



## Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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### **We need 2 more parent/guardians for the School Site Committee (SSC)!**

Thank you to the 3 people who have already stepped forward.

Nominate yourself to serve on the School Site Committee this year by [filling out this form](#).

The SSC works with the Principal to review the school's academic goals and evaluates how well those goals are being met. Nominations are due by September 15.

**1st PTA Meeting:** Mark your calendar for Sept. 22, 6 pm on [Zoom](#)

**Welcome Coach Matt** We're delighted to welcome Matt Wilcox to Washington! He comes to us from Lake Elementary in Richmond, with 7 years of experience helping kids get active and have fun at recess. Say Hi to Coach Matt on the playground!

**The Washington Fund** needs your donation today! This is the annual campaign to support PTA-funded programs. This begins on the first day of school and runs through Oct. 10th. This money covers important programs not covered by public school funding such as classroom grants for teachers, anti-bullying counseling, poetry teaching artist, assemblies and P.E. with the fabulous Coach Don.

**How much should I donate?** If you can give \$500, thank you! If you can afford a little (or a lot) more, you will offset the cost for a family who cannot. Please know that every single dollar is helpful! To donate, click this link to be directed to our PayPal page-<https://www.washington.berkeleypta.org/donate>. If you'd prefer to write a check or give cash, put it in the black PTA mailbox in the front office or send it to school in your child's homework folder.

Washington PTA is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization; all donations are tax deductible. The tax ID number for the Washington PTA is 94-6174706. Ask your employer about Employee Donation Matching! Our Benevity ID - 946174706

**COVID Testing** Tests are sent home when there has been a case in the classroom.

Test results should be reported to the [BUSD Student COVID-19 Case Reporting form](#)

**Please submit a [lunch application](#)**

**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.

Every school in the District is reaching out to their teacher and parent network to fill the [Sustainability Champion](#) volunteer role at quarterly meetings.

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Sept 22 6 pm PTA meeting on [Zoom](#)
- ★ Oct 10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day
- ★ Oct 31 Halloween Parade
- ★ Nov 11 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
- ★ Nov 21 - 25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- ★ Dec 19 - Jan 2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break (First day back is Jan 3)

**If your child is absent for any reason**, please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net) and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net)