



PTA News Briefs

January 2013

Welcome Back! Thank you everyone who attended our January 8th PTA Meeting. We had 13 members attend and we are excited to start 2013 here at Berney Elementary.

Read-A-Thon

Get ready for our mid-Winter Read-A-Thon Fundraiser! Information packets will go home Friday, January 25 and students will begin collecting pledges. Important fundraiser dates and activities include: Wednesday, January 30 "Berney Hat Day," and Friday, February 1st will be a "Camp" read in day. Students will wear cozy pajamas, bring a special book and hibernate in their cabin (classroom) to read all day.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000, which equates to \$23 per Berney student. If we meet our \$10,000 goal, we will have an assembly, Mrs. Painter will dress up as a bulldog for the day and at the assembly all students would be given a root beer float and a certificate for participating. Let's get ready to read!!!

Citizens for Schools

Citizens for Schools is organizing the Wa-Hi Modernization Bond campaign. We are getting close to the February 12th election. Please contact Mrs. Painter for more information about helping educate the community. Our 5th grade students would be the first group to attend a modernized Wa-Hi for their entire high school years. T-shirts are also available for \$5.

Thank you to all of our staff for helping educate our students and making Berney a safe place for kids! Upcoming events include: Read-A-Thon activities, the Spring Book Fair, Miles Club and the Spring Carnival. Please contact Tania Nelson or Mrs. Painter if you have any questions.

Carnival Auction items needed

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

We hope you can join us at our next PTA meeting in the Berney Library on February 12, 2013 at 7 p.m.

School Activities & Calendar

Berney PTA Meeting

- Tuesday, Feb. 12
- 7 p.m. @ Berney Library

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- No School Feb. 7 & 8
- Conferences are Wednesday, Feb. 6 in the evenings and Thursday, Feb. 7 all day. Contact your child's teacher for Parent Conference details.

Scholastic Book Fair

- Come visit the Book Fair in the library during conference week.

Berney PTA Movie Night

- Friday, Feb. 22
- 6:45 p.m. (doors at 6:30 p.m.)
- Bring a parent or adult friend

Thank you to all of our Committee Chairs:

- Yearbook: Lisa Davis & Annette Matlock
- Volunteers/Membership: Robin Harris
- Newsletter: Michelle Higgins
- Website: Michelle Higgins
- Hospitality: Megan Kemp
- Teacher Appreciation: Megan Kemp
- Miles Club: Anabrenda Blethen
- Read-a-Thon: Twyla Swanson, Tania Nelson & Jennifer Holbrook
- Carnival: Heather Slusser
- Flower Show: Robin Harris
- Book Fair: Volunteer Needed for spring
 - AR: Stephanie Kytola
 - Movie Committee: Jim Peterson

Walla Walla High School Bond Proposal

A proposal to modernize Walla Walla High School will be on the February 12 special election with ballots mailing out January 25. The project will honor the tradition of the school by modernizing all of the existing 1963 buildings. It will also include a new all weather track and music facility.

Other improvements include modern science labs, energy efficiency upgrades, safety and security enhancements and larger classrooms with today's technology. Any excess funds from the local bond and state matching dollars from the project will be returned to taxpayers by paying down the bond debt.

Visit the school district website (www.wwps.org) for more information or contact Principal Pete Peterson for a school tour.



Wa-Hi's classrooms are cramped and outdated. The new classrooms will be larger and have modern technology.

The school will also have air conditioning and modern heating. Classrooms can exceed 90 degrees in the early fall and late spring.

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Wa-Hi's science labs are too small and lack the necessary equipment to meet curriculum needs. The new labs are larger and have the proper equipment for today.



All outdoor breezeways will be replaced with interior hallways. This allows for more classroom space, improves efficiencies and eliminates exterior doors for safety.



Wa-Hi lacks electrical infrastructure for today's learning.

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