



Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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**Open House** will be online this year on May 12 from 6 - 7:30 pm

<https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/j/85449308856?pwd=anNnMnJxaStsSXJZeGkxbTZJYTVCQT09>

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Please join us for a virtual tour of a tk-5 learning overview for the year! PTA will start the evening off with a brief presentation that will include a budget proposal for 2022-23. Teachers from each grade level will give short presentations about the year's learning. Please plan to join!

ReadaThon envelopes are due now, please send to your child's teacher.

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month *and* Jewish American Heritage Month! Please see resources and information below:

We are excited to invite you to a district wide **AAPI Heritage Month** event on Thursday, May 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm.

- ★ Event flyer: [Hear us Roar! Celebrating AAPI Literary Voices in the Year of the Tiger!](#)
- ★ [Please join at this Zoom link.](#)
- ★ Special presenters include children's book author, Innosanto Nagara, author of *A is for Activist*; Drag Queen Story Hour founding queen, Panda Dulce, who will read celebratory AAPI stories; as well as the author of upper grades novel, *The Samosa Rebellion*, Shanthi Sekaran, who is also a BUSD parent!

Recognize and celebrate **Jewish American Heritage Month** at a [dedicated page](#) on the JCRC website with information, resources and sample resolutions for Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM).

**New bulletin board needs your photos!** We are proud of the diversity represented in our community and we'd like to show it off in a new bulletin board, "**This Is Us!**" Please send in **a copy** of your favorite family photo and/or a photo of a place that is meaningful to your family (photos are non-returnable) to school. If you don't have a copy, take a picture and send to Principal Hazen @ [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net) Thank you!

**5th grade promotions** are on Friday, June 3 in the cafeteria

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Representatives are needed for Washington. Please contact Principal Hazen at [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net) if you can help out.

Future PAC Meeting Dates: Meetings are 6:30-8:00pm

[5/23/2022](#)

Future DELAC Meeting Dates: Meetings are 6:00-7:30pm

[5/24/2022](#)

**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:

- ★ May 10 [School Site Committee Meeting](#) (SSC) 6 pm [via Zoom](#)
- ★ May 12 Open House 6 - 7:30 pm on zoom
- ★ May 16 NO SCHOOL Malcolm X Birthday
- ★ May 21 Berkeley Public Schools Fund Block Party Center @ Shattuck 12 - 3 pm
- ★ May 30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- ★ June 3 **Last day of school - School dismissed at 1:30 pm (minimum day schedule)**
- ★ June 3 5th grade promotion ceremonies in cafeteria.

**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)