



# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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The **Washington Security and Transportation Safety Committee** is surveying all current Washington parents to understand their opinions regarding these issues. We would appreciate your help by filling out [this short survey](#). Here's the url in case the link doesn't work : <https://tinyurl.com/washingtonsecurity>

Note that this survey is being distributed both electronically and on paper; you only need to fill it out once per family. Please complete the survey by March 17.

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](mailto:Jessica.Pearlman@gmail.com) to be added to the WJC mailing list and for details about the first meeting

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!

**Lost and Found** is full again! Lots of coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes and water bottles. Please come to look for your things, just up the stairs outside of the cafeteria. Unclaimed items will be donated next week. **Any parent can stop to help at any time in the Lost and Found area.** Parents who can volunteer to take items to be donated would also be greatly appreciated! Contact [jenafirh@gmail.com](mailto:jenafirh@gmail.com) for donation support.

The **Golden Sneaker Contest** has started. This is a classroom contest to encourage students to walk, roll, carpool or bus to school. Teachers will be tallying modes of transportation in their classrooms on a chart each day, and the class that gets the highest percentage of participation will win the Golden Sneakers trophy! Please do your best to walk, roll, carpool, or bus to school the next 2 weeks.

The **Read-a-thon** begins this month! This is a major fundraiser for PTA and supports programs like Coach Don's class game time, classroom activities and field trips.

- March 6th, 7th or 8th envelopes go home
- March 11 - 19th 9 Epic Days of Reading
- March 27- Deadline to turn in envelopes

The top 3 readers from each grade will get gift certificates from Pegasus!!

March 23rd 6-7:30 pm will be **Math Night!** A super fun event with math games for all levels. Pizza and refreshments will be provided, families and kids welcomed. We need volunteers! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A48ACA92EABF49-math>

March 25th from 1-3:30 there will be a **PTA association meeting and Bike Mobile event.** The BikeMobile and its bicycle mechanic staff will deliver no-cost hands-on bicycle repair and bicycle safety training to promote riding bikes to school. Bring your kids and bikes and have fun on the playground!

<https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/bicycle-and-pedestrian/bikemobile>

**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:

- ★ Mar 10th 9 am Washington Oratorical Festival
- ★ Mar 14 School Site Committee 6 pm via [Zoom](#)
- ★ Mar 20th BUSD Oratorical Festival New Date!
- ★ Mar 23 6 pm Math Night in the cafeteria
- ★ Mar 25 PTA Meeting and BikeMobile on playground 1 - 3:30 pm

**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!

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