



Berney News and Notes

March 2013

Read-A-Thon Summary: The Read-A-Thon fundraiser brought in nearly \$10,000. PTA and staff considered it a success, especially for the first year! We received a lot of positive feedback from our families on this event and will plan for an even better fundraiser next year. We celebrated the student's success with a root beer float assembly. Parent volunteers scooped ice cream and our bulldogs enjoyed dancing with a surprise new mascot for our school. Mrs. Painter presented the Bulldog at the assembly and the students danced with her to "Who Let the Dogs Out." The costume will remain at Berney to be used in future years; perhaps to greet Berney Bulldogs on the first day of school or celebrate with us at carnival.

Classified Employees Week: Berney celebrated classified staff week with thank you posters and a luncheon made by the teachers for the classified staff. The school district delivered a gift for classified staff to show their appreciation for all our "classy" staff members.

Spring Concert: Our spring concert was held March 21 in our gym. Thanks to all of our families who took time out of your busy schedules to see our students perform. Mrs. Jagelski and our students were amazing.

Chihuly Night: Chihuly Night with P.L.A.Y (Picture Lab And You) and PTA was hosted March 19th in the gym. The kids had a great time making colorful art projects and looking at blown glass pieces that were made in Chihuly's studio. Many students got to bring home prizes that they won in the raffle in addition to the fabulous projects that were created.

BizTown: Thanks to the PTA for donating funds to the 5th grade field trip to BizTown. The 5th graders traveled to Yakima and ran BizTown for the day. Before the left, they spent weeks learning how to write checks, make deposits and balance a check book. Our students ran 16 separate businesses, the public works department, and exercised rights of citizenship such as voting.

School Zone Patrols: Don't forget, there will be a law enforcement emphasis in our school zone after spring break. Please watch your speed and use the crosswalks when you are in our school zone.

Movie Night Summary: Our movie nights have ended for the 2012-13 school year. Thanks to Jim Peitersen and the parent volunteers that made those popular nights such a success. Our families love this fun, free event.

School Activities & Calendar

Berney PTA Meeting

- April 9 @ 7 p.m.
- Berney Library

Swimming: 2nd Grade will continue with swimming after spring break

FFA Farm Visits: 1st grade visits the FFA Barns at WWHS 4/11

5th Grade Field Trip: 5th grade will attend Make a Splash at WWCC Water Center 4/19

Volunteer Tea

- April 24, 3 to 5 p.m. in the library

Berney Carnival

- Friday, April 26

Retirement Celebration

- Principal Donna Painter
- Wednesday, May 1 @ 3:30-5 p.m.

Berney Miles Club

- Begins Tuesdays and Thursdays after spring break. Remember to bring your water bottles!

Berney Spring Carnival!

Berney Carnival

- Friday, April 26
- Berney Gym and Grounds
- Event chair: Heather Slusser

Featured attractions!

- Bouncy house and slides
- Pizza, cotton candy and treats
- Games, face painting and activities for the entire family
- Silent auction with items made by staff

Berney Tidbits

Playground balls: There seems to be a shortage of balls in the equipment box on the K-1 playground. PE Teacher Ryan VanDyke will do an equipment review to see what purchases are necessary and may request PTA assistance with this purchase.

Sandwich Board Information Station: The PTA will purchase the supplies for parent volunteers to make a sandwich board for the front of the school to announce events. We hope that this will help to encourage families to attend PTA sponsored events.

Picturing America Posters: The Picturing America posters have been hung in the cafeteria and will become a permanent rotating display. They look wonderful, stop by and check them out. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Painter for the wonderful frames!

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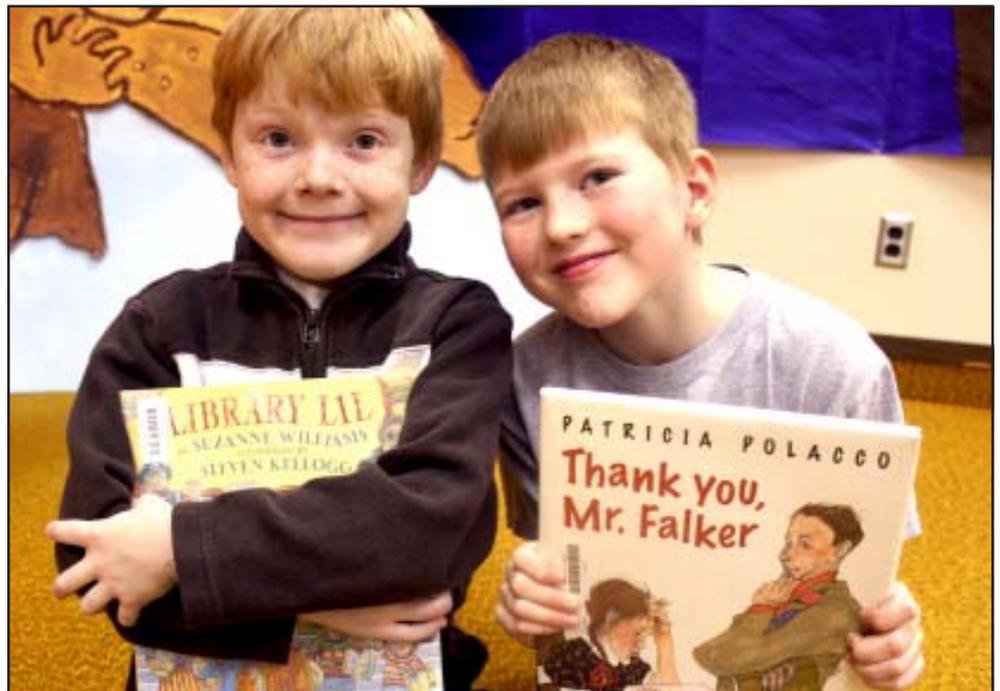
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Berney Bulldogs take a bite out of reading



(L-R) Berney first grade student **Finn Mosher** and Berney second grader **Stephen Burt** love to read and motivate each other to excel! Last year Stephen read one million words and when Finn heard this news he said he wanted to join the one million word club too.

Finn set a personal Accelerated Reader goal to read one million words by the end of the year. He's already reached that goal and the school year is not over. Finn is in Stacy Morrison's class. Stephen has exceeded two million words total since starting school at Berney and is pushing towards three million as the end of the year draws near. He is in Kelley Hubbard's and Shannon Hand's classroom. Great job boys!