

## 2016-17 School Performance Report

# Berney Elementary School

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Berney's mission is to provide an environment committed to excellence in personalized learning which challenges and supports all students.**

### About Our School

Berney Elementary has an enrollment of approximately 420 students and offers a full-day kindergarten through fifth grade program. Other offerings include programming in Special Education and Learning Assistance Program (LAP). Students also have the opportunity to be nominated for the Highly Capable Program. In our efforts to provide diverse opportunities, Berney offers music, dance, choir, student council, Students with a Task (SWAT), 5th grade basketball, wrestling, and art programs through Carnegie Picture Lab and Whitman.

Building on over 100 years of tradition, Berney pride continues to grow. Our staff is diligent in their efforts to help children reach their maximum potential academically, developmentally and socially. We are dedicated to providing an environment committed to excellence in personalized learning which challenges and supports all students. We are also working on expanding our connections with the community to further support student learning.

We continue to focus on building a safe and civil environment through the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) behavior model. In this program, one student from every grade level is recognized at a monthly assembly for their efforts in modeling the "Berney Big 3" by showing respect, making good decisions and solving problems. Building a strong sense of community partnership between staff, students and families is our highest priority.

### Strategic Plan Goals for 2016-17

- Goal 1:** Provide a learning environment which meets the needs of individual learners, raises student achievement and educates the whole child.
- Goal 2:** Promote a positive and fulfilling work environment.
- Goal 3:** Enhance trust among our students, staff, parents and community
- Goal 4:** Ensure an efficient operations system with adequate resources.

### Building Plans

- Use Tier I and Tier II RtI (Response to Intervention) model in small group settings within the classroom which includes LAP support and implementation of the literacy pathways.
- Meet students' social-emotional needs and wrap services around families with the support of two full time intervention specialists
- Utilize the Second Steps and Steps to Respect curricula weekly to support the social/emotional growth of all students
- Work toward increasing technology knowledge and resources available for staff and students.
- Hold goal setting conferences with parents twice a year to collectively make progress toward meeting the Washington State Learning Standards.
- Use student data to drive instruction and building-wide decisions
- Provide professional development on Trauma Informed practices to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students.
- Increase parent involvement in PTA and community involvement to support student learning.
- Implement high yield strategies in each learning environment: 1) Clear learning objectives; 2) Anticipatory sets; and 3) Checking for understanding.



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### Principal

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### Head Secretary

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**Grades:** K-5

### Enrollment:

**Berney:** 419

**Facility:** Originated in 1904; new building in 1974

### Staffing:

Total: 49  
Administrators - 1  
Certificated - 25  
Classified - 23

**Ethnic Minority:** 25.4%

**Unexcused Absences:** 0.1%

### To View Enrollment Statistics, Demographics and State and NAEP Test Scores, Please Visit:

<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>  
select: Walla Walla School District  
select: Berney Elementary School

*Note: NAEP (National) Test Scores are only summarized for Washington State, not individual districts. Please go to the following website for more information: [www.nationsreportcard.gov](http://www.nationsreportcard.gov).*

Free access to the internet is available at all public libraries.

### Per Pupil Spending for 2016-17:

**\$12,576** - Of that amount, 71.9% is for Teaching and Teaching Support; 16.2% is for Support Services; 5.3% is for the Principal's Office; and 6.6% is for Administration.

## Highlights for 2015-16

- Nearly all third through fifth grade students participated in the Smarter Balance Assessment in ELA, math and science.
- Math and literacy blocks provided more individualized learning for all students.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade staff used an expertise model. One teacher delivered the math curriculum, another the science and social studies curriculum, and a third the English Language Arts curriculum.
- Continued use of Marilyn Burn's "Do the Math" to increase math proficiency
- Approximately 50 students received support from our Intervention Specialists for friendship and social/emotional reasons.
- About 15 students partnered with a Whitman Mentor, and several with Walla Walla's Friends program
- Partnered with Whitman College for a family science night, bringing in over 200 participants
- Nearly 80 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated on the SWAT (Students with a Task) team
- Partnered with PTA to support Miles Club, Picture Lab, Whitman PARTnership (classroom art lessons), Carnival and Fun Day
- 64.5% of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students met standard in ELA (compared to the state average of 57.1%)
- 51.8% of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students met standard in math (compared to the state average of 54.5%)

## Parent and Community Involvement

Walla Walla Public Schools forms partnerships with parents, families and community organizations in order to promote student achievement and well-being. Partnerships with parents empower them to understand their children's school experience; participate in their children's education in a variety of ways; learn strategies to support student learning at home; and access community resources that support their child's education and life experiences.

## Parents' Right to Know

Communications are a two-way process. Parents always have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. The following information is available upon request:

- Licensing for grade level and subject
- Emergency or provisional status
- B.A. major and graduate degrees
- Paraprofessionals' qualifications

The district also will make available any program evaluations, plans, and reports relating to the Special Education Part B program to the public, upon request, through the district's special education office and the superintendent's office.

## School Report Card

State test scores and attendance for Berney Elementary School are available online at:

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