



# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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**[Parent-Student Handbook](#)** now available! All you ever wanted to know about BUSD policies and procedures can be found in the 2021-22 edition, download yours today!

Wow, the **Berkeley High Jazz Ensemble** ended the week on a high note with a jam packed performance at Washington on Friday! Thank you Berkeley voters for funding such high quality musical education for our children!

The [Berkeley Public Schools Fund](#) provides grants and volunteer programs to support all Berkeley schools, and they are inviting you to the first Community Block Party, in the heart of Downtown Berkeley at Center and Shattuck, on Saturday, May 21 from 12-3:00. At the event, a vibrant mural at the intersection of Center and Shattuck commissioned by the Schools Fund, created by Berkeley High alums and dedicated with love to our devoted educators through the pandemic will be unveiled.

You can be a sponsor of this community event as an individual, a family, group of families, a business, a club - get creative! The sponsorship benefits can be found [here](#), purchase a sponsorship [here](#) or make a donation [here](#) now. The event is free and BPSF is relying on your sponsorship for fundraising.

**Lost and Found** will be cleaned out and all items donated on March 11 by our volunteer team. Please make some time to stop by and check for your child's belongings. Any clothing items that are labeled with a child's name are returned to them at school, thanks again to our wonderful volunteer team. The Lost and Found is in the courtyard all weekend for your convenience.

**Berkeley Youth Alternative's (BYA)** Pacific Heritage Afterschool Enrichment Program *BE THE RIPPLE!* As a Pacific Community Coalition, Legacies of the Pacific's interest in performing arts sparked their desire to give back through dance, which led to a wonderful after school enrichment program that perpetuates healthy activity with cultural education. CALL: 510-845-9010 <http://www.byaonline.org/programs/afterschool-center>  
1255 Allston Way Berkeley, CA 94702

- Once a week testing of all students and staff who are registered for testing. [Sign up your child here.](#)
- Email [vax@berkeley.net](mailto:vax@berkeley.net) to register your child's vaccination status.

**Please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto: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

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Mar 11 Lost and Found items donated
- ★ Mar 15 School Site Committee (SSC) Meeting, 6 pm via [zoom](#)
- ★ Mar 17 Report Cards sent home

**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!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net)