



# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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## **NO SCHOOL Friday November 11 Veterans Day**

**Read the Jacket** Berkeley High's award-winning newspaper! A glimpse into the earnest, optimistic and sophisticated minds of our neighbors just across the street, this newspaper will leave you feeling great about the state of our community!

Saturday, Nov 12 **BUSD Special Education Families Playdate** For families with students with 504 Plans (which are not a part of Special Education) or Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). At Cordonices Park, 1202 Euclid Ave., 12 pm to 2 pm BYO Snacks. Questions? Email Sharon Jacobs at [sbogas@gmail.com](mailto:sbogas@gmail.com)

**The Lost and Found Last Call** - it will be emptied Nov 11, please take a look and reclaim your lost jackets.

**Indoor Masking** is still strongly encouraged. COVID-19 cases that were at school during their infectious period continue to be reported on BUSD's [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#).

**Tour Guides Needed** Do you have an hour or two on a Thursday morning to help your child's school? Washington needs you to be a tour guide for new parents who are looking at schools for next year. Tours start Nov. 10 and go through Jan 19. Tours begin at 8:30 or 9:15 am and leave from the courtyard. Tour guides are provided with a script and training, and Principal Hazen meets the tour at the end to answer questions. Rhinos, please help if you have any time available! Please [Sign up to be a tour guide here](#)

## **PTA Meeting: Everyday Parenting Strategies Nov 17, at 6 pm on [Zoom](#)**

We will be joined by guest speaker Washington School Psychologist Kathrina Firme. Kat will be giving a presentation with a SEL (social emotional learning) focus on everyday parenting strategies. This short parenting workshop will focus on eight easy to implement strategies to help children recognize, manage, and communicate big and small feelings. Topics covered will include how to get your child to communicate more about their school day, techniques to reduce perfectionism, and decrease power struggles without the use of behavior charts or consequences.

Please join us- Everyone is welcome!! This presentation is for all of our Washington families. Feel free to invite any of your students' caregivers to join as well! Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/j/85170225459?pwd=Q0FIMWc4U01yM04vOENGaDEyTD>

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**Parent Advisory Committee Representative needed** Want to be more involved? Washington needs a representative to attend district meetings on behalf of the community. The following are the list of tentative scheduled PAC Meetings for the 2022-2023 school year. All meetings are on Zoom.

Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM

11/10/22, 12/8/22, 1/12/23, 2/9/23, 3/9/23, 4/13/23, 4/27/23, 5/11/23, 5/25/23

Please email Principal Hazen if you can help! [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net)

**COVID Testing** Tests will be sent home before Thanksgiving break.

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

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Nov 12 Special Education Families Playdate @ Cordonices
- ★ Nov 15 10:30 am Fire Drill
- ★ Nov 17 PTA Meeting “Everyday Parenting Strategies” 6 pm on [Zoom](#)
- ★ Nov 21 - 25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- ★ Dec 10 PTA Winter Party 4 - 6 pm
- ★ 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)