



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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The student performances at the **Black Heritage Celebration** on Thursday were amazing! Thanks to the leadership of the African American Unity Group (AAUG), PTA and many volunteers, this event showcased the brilliance of our history and our community.

New Principal Search On Wednesday at 6 pm in the Washington library, Director of Schools Debbie Dean will meet with parent/guardians interested in learning more about the search for a new principal to replace retiring Principal Hazen. You can share what qualities you're looking for and learn about the search process.

The fifth graders are leading a **coin drive** to help earthquake survivors in Turkey and Syria. Please send your spare change to your child's classroom and it will be collected, counted and donated to Doctors Without Borders. Thank you for your support!

Washington's Safety Committee is a group of parents and staff who gather to discuss ways to make the campus more safe. The next meeting is on 2/28 at 8 pm via [zoom](#) and everyone is invited to join. Please note that the meeting will begin at 8 pm, not 7!

The newly-formed **Washington Jewish Community** is meeting for the first time to introduce each other, discuss goals and share a nosh, Sunday, March 5th at 11am, kid-friendly! Please contact Jessica Pearlman at Jessica.Pearlman@gmail.com to be added to the WJC mailing list and for details about the first meeting

Readathon is coming soon! This is a great opportunity for students to practice reading and help raise funds to support Washington programs.

2023-2024 School Year First Day of School for K-12 Students: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 [2023-2024 school year calendar](#)

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

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

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Feb 28th 8 pm Safety Committee meeting on [zoom](#)
- ★ Mar 1st 6 pm Principal recruiting and selection information meeting in library
- ★ Mar 3rd 9 am Washington Oratorical Festival
- ★ Mar 16th 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!

If you need to change your address, [please use this link for information](#) on how to notify the school and district.