



**November 2015
Berney Elementary
Principal Update**

Hello Berney Families,

Happy November!

A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped support our cookie dough fundraiser. At this time I don't have any total amounts, but I expect to be able to share them with you in the December newsletter. If you are available to help with the distribution of items when they arrive in December, please contact Rachel McCauley, PTA President, at Berneypta@yahoo.com

Monthly Drills: We are required by the state to hold an emergency drill each month. Over the course of the school year, per Washington State requirements, schools must conduct:

- 3 fire evacuation drills per school year
- 3 lockdown drill per school year
- 1 shelter-in-place drill per school year
- 1 drill using the school mapping system
- 1 high-risk event drill determined by the school —earthquake, tsunami, lahar, flood, or other high risk event drills are encouraged

This month we will be practicing an off-site evacuation drill should we need to leave our campus for a high risk event, which includes a gas leak, major fire, or other catastrophe. Our evacuation site is Blue Mountain Community Church. In the event of a real emergency you would be contacted through the district notification system because we would be out of the building, but in close contact with Mark Higgins at the district office. If we were unable to return to Berney, all students and staff will be bussed to the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. No student reunification will occur at Blue Mountain Community Church, and staff will not be allowed to release students anywhere, but the Fairgrounds, even if they know the parent. Only releasing students at the Fairgrounds ensures we are able to follow a detailed plan to ensure we keep all students safe.

Upcoming Parent and Family Events:

- **Veteran's Day Program:** Please join us tomorrow, Tuesday, November 10th at 1:30 in our gym for another amazing tribute to our Veterans.
- **PTA Meeting:** Our November meeting is this week, Thursday, November 12th at 7pm in the Berney Library.
- **Movie Night:** Please join us on Friday, November 20th at 6pm in our Berney gym for the first PTA Movie Night! Carrie and Josh Gonzales are donating their time again this year to help make this family evenings happen.

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

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