



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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The traffic safety committee is meeting with the city and the facilities department to work on improving safety during drop off and pick up times. Thank you to the parent volunteers who help make Rolling Drop Off safe for students and families every morning!

Washington's Literacy Coaches and Librarian teamed up this week to deliver a [presentation about encouraging reading at home](#). Check it out if you weren't able to attend.

Alameda County Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Rodeo! On March 24 and 25, Washington will host an interactive outdoor assembly designed to teach children how to be safer pedestrians. There will be spaces for 10 classes to attend and the priority will be given to younger grades.

Volunteers wanted at mid day for Ramadan (April 2 - May 2) Please contact ELD teacher Emily Hawkins if you can help emilyhawkins@berkeley.net

Spring Break at home COVID tests will be distributed sometime before students leave for Spring Break.

[See this week's COVID notification letter.](#)

Ethnic Studies in BUSD: *Listening Circle for Parents & Caregivers of Children of Arab American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander American Heritage*

Purpose of the listening circle: For family members and caregivers/parents of children of Arab American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander American heritage to share their ideas about how their children should learn about their history and their heritages in our schools as we expand Ethnic Studies throughout all the grade levels.

This event is co-hosted by BUSD AAPI's. **Arabic interpretation will be provided**

When: Tuesday, March 29th from 7-8 PM. **Where:** zoom link [HERE](#).

Flier in English is [HERE](#). Flier in Arabic is [HERE](#).

In partnership with Carbon Health the City of Berkeley is hosting three vaccine clinics in the upcoming weeks. First, Second, and Additional/Booster Pfizer doses will be available.

Vaccine Incentives: Anyone over the age of 5 can get their first or second dose of the Pfizer vaccine AND will receive a \$25 Target gift card for receiving a first or second dose.

- **Tuesday, 3/22 11:30am-6:30pm at Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library**
 - 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley
 - <https://crbn.app.link/e/covidvax-thps-library-parking-lot>
- **Tuesday, 3/29 11:30am-6:30pm at Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library**
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- **Tuesday, 4/5 11am-6pm at Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library**

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

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- 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 22 Earthquake and Fire drill 12:45 pm
- ★ Mar 22 School Site Committee (SSC) Meeting, 6 pm via [zoom](#)
- ★ Mar 29 Ethnic Studies Listening Circle
- ★ April 4-8 Spring Break No School
- ★ May 21 Berkeley Public Schools Fund Block Party Center @ Shattuck 12 - 3 pm
- ★ June 3 **Last day of school** - School dismissed at 1:30 pm (minimum day schedule)

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