



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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COVID-19 Update

Berkeley
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berkeley Unified is sending home

At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Use Test #1 *before* Returning to School After Fall Break

Recommended Test Dates

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

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

NO SCHOOL Nov 21 - 25 Fall Thanksgiving Break

Adopt a Family If you are looking for a way to brighten an Oakland or Richmond family's holiday season, consider this: <https://adopt-a-family-program.herokuapp.com/>

SF Opera will continue the tradition of a short performance of La Boheme with some of our 4th graders on Dec. 1 at 10 am in the cafeteria.

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](#)

The Right to Read (continued)

District leaders share data & answer questions about how students are taught to read



Hear short presentations from Albany, Alameda, Berkeley, Emery and Piedmont School Districts. Afterward, district panelists answer your questions.

You will find out:

- Who can and can't read in your district?
- What's used to teach kids? Is it based on the Science of Reading?
- Is universal screening and curriculum-based progress monitoring in place?



Monday, November 28, 2022, 6:30-8:00 PM
via Zoom following the CAC business meeting

 Zoom meeting link: tinyurl.com/R2RPanel

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

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

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Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Nov 21 - 25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- ★ Dec 1 SF Opera Performance 10 am cafeteria
- ★ Dec 10 PTA Winter Party 4 - 6 pm
- ★ Dec 19 - Jan 2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break (First day back is Jan 3)
- ★ Jan 16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day

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