



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Thursday, March 23rd 6-7:30 pm is Math Night, a super fun event with math games for all levels. Pizza and refreshments will be provided, families and kids welcomed. Please note that kids must be accompanied by an adult family member. We need volunteers to offer even more activities, lots of fun jobs available!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A48ACA92EABF49-math>

Congratulations to **Ms. Clark-Riddell and Ms. Whiting's 3rd grade class**, who were selected as Washington's representative to the District Oratorical Festival, which will take place on Monday night at the Oxford auditorium. Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard to memorize their pieces and performed at the Washington competition. Go Rhinos!

The **Read-a-thon** ends March 19! This is a major fundraiser for PTA and supports programs like Coach Don's class game time, classroom activities and field trips.

- 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!!

Saturday March 25th from 1-3 pm 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>

 **Save the Date! Multicultural Potluck Night - April 27th, 5-7:30pm**  

Please mark your calendars for the 2023 Multicultural Potluck Night! As in past years, we'll have a potluck dinner of delicious foods from around the world, student performances, world beat music and our amazing Washington community coming together! The event will be in the Washington courtyard and Cafetorium. More information coming home soon.

We need 10-15 parent volunteers for Multicultural Night! Please let us know if you can help out at this special Washington tradition! Volunteer planning meeting will be March 28 6-7pm by zoom - contact jenafirh@gmail.com for the zoom link.

After 33 years teaching (23 years at Washington), **Washington Kindergarten teacher Denisia Wash** will be retiring at the end of the school year. It's hard to overestimate her impact on generations of students and families. We wish her a very happy retirement!

Did you know that there's a lot of research that shows that the more that parents are involved in their child's school, the better that child does in school? Your Washington PTA is in need of volunteers for upcoming events. There is always a role you can play, 2 to 3 hours a month can make a real difference for your child. Please email Jenafir House jenafirh@gmail.com if you can help.

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

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Mar 20th BUSD Oratorical Festival New Date!
- ★ Mar 23 **Math Night** in the cafeteria 6 pm
- ★ Mar 25 **PTA Meeting and BikeMobile** on playground 1 - 3 pm
- ★ Mar 28 School Site Committee 6 pm via [Zoom](#)
- ★ Apr 27 **Multicultural Potluck** 5 - 7:30 pm

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.