



Dear Community Member,

Thank you for your interest in Berryhill Elementary School. I am pleased to provide you with information about the excellent educational opportunities that are offered to our students. The elementary school is housed in two sites: South Elementary (PreK-3rd grades) and North Elementary (4th-6th grades). The total enrollment for the elementary sites remains at about 650 students, with three sections of PreK and four sections of all other grades.

The curriculum for elementary students is based on the Oklahoma standards and is enriched and remediated according to individual student needs. The district has developed a literacy program that emphasizes reading, speaking, and writing in all content areas. The elementary provides a very strong foundation in literacy through a variety of programs. In addition to basic texts, additional programs available to meet student needs may include: Starfall, Ticket to Read, iReady (a reading assessment and remediation/enrichment software program), Letsr programming (a systematic approach to reading instruction), Leveled Literacy Intervention, Accelerated Reader, after-school tutoring, and skill-based group instruction. Individual reading portfolios are created for every student in third grade.

Berryhill Elementary School is a busy, productive learning environment. Each year the elementary presents a musical production under the direction of Mrs. Carol Hilborn. Third grade students travel back in time to Rosehill School. Fifth grade students participate in Junior Achievement's BizTown program. Sixth grade students participate in band, taught by Berryhill High School band directors. Student leaders are developed through the elementary student council. Each class participates in a Friday Assembly, featuring student achievements, character education, and rowdy, elementary-style entertainment.

The faculty and administration of Berryhill North and South elementary have established a reputation of excellence and caring. The elementary school sites were among the first in Oklahoma to be recognized for school-wide implementation of learning style strategies by Northeastern State University. This emphasis on the individual learner adheres to the foundation for the school's philosophy of education: We believe all students can learn and with proper supports will graduate and effectively read, think, and communicate as productive citizens in the twenty-first century. This philosophy is supported as the students matriculate through middle and high school. Berryhill students consistently score well on state mandated testing as well as national assessments, and are recipients of many scholarships from various colleges and universities.

There is an additional intangible asset at Berryhill Schools that bears mentioning: the community of Berryhill. The district is large enough to provide excellent programs, but small enough to know each student as an individual. The community takes pride in the school and

the students benefit from the sense of support and caring. Many of our students attend Berryhill Schools through their entire PreK-12 career. If you are a Berryhill student, it is not unusual to have your 1st grade teacher attend your graduation. If, by chance, you are speeding with your new license, don't be surprised if your parents find out. We strive to know our students by name, while giving them the opportunity to achieve academic excellence. Berryhill students achieve success in life. Among our alumni are teachers, school administrators, doctors, scientists, engineers, business owners, attorneys and accountants. We are proud of all of them! I hope this information is helpful. If you require further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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