



January 2016 Berney Elementary Principal Update

Hello Berney Families,

Welcome back and happy New Year! I'm still savoring the wonderful holiday program we had just before the break. Thank you for supporting Mrs. Jagelski and your children with another amazing turn out. As we return to school, and look ahead to conferences and progress reports at the end of February, we'll be formally assessing student growth to share with you. Please help your child get to school on time each day unless they are sick to help us ensure your child is accessing the instruction being provided by the teacher, and more accurately show what they have learned on assessments.

Levy Information: At the end of January you will be receiving a ballot in the mail for the February 9th levy. Please participate by voting, and if you are not yet registered to vote please stop by the Berney office for forms. Additional information about how this Educational Programs and Operations Replacement levy is located on the front page of the district website.

Additional District Funds: As a staff were working on making decisions for how to best support student learning with the \$25,000 we've being allocated from the additional district funds. To learn more please visit the WWPS website and read, "Underspent funds support learning". As part of these additional funds we're also receiving an additional Chromebook cart for the building.

Thought Exchange: The Fall 2015 survey results will be posted soon on the district website. Here is a short summary of the top five categories in response to the question, both for the district level and Berney level, about what experiences your child has had that represents a quality education:

- **District Results:** Quality teachers and staff Individualized instruction Extracurricular Curriculum and programming Whole child education
- **Berney Results:** Teachers Individualized attention Specialists Teachers Individual Learning

Here is a summary of the top five categories of responses to the question about opportunities you would like to see contribute to a quality education for your child that are not available now:

- **District Results:** Facilities and infrastructure Vocational and experiential learning Extracurricular Testing vs. learning Technology
- **Berney Results:** Facilities More art and music Field trips outside the community More exposure to second language needed More access to mental health services needed

Upcoming Parent and Family Events:

- **PTA Meeting:** Thursday, January 14th 7pm in the Berney library.
- **Move Night:** Friday, January 22nd. 6:15pm.
- **Conferences:** Wednesday, February 24th and Thursday, February 25th. No students Thursday and Friday, February 25th and 26th.

Please contact me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions.

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