for teacher collaborative time.  
Your child's school day begins one hour later; the buses run one hour later.

## **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  
Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

Go to [www.cheneysd.org](http://www.cheneysd.org) for more news and information about Cheney Public Schools.

## **Important dates:**

- Aug. 1 CHS and CMS may be contacted to schedule registration appointments
- Aug. 15 2011-2012 Elementary registration begins
- Aug. 18 Three Springs may be contacted for registration
- Aug. 31 First day of school
- Sept. 2 First collaborative late start Friday
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Holiday—**No School**



## 2011-12 Cheney High School Athletic/Activity Information

The fall sports and activity start dates are noted below:

Gr. 9-12 Football	Aug. 17	9:00 a.m. (Theater) and 2:00 p.m. (Classrooms & Field)
Gr. 9-12 Volleyball	Aug. 22	9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Gym)
Gr. 9-12 Cross Country	Aug. 22	3:15 p.m. (Rm. 218)
Gr. 9-12 Girls Swimming	Aug. 22	7:00-9:00 a.m. 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Pool)
Gr. 9-12 Girls Soccer	Aug. 22	8:00-10:30 a.m. 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Field)

In order to participate in athletics at Cheney High School the following are required:

- ✓ A physical examination form must be completed by a physician and signed by the parent/guardian (if any irregularity is noted on the physical form). This physical is valid for two years. All incoming 9th graders and students who are new to Cheney High School must have a current physical.
- ✓ ASB Card (cost—\$40)
- ✓ Signed Safety Guidelines for the specific sport
- ✓ Signed 2011-12 Activity Code
- ✓ Concussion Information Form
- ✓ School Insurance or Insurance Waiver
- ✓ Current Emergency Card

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The **9th Grade Orientation** will be held on Wednesday night, August 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Questions about Cheney High School athletic or activity information can be answered by contacting Jim Missel, Assistant Principal for Activities and Athletics, at 559-4103 (by phone) or [jtmassel@cheneysd.org](mailto:jtmassel@cheneysd.org) (by email). Information is also available by calling the CHS Activity Line, 559-4120.



## 2011-12 Cheney Middle School Athletic/Activity Information

Fall athletics practice start dates:

Football	September 2	3:15 p.m.
Cross Country	September 7	3:15 p.m.
Softball	September 7	3:15 p.m.

In order to participate in athletics or activities at Cheney Middle School, the requirements are similar to those of CHS above.

Sports Information Night is Tuesday, August 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please plan on attending if your student will be participating in athletics or activities at Cheney Middle School.

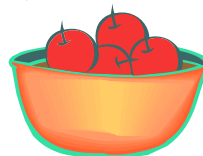
For athletics and activities information, please contact the CMS main office at 559-4400.

## School breakfast and lunch

Once again, the Washington State Legislature has appropriated funds so *those students qualifying for reduced breakfast and lunch will not have to pay the \$.30 co-pay for breakfast. In addition, students in grades K-3 qualifying for reduced breakfast and lunch will not have to pay the \$.40 co-pay for lunch.* Therefore, no charge will be made to reduced-price students for breakfast, and no charge will be made for reduced-price lunch for grades K-3 students who qualify. School lunch reduced price for grades 4-12 will remain \$.40.

Due to the continued increases in the prices of groceries, milk and dairy, fuel and transportation, it is necessary to increase breakfast and lunch prices slightly for the 2011-12 school year. The following are this year's lunch and breakfast prices:

Elementary Lunch	\$2.20	Reduced	\$.40
		Reduced K-3	No Fee
Elementary Breakfast	1.40	Reduced	No Fee
Milk or Juice	.60		
Middle School Lunch	2.65	Reduced	\$.40
High School Lunch	2.70		
Secondary Breakfast	1.50	Reduced	No Fee
Milk or Juice	.60		
Ala Carte Items	1.50		
Adult Lunch	\$3.50	Breakfast	\$2.00



### Free and Reduced Price Applications

Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Applications will be distributed to each household through the mail with instructions on completing and returning the application. Additional application forms will also be available at each school. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call Brian Levy, Nutrition Services Director, at 559-4506.

### Medication

#### ***Prescription medication and doctor-prescribed over-the-counter medication***

If a student is to receive medication of any kind, the parent/guardian and the medical provider must sign an "Authorization for Administration of Medication at School" form. This form is available at your child's school. The signed form must accompany the medication, and the medication is to be kept in the school office. Parents are responsible for providing the medication in the original container labeled with the student's name, medication, time and dosage to be given. Please obtain a second bottle for this purpose that can be sent to school.

**Medicine sent to school in a baggie or lunch box is unacceptable.**

## Bus riders—please take note!

The Transportation Department requests parents' help to ensure that your child(ren) will have a safe and positive ride to and from school.

- **If your child is a new student, or**
- **If you have moved during the summer, or**
- **If your child is entering the 6th grade -----**

Please call the Transportation Department at **559-4523** on or after August 1st to determine the appropriate bus route and arrange to have your child(ren) picked up.



***If you have a kindergarten student needing transportation, make certain you call the above number.*** It is imperative that parents call with transportation needs. It is helpful if you make note of your child's bus number when it is given to you at the time you call.

The Transportation Department of Cheney Public Schools is committed to efficiently and safely transporting students to and from school. In order for us to continue to ensure student safety, we will accommodate one pick-up and one drop-off address per student. All alternate destinations will require a bus pass from your child's school. No student will be let off at a stop other than his/her designated stop without a pass. Thank you for working closely with our drivers to better communicate changes in your child's pick-up and drop-off routine.

