



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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MONDAY: NO SCHOOL! Teacher Professional Development Day

TUESDAY: XSPECIAL FAMILIES @ 6 pm in the cafeteria

- 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 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 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.

THURSDAY: WALKATHON Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Students are encouraged to wear a shirt in a specific color for their grade for a group photo. Come join on Thursday morning.

Tk & K: 8:15 - 8:45 am Wear **Red**
2nd grade: 8:45 - 9:15 am Wear **Orange**
1st grade: 9:40 - 10:10 am Wear **Yellow**
3rd grade: 10:25 - 10:55 am Wear **Green**
4th grade: 10:55-11:25 am Wear **Blue**
5th grade: 11:30 - 12:00 pm Wear **Purple**

LET'S PLAY! SUNDAY, OCT 23RD 10AM-NOON: Save the date for a fun PTA association event at the Washington courtyard. Our beloved Coaches, Don and Matt, will share the school philosophy of play and strategies for bringing equity, inclusivity, and conflict resolution to sports and recess. This in-person event will end with a friendly kickball game between parents (kids can join, too). Childcare, coffee, and baked goods will be provided. Come as you are; bonus points if you show up in athletic wear!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Every student needs a Fall report card conference and teachers are scheduling now. During the week of October 24 - 27, students will be released from school early to accommodate conferences. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, Oct 28. **Conference Week dismissal times:**

12:30 pm for tk/k dismissal 1:15 pm for 1st-5th grades

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 :>)
The Lost and Found will be emptied soon, please take a look and reclaim your lost jackets.
Donate to The Washington Fund
<p>September 15 - October 15 is the period designated as Latine/x Heritage Month.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Family Guide in Spanish is HERE.</p> <p>The Family Guide in English is HERE.</p> <p>The Family Guide in Arabic is HERE.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Calendar Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Oct 10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day ★ Oct 11 XSpecial Families meet & greet 6 - 7:30 pm in cafeteria ★ Oct 13 Walkathon Fundraiser on the playground ★ Oct 23 Let's Play PTA Meeting 10 am - 12 pm on the playground ★ Oct 24 - 27 EARLY RELEASE for Parent-Teacher Conferences ★ Oct 28 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences ★ Oct 31 Halloween Parade @ 1 pm on the playground ★ Nov 3 & 4 Picture Day ★ 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