



**October 2015
Berney Elementary
Principal Update**

Hello Berney Families,

Happy October!

This week is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher for fall goal setting. This is a great time for you and the teacher to create a common understanding of your child's progress toward meeting grade level standards, and to support their continued growth as a learner. We always appreciate your questions and input, as you know your child the best.

We had a great turnout for our first PTA meeting last week. Based on input from those who could join us, we are going to put together a document describing the committees for the year. This will provide information to make it easier for you to know where we could use your help. Even if you are not a PTA member, we'd love to have your help. Paid PTA members are able to vote on the budget and other items that come up, but ALL families are encouraged to join PTA and/or volunteer.

At the end of this month we will be kicking off our one big PTA fundraiser for the year. The Berney PTA operates on about \$10,000 a year. This money supports field trips, classroom supplies and instructional materials for teachers, the spring carnival, miles club and movie nights. After several years of "Camp Read A-Lot" we are going back to Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough for the potential to raise more money. There will also be an option to donate directly to PTA for those who want to support the Berney, but do not want to buy the cookie dough. This fundraiser will run October 26 – November 9.

Our goal for the fundraiser is to raise at least \$15,000, with the first \$4000 over the \$10,000 needed for operating, to go toward a new sound system in the gym. The sound system received the most votes from staff when asked what they would like the money to support.

I hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, October 22nd at 6pm in the gym for this year's Whitman Science Night. It is a free event for Berney families and a great opportunity for everyone to have fun with different types of science.

Have a great October, and please contact me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions.

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