All possessions taken to school on the bus should be clearly labeled, including eyeglasses, coats and hats, boots, backpacks, lunch bags, band instruments, etc.

Our drivers are here to transport our children safely to and from school. We ask parents to help us by stressing the importance of bus safety, and obeying the driver and bus rules at all times, thus ensuring a safe drive for all.

As always, the Transportation Department welcomes your calls and concerns in helping us to do our very important job - ensuring the safe transportation of our children to and from school.

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## Save the dates for READY! for Kindergarten

Fall READY! Classes for Parents

Windsor Elementary READY! for Kindergarten, Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m.

Sunset Elementary READY! for Kindergarten, Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.

Salhove Elementary READY! for Kindergarten, Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.

READY! for Kindergarten is a free parent education program focusing on the development of skills children need to be ready to succeed in school when they enter kindergarten. Classes for parents are designed for parents (or primary caregivers) of children (or when parent is expecting), birth to age 5. Parents who wish to take part in the READY! for Kindergarten program are invited to attend three classes during the school year. In the fall, the class focuses on letters and sounds. In the winter (Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11), the class focuses on math and reasoning. In the spring (April 14, 21 & 28), the class focuses on social and emotional skills.

“We know that when students have sufficient skills in these areas, they are ready to succeed in school. Because parents are their children's first and most influential teacher, we want to help parents work with their children on these skills. The information, tools and activities we provide to parents enable them to work with their children and make learning easy and fun,” says C.J. Johnson, the district's READY! for Kindergarten coordinator. The classes are specifically designed to prepare parents of children at each age level:

- Expecting Parents and Parents with Children Birth to Age 1
- Age 1-2
- Age 2-3
- Age 3-4
- Age 4-5

During the 90-minute READY! for Kindergarten classes, teachers use DVDs, written curriculum and hands-on instruction to share concepts with parents. Activities and developmentally appropriate instructional materials are demonstrated by teachers while benefits of using the materials are explained. These classes also give parents the opportunity to meet and get to know district kindergarten teachers. The classes are offered three times for each session in fall, winter and spring so parents with more than one child under the age of 5 may enroll in a class for each of their children. While children do not take part in the READY! for Kindergarten classes, free childcare is available during the classes. Registration will be posted on the front page of the district web site, or contact C.J. Johnson, [cjohnson@cheneysd.org](mailto:cjohnson@cheneysd.org) for a registration form.

### CHS Annual senior picture deadline

Annuals go on sale Aug. 31 through Dec. 9. The senior picture deadline is Friday, October 7. All pictures must be in full color, 300 d.p.i., JPEG format and can be submitted as a CD, thumb drive, hard copy or emailed to [rhunt@cheneysd.org](mailto:rhunt@cheneysd.org). No black and whites and no photographs including props (hats, animals, sunglasses, instruments, stuffed animals, etc.) or inappropriate subject matter will be accepted. If you are not able to get a picture taken, then pictures taken by Dorian's on picture day will be used. Mr. Hunt will gladly take anyone's picture if needed.

Cheney Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, economic status, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, pregnancy, familial status, marital status, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer/ADA Coordinator or Section 504 Coordinator. Or inquiries may be directed to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of HEW, Washington, D.C.

Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 Officer/ADA Coordinator  
Dr. Debra Clemens, Associate Superintendent  
Cheney School District, 520 Fourth Street  
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4550

Section 504 Coordinator  
Kristi Thurston, Director, Student Support Services  
Cheney School District, 520 Fourth Street  
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4507

Requests for Disclosure of Public Records  
Sharon Throop, Public Records Officer  
Cheney School District, 520 Fourth Street  
Cheney, WA 99004 Phone: (509) 559-4502



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## New student registration

Registration for students new to the district begins **Monday, August 15th**.

**Students in kindergarten through fifth grade** who are new to the district can register at their respective schools every weekday beginning August 15th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Cheney Middle School** students new to the district can call 559-4400 at any time after August 1st to make an appointment to register.

**Cheney High School** appointments for new student registration should be made in advance at any time after August 1st by calling 559-4000.

**Three Springs High School** students should call 559-4587 on August 18th or later to make an appointment to register.

**Kindergartners and students new to the district must bring a birth certificate (or proof of birth) and immunization records when registering.**



## Don't forget those immunizations!

Each student must have a completed Certificate of Immunization Status form on file at school, or present one prior to admission. The Spokane County Health Department offers immunizations and examinations to children for a minimal charge. **Kindergarten students enrolling in Cheney Public Schools will be given a 30-day grace period to comply with state immunization requirements.**

### VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, GRADES K-12

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Month, Day & Year are required documentation of all vaccines.

VACCINE	Kindergarten – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades
<b>HEPATITIS B</b>	<b>3 Doses (or 2 Doses</b> for adolescents, 11-15 year olds)		
<b>DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap</b>	<b>5 Doses (or 4 Doses</b> depending on when vaccine was given)		
<b>POLIO (IPV/OPV)</b>	<b>4 Doses (or 3 Doses</b> depending on when vaccine was given)		
<b>MMR</b>	<b>2 Doses</b>		
<b>VARICELLA</b>	<b>2 Doses</b>	<b>1 Dose</b>	<b>Recommended (not required)</b>

Exemptions from the requirements are medical, religious or personal. For information about immunizations, please call the Spokane Regional Health District at 324-1500.