



Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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### **NO SCHOOL MONDAY MAY 16 Malcolm X's Birthday**

**COVID Update:** BUSD is experiencing both COVID case clusters and elevated case counts. This [press release that came out today from all of our regional Health Officers](#), advises that everyone mask up again (this is not an order, only a strong recommendation). Testing is open at Berkeley Adult School at the Curtis St. entrance from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on Monday.

### **Multicultural Night Potluck on Sunday, May 22nd, 4-6:30pm on the yard at school!**

You don't want to miss this fun PTA sponsored event! Families can bring a potluck dish (for 8-10 people or more) to share. PTA will give out tickets at the gate so every kid can get a dessert treat, everyone will be able to do fun activities (including a crafts table for making flags representative of one's family tradition) and enjoy world music played by Washington's own DJ Leaks n' Marquis.

Families (and teachers) are encouraged to submit ideas for music requests for our DJ's sending in 1-3 songs that are representative of their family's cultural background, a household favorite, and/or one they know will get the crowd dancing! Submit your requests by Monday, May 16th via this form: <https://airtable.com/shrmX2iCa9TyiZwM8> or by emailing [jenafirh@gmail.com](mailto:jenafirh@gmail.com). Volunteers are always needed for set up, cleanup and support!

If you missed **Open House** this year, here's a copy of [the presentation](#) that was shared with families. You can see the recording [here](#).

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).

### **Washington has PRIDE!**

The annual Pride parade and celebration will take place on June 1 at 12:45 pm.

**Vaccine Clinic** In partnership with Carbon Health, the City of Berkeley will be hosting a vaccine clinic this Saturday May 14, 2022 from 9:00-4:00 at the Young Adult Project (YAP) located at 1700 Oregon.

This clinic is free to everyone and available by drop-in or appointment. You do not need insurance to get vaccinated. You will not be asked about for a social security number or immigration status.

Anyone 5 years old and above can receive their first or second dose of Pfizer. Anyone 12 years old and above can receive their first or second dose of Pfizer. Those who are eligible can receive boosters as well!

The City is currently offering \$25 gift cards to target to anyone who receives their first or second dose at this clinic.

<https://crbn.app.link/e/covidvax-young-adult-project>

If you have any questions about whether you are eligible for a booster, I have included the CDC's vaccine schedule here:

<https://eziz.org/assets/docs/COVID19/IMM-1396.pdf>

**5th grade promotions** will be held on Friday, June 3 in the cafeteria

8:30-9:15 Jokela/Kelly room 208

9:30-10:15 Hedgecock room 210

10:30-11:15 Geminder