



2015-16 School Year

Welcome Back Letter from the Berney Principal

Hello Berney Bulldog Families,

I hope this letter finds your family enjoying summer, and also starting to get excited about another school year.

As a staff we're excited about the addition of two more Chromebook Carts, with 30 Chromebooks each for our 3rd-5th grade classes to share, and a few Chromeboxes for each K-2 classroom. This will give students in all classroom access to more technology and educational resources.

We are also excited about an incredible new partnership this year with Whitman College. We hired six Whitman students last spring to be part of the Whitman-Berney PARTnership. This partnership, lead by Berney parent and Whitman professor, Jenna Terry, and funded by the Berney PTA, ensures all Berney students will continue to engage in hands-on art experiences throughout the school year.

Have you seen our incredible new garden planted by students and staff last spring? Stop by the back of the gym for a look at our amazing tomatoes and pumpkins! Thanks to Berney parent, Joy Bader, for helping us develop our gardening talents and learn more about plant life.

As a Berney staff, we want you to know we are here to support you and your family through your child's educational journey. One step to getting ready for the school year, and supporting your child's success, is to establish a bedtime and morning routine. Helping your child(ren) get to school on time each day is imperative to their success now, and in the future. Berney teachers start teaching and supporting student learning from the minute students walk in the door. Please help your child see their education as a job, and getting to their job on time helps ensure success.

Please stop by, call, or email me at anytime if you have questions, comments, or ideas for ways we can continue to make Berney a great school for everyone! Best wishes for the 2015-16 school year!

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday August 17	Office Re-opens 8am-4pm
By Friday, August 21	Teacher assignment cards mailed to families
Tuesday, August 25	Come meet your teacher. 11:30-12:30
Wednesday, August 26	School Starts at 8:15 3:00 dismissal, <u>not</u> 2:00 early release.
FIRST DAY of SCHOOL	<u>No early release this day even though it is a Wednesday.</u>
Wednesday, September 2	PTA Meeting Berney Library 7pm
Friday, September 4	No School Fair
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Wednesday, September 9	Open House 5:30pm



For more information...

Check out the Berney Elementary webpage, www.berneyelementary.org and the Berney PTA Facebook page for more information throughout the year.

Do we have your current email and phone number? Did you get our emails through OneCall and Skyward last year? If you didn't, or your contact information has changed over the summer, please let Lisa Davis, Berney's Office Manager, know. ldavis@wwps.org, 527-3060, or come by the Berney office.