



## PTA News Briefs

December 2012

The Berney PTA met on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Thank you to everyone who attended including: Tania Nelson, Donna Painter, Twyla Swanson, Mark Higgins, Megan Kemp, Kristin Wilson, Sandi Patton, Shannon Hand, Kim Kajita, Rachel McCauley, Marcella Rietz, Denise Parodi, and Pam Myers.

### Financial Summary

PTA Treasurer Kim Kajita gave PTA members an update/report on our PTA finances. We have \$451.00 from Book Fair, so as of November 13, 2012 our balance is \$12,042.54.

### Food Drive Huge Success

Mrs. Painter reported that our food drive was huge success. Lots of families, students, and staff helped distribute food bags on Friday after school. Saturday's "Fill the Bus" included strong support from Berney at Albertson's. On Sunday, Berney staff picked up the food bags. Berney came in 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Prospect Point for collecting the most food for the food drive. We may do another food drive in February at Berney.

### Strong turnout for goal setting conferences

Goal Setting Conferences had a 90% parent turnout. We had good responses from parents about new report cards since report cards will not be sent out until February. Teachers are working hard to keep parents updated and informed.

### Smartboards on the way!

Smartboards for each classroom are also in the near future for Berney School! Right now Technology is working out some of the details, so stay tuned for more information about this technology tool to help increase students learning.

### Plans underway for Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

Read-a-Thon: Are you interested in helping with our school fundraiser this year? Please contact Michelle Shaul or Mrs. Painter. We are excited to raise money while we encourage our children to read! More information will follow in the near future. We will be discussing details at our PTA Meeting in December—please join us and bring your ideas!

### Carnival Auction items needed

If you have any items that could be donated for the school Carnival auction, please contact Mrs. Painter.

## School Activities & Calendar

### Berney PTA Meeting

- Tuesday, December 11
- 7 p.m. @ Berney Library

### Berney Movie Night

- Friday, December 14
- Movie: *Arthur Christmas*
- Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- Movie begins at 6:45 p.m.
- Admission is free, snacks available for purchase
- Bring an adult with you to enjoy the fun!

### Berney Holiday Concert

- December 18 (gym)
- K-2 12:30 p.m.
- 3-5 1:45 p.m.
- \* Students may go home after the concert once they check out with their teacher.

### Winter Break Schedule

- No School: Thursday, Dec. 20 to Wednesday, Jan. 2
- Classes resume Thursday, January 3

### Superintendent's Patron Tour

- Wednesday, Dec. 12
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch served)
- Superintendent Mick Miller will take guests to Edison Elementary, Wa-Hi and Lincoln High School.
- Contact Mark Higgins to RSVP: mhiggins@wwps.org / 526.6716

# Walla Walla High School Bond Proposal

## Improved teaching and learning spaces top priority of bond

Walla Walla Public Schools will seek a \$48 million bond on the February 12, 2013 Special Election to fund a \$69.6 million modernization of Walla Walla High School.

All of the existing 1963 buildings will be remodeled and upgraded in the design to reduce costs. The project is eligible for \$21.6 million in State Matching dollars which will be used on the Wa-Hi project. Should there be any excess funds, they will be dedicated for facility improvements at Lincoln High School.

Cost is an increase of 68 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The recently approved College Place School District bond was \$2.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

## Bond Costs & Timeline

- Local Bond Amount: \$48 million
- State Matching funds: \$21.6 million  
(*Matching dollars to fund Wa-Hi project*)
- Total Project Cost: \$69.6 million
- 68 cents per \$1,000 assessed value increase  
(*College Place Bond = \$2.67 per \$1,000*)

### NOTE:

- \* Any excess bond funds will be used for facility improvements at Lincoln High School.
- \* Sharpstein Bond paid in full - Dec. 2012
- \* Edison Bond paid in full - Dec. 2018

### Proposed Project Timeline (if approved)

- Winter 2013: Detailed architectural design
- Spring 2014: Contractor bids
- Summer 2014: Project begins
- Winter 2016: Project completed

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**Today's 5th graders would be the first freshmen to attend the new Wa-Hi for all four years.**



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