



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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[Please vote for School Site Committee \(SSC\)!](#) Thank you to all nominees who have volunteered! Votes will be accepted until Noon on Thursday, September 29th.

Berkeley Police Safety Alert: Please be aware of [this advisory from BPD](#) about 2 recent attempted kidnappings in central Berkeley. Here's a [Berkeleyside article](#) as well.

REMINDER There is NO car drop off or pick up south of the barrier on McKinley - it's dangerous for our kids on bikes and you can get a ticket!

How to stay safe and speed up the drop off and pick up lines before and after school: **pedestrians can use the street crossing protected by the barricades to cross McKinley.** That way, cars can get out of the way a little faster :->

Please submit a [lunch application](#) so that Washington can receive all the funding that we are eligible for.

All are invited to a Meet & Greet gathering of **XSPECIAL FAMILIES**

- Do you have a student at Washington with special needs?
- Do you want to connect with other students and caregivers/families?
- Do you want to learn about resources to support your student?
- Do you want to help build an inclusive, supportive community for students with special needs?

If your reply is YES to any of these, then please come to the XSpecial Families Meet & Greet for Washington students and caregivers/families.

XSPECIAL FAMILIES MEET & GREET

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 6:00-7:30 PM in the WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY CAFETORIUM

XSpecial Families is not just for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans. It is also for students with suspected differences/disabilities, those seeking evaluation, those currently receiving or seeking extra support, whether through Special Education or Response to Instruction & Intervention (RTI²), and allies committed to equity and excellence for students with special needs.

Refreshments with vegan options will be served.

Please RSVP by 10/1 with dietary or other needs. No one turned away regardless of RSVP.

RSVP/INFO: elizanoh@hotmail.com – Eliza Noh, parent and event organizer

Funded by Washington PTA. Supported by SPED and Principal Katia Hazen.

Walkathon Oct 13: PTA needs volunteers for this fun event! You can help out getting

materials ready before, help kids during the event, or count it up afterwards! Please email Cheney- cchenlondon@yahoo.com to help out.

Help! The Lost and Found needs you! A volunteer team is needed to wrangle the crop of lost jackets that pop up on the playground every night like mushrooms. If you have a few minutes to spare on campus a few times a month or a week, we need help hanging items, bringing items with names on them to the office so they can be reunited with their owner and ~~several times a year~~ once a month taking items to a donation center such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill. If you can help out, please email Family Engagement and Equity Coordinator Carol Perez carolynperez@berkeley.net Thank you and Go Rhinos!

The Washington Fund is halfway to the goal! 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

September 15 - October 15 is the period designated as **Latine/x Heritage Month**.

During this month, we appreciate the many ways in which so many of our classes and school communities are places that uplift and celebrate the rich diversity and contributions of the Latine/x community all year long. Family guides for Latine/x Heritage Month are below in Spanish, English, and Arabic.

The Family Guide in Spanish is [HERE](#).

The Family Guide in English is [HERE](#).

The Family Guide in Arabic is [HERE](#).

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](#)

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Oct 10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day
- ★ Oct 11 XSpecial Families meet & greet 6 - 7:30 pm
- ★ Oct 13 Walkathon Fundraiser on the playground
- ★ Oct 28 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ★ Oct 31 Halloween Parade @ 1 pm
- ★ 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 and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

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

