



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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NO SCHOOL Monday January 16

In celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Ms. Desi retiring Feb 10. Our beloved office secretary extraordinaire, Ms. Desi Green, will be leaving us after 12 years. Her kindness and care of children and adults will be greatly missed!

Free chromebook loan for home use BUSD supplies chromebooks for students to use at home, [just fill out this form](#) and send to librarian Jackie Overlid
jackieoverlid@berkeley.net

The BUSD Libraries Present...

Mock Newbery Nights - Student and Family Virtual Assemblies

All 4th and 5th graders and their families are welcome to join us for a series of one-hour evening virtual author visits on Zoom.

Meet featured authors, live in conversation with YOUR school librarians!

Learn about the BUSD Mock Newbery Book Club, hear about our list of 8 nominated books, and enter a prize raffle!

- Thursday, January 19, 6:00 pm Johnnie Christmas author of *Swim Team*
- Thursday, January 26, 6:00 pm Tracy Badua author of *Freddie Vs.the Family Curse*

The Zoom link will be posted on the night of the event on this website: bit.ly/newberynights. Reach out to Ms Jackie if you have any questions: jackieoverlid@berkeley.net

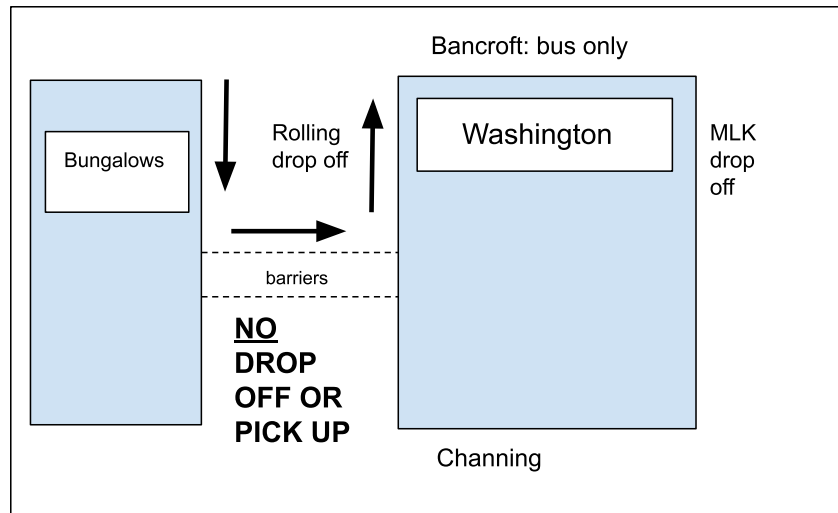
Washington Safety Committee- Do you think the orange gate should be locked during the school day? Are you concerned about campus safety and security at Washington? Join a [zoom](#) meeting on Tuesday, January 17 @ 8 pm. Please email Principal Hazen if you can't attend, but would like to be included. katiahazen@berkeley.net

African American Success Advisory Committee (AASAC) needs you! On January 17th the district is sponsoring a virtual outreach recruitment event for the AASAC 6-7:30 pm. BUSD's African American Resources webpage provides more details <https://www.berkeleyschools.net/african-american-resources/>

The African American Success Framework (AASF) exists to begin resolving the uneven

and unacceptable outcomes for African American students in Berkeley Unified School District. The primary intention of this three-year plan is to systematically disrupt the current data-informed inequities facing the District's African American students, as well as fulfilling the promise of Berkeley's 2021 Black Lives Matter Resolution.

Safety Reminder: there is NO car drop off or pick up allowed on McKinley south of the barrier.



Please help keep kids safe by following our traffic plan!

COVID tests- Please test on Sunday Jan. 15.

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

BUSD Science Curriculum Adoption for grades K-3 Community Input Event
Thursday, January 26th 6:00-7:00 pm via [Zoom](#)

Young Gifted and Black is accepting new members in January 2023.

Young Gifted and Black teaches and learns Black History through poetry, rap and freedom songs. The group is made up of Black children grades 2 - 8 who are interested in performing on stage, learning Black History, becoming Black heroes and representing our ancestors as teachers for future generations.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays in Berkeley, Ca and Mondays and Wednesdays in Oakland, Ca.

To register or for more info see their website:

<http://proud2beblack.org/#young-gifted-and-black>

ATTENTION 5th grade Families: All enrollment documents for middle school are due on **February 3rd** (unless you live outside of Berkeley and need to request an inter-district permit). You do not need a copy of the report card to enroll.

Middle schools host in-person informational nights in January. They are all at 7pm.

January 11 - Willard Middle School, 2425 Stuart Street

January 18 - Longfellow Middle School, 1500 Derby Street

January 25 - Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 1781 Rose Street

Feel free to contact Carol Perez, Washington's representative from the Office of Family Engagement and Equity if you have questions or need help with the middle school enrollment process. Work cell: 510-849-7396 or carolynperez@berkeley.net

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Jan 16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day
- ★ Jan 17 Safety Committee [zoom](#) meeting @ 8 pm
- ★ Jan 26 Science adoption committee meeting 6 pm
- ★ Feb 17 NO SCHOOL Lincoln's Birthday
- ★ Feb 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
- ★ Feb 23rd 1 pm Black History Month Assembly
- ★ Mar 3rd 9 am Washington Oratorical Festival
- ★ Mar 16 BUSD Oratorical Festival (Washington representatives will compete!)

If your child is absent for any reason, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!