



November 2014 Update

Hello Berney Families,

Without a doubt, the cold weather has arrived which also means our Lost and Found pile grows! Our policy for recess is that we go outside as cold as 16 degrees, or unless the wind chill has a less than 16 degree feel, per weather websites. Therefore, please send your child with items to stay warm. We have a share bucket so that students who forget their hats or gloves can borrow them for recess. We also go out in the rain, most days, so please send your children prepared for the wet weather as well.

Early Release and Spirit Day: Next Wednesday, November 19th we will release at 12:30 so that all of your families and the staff may prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you know ahead of time your child will not be in school on Wednesday, or any day, please let the office know as soon as possible. We will also be having a spirit day, sponsored by the student council on Wednesday. Students earned this day by exceeding the 1200 pounds of food challenge for the food drive. In fact, we won first place out of all the school by collecting 1940 pounds of food. Thank you for your tremendous support!

Upcoming Parent and Family Events: This year we are working to provide more opportunities for parents and whole families to come learn with Berney staff. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- **Family Math Night:** Thursday December 4. 6-7pm. Berney cafeteria and gym. Come play math games with your children and leave with cards and dice to keep you busy playing games over Winter Break.
- **PTA Meeting:** Please join us for our December PTA meeting on Thursday, December 11th at 7pm in the library.
- **Holiday Program:** The amazing Mrs. Jagelski will showcase Berney talent again for the holidays. Please join us on Thursday, December 18th for the **K-2 program from 12:30-1:30 and/or the 3-5 program from 1:45-2:45.**

Bullying Prevention and Reporting Procedures: I am working with each of the 4th and 5th grade classes individually to help ensure a more clear understanding of bullying in comparison to rude behavior, for example. We also want to make sure students know that they can report to any adult in the building, to their friends, and to you as parents/guardians. You can report, anonymously on behalf of any child by using the district form also. This form can be found on the WWPS website on the right hand menu, "Bullying Reporting".

Drop off and Pick Up, Again: The curb in front of the office is intended for drop off and pick up, while the driver stays in the car. If you need to come in please park in a different area so we can keep the flow of traffic moving.

Educational tip: Do you ever ask your child how their day was and they say, "Fine," or when you ask them what they learned they say, "Nothing." I can guarantee that this is not an accurate reflection of their day. Consider saying, "Tell me the best part of your day." "What type of problems did you work on in math today?" "What book did you read today and tell me your favorite part."

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving week and for the upcoming holidays you celebrate.

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