



# Rhino Roar

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## **Volunteer Spotlight: ❤️❤️ Rosalba Quitano and Tania Ramos ❤️❤️!**

Each week, a different grade level is responsible for staffing the rolling drop off on McKinley in the mornings. Somehow, a pair of dedicated parent volunteers have made it their thing to help out with opening car doors, carrying instruments and shepherding little ones safely into the orange gate, all with huge smiles on their faces! Rosalba has a 5th grade child, so she will be moving on to middle school next year and will be greatly missed. We'll have Tania for a few more years, and I'm sure she would welcome a new volunteer partner. This kind of dedication embodies the Rhino Spirit! Next time you are by the Rolling Drop off, say a big Thank You to the volunteers who are helping kids get in to school in the mornings. We ❤️❤️❤️❤️ U Rosalba and Tania!

**Black History Celebrated at Washington!** Please plan to join in the celebration of student learning about Black History on February 23. Students will be performing at 9 am and again at 6 pm. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!

**FAMILY LINE DANCE Fundraiser for Schools** Sunday, February 12, Noon - 1:30 Come dance with us before the Superbowl!

This is a casual, fun event for any and all. Part dance class, part dance party, we'll be sharing line dances to familiar and fun tunes. OUTDOORS on the blacktop at King Middle School in Berkeley. Come dance along with instructors Linda Carr (BHS Modern Dance Teacher), Carah Herring, Nicole Bloom & Evie Ladin. Questions? [lindacarr@berkeley.net](mailto:lindacarr@berkeley.net) Please purchase tix in advance [here](#). All funds raised will be split between Berkeley Public Schools Fund and the King 8th Grade DC trip.

**School Site Committee Meeting** Monday 2/13 at 6 pm, Washington's SSC will meet on zoom. Everyone is invited to join, [please see the agenda here](#).

**2023-2024 School Year** First Day of School for K-12 Students: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Winter Break: Monday, December 25, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024

Once the 2023-2024 school year calendar has been approved, it will be posted on the district website and we will notify our school community.

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

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Feb 13 [School Site Committee Meeting](#) 6 pm on zoom
- ★ Feb 17 NO SCHOOL Lincoln's Birthday
- ★ Feb 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
- ★ Feb 23rd 9 am Black History Month Assembly **\*\*NEW TIME\***
- ★ Feb 23 6 pm Black History Month Celebration
- ★ 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](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net) and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!