



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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It's Good to Be Back, Rhinos!

The first week of school is on the books, and we're back in the swing of things: teachers are meeting and planning activities, students are exploring new friendships and new ideas and the whole Washington Rhino Community is back in full force. See below!

Testing The district is switching to home COVID testing, and recommends that all students and staff test once a week before returning to school after the weekend. On August 26, we will send home a box with 2 tests per student. Students should test at home on Sunday August 28 and Monday Sept. 5 (due to Labor Day Holiday). Test results should be reported to the [BUSD Student COVID-19 Case Reporting form](#)

Please plan to come to **Back to School Night** on Thursday, August 25 6 - 8 pm. This is one of the most important school events of the year: You will learn valuable information about how to support your child's learning. Every child should have an adult from their family present. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange to get this information.

Back to School Night is the one school event of the year that is not child friendly, as it's just adults sitting around talking. Children should not attend. If you need PTA sponsored childcare, [please fill out this form before August 23](#).

Please note that Back to School Night is not the time to have a 1:1 conference with your child's teacher. Please schedule a separate time for that.

AGENDA:

6 - 6:40 pm Classroom Session #1 (go to your child's classroom)

6:45 - 7:15 pm Whole School Session in the Courtyard (come to the courtyard by the main building)

We will vote on the proposed PTA budget for 2022-23 ([see the proposed budget here](#))

7:20 - 8 pm Classroom Session #2 (identical to Session #1, for those who have 2 children or who couldn't make it to Session #1)

Mark your calendar for **Grade level Potlucks**, a great way to get to know your fellow Washington Rhino families! The PTA organizes these events to build community and bring the fun. Kids and siblings are encouraged to come. Potlucks take place in the courtyard of the main building.

TK/Kinder/1st grade: Tues Aug 30th, 6-7:30pm

2nd/3rd grades: Thurs Sept 1st, 6-7:30pm

4th/5th grades: Wed Sept 7, 6-7:30pm

Family Photos for Bulletin Board: Please send your family photos to school and be a part of our “This is Us” bulletin board. Photos cannot be returned. If you don’t have a spare copy, email a photo to Principal Hazen and it will be printed for you.

Infinite Campus Portal Guide

Parent Portal:

<https://berkeleyca.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/berkeley.jsp>

Sign Into Campus Parent

Go to the [BUSD Parent Portal](#). Enter your user name and password.

- All parents received an email with a link and instructions to create their account at the start of the year. If you need assistance or have forgotten your username or password, please email portalhelp@berkeley.net
- **Please contact washingtonattendance@berkeley.net if you did not set up your account and need your personal activation code.**

Guía para el Portal de Infinite Campus

Parent Portal (Portal para Padres):

<https://berkeleyca.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/berkeley.jsp>

Ingreso en Campus Parent

Vaya al [BUSD Parent Portal](#). Ingrese su “username” (nombre de usuario) y “password” (contraseña).

- A principio del año todos los padres recibieron un correo electrónico con un enlace e instrucciones para crear su cuenta. Si usted necesita ayuda o ha olvidado su “username” o “password”, por favor envíe un email a portalhelp@berkeley.net
- **Por favor comuníquese con washingtonattendance@berkeley.net si usted no configuró su cuenta y necesita su código personal de activación.**

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Aug 25 Back to School Night 6 to 8 pm
- ★ Aug 30 Potluck TK/Kinder/1st grades 6-7:30pm
- ★ Sept 1 Potluck 2nd/3rd grades 6-7:30pm
- ★ Sept 5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- ★ Sept 7 Potluck 4th/5th grades 6-7:30pm

If your child is absent for any reason, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net and copy your child’s teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net