



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Washington's **Black History** Learning continues! Black Lives Matter Week at School resulted in many classroom conversations, writing and projects that will continue throughout the month and the year.

The BUSD **Oratorical Festival** will be held online on March 17, via recorded submissions. This year's theme is *Get Up! Speak Up! Demonstrate Black Resilience and Joy*

A HUGE Thank You to the Berkeley Schools Volunteers who are supporting additional COVID testing at Washington!

BSV are paired up with a professional technician to support testing on roving test carts. Volunteers give students simple instructions for administering the tests while the technicians log results. All volunteer training is provided on-site.

To sign up with Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV) for COVID Testing:

Those New to BSV:

- First register with BSV [HERE](#) (Note: you must upload proof of COVID vax and then be approved - usually within 24 hours)
- Once approved, BSV volunteers may sign up for specific COVID testing shifts (and other vol opportunities) [HERE](#)

Those Already a Part of BSV:

- Sign up directly for COVID testing shifts (by site and by day) [HERE](#)

Questions? Contact Sally McLaughlin of Berkeley Schools Volunteers:

sallymclaughlin@berkeley.net

Please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net

- if your child tests positive for COVID while at home. We will reply with information on return dates.
- with negative COVID tests to return to school
- with other absence information

Continued good news: **we're still not seeing evidence of transmission happening at school.** Thank you all for your support!

- KN95 masks are now recommended for students. We can supply one mask a week for students. If you are able to donate KN95 additional masks, please contact your child's teacher.
- Twice a week testing of all students and staff who are registered for testing. [Sign up](#)

[your child here.](#)

- Email vax@berkeley.net to register your child's vaccination status.

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Feb 15 [SSC Meeting](#) 6 pm
- ★ Feb 17 Lockdown Shelter in Place drill 2 pm
- ★ Feb 17 [Literacy Night](#) 6 pm
- ★ Feb 18 & Feb 21 NO SCHOOL President's Day Weekend
- ★ Mar 3 English Learners Advisory Committee ELAC 6 pm
- ★ Mar 4 Berkeley High Jazz Band 1:30 pm
- ★ Mar 17 Report Cards sent home

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

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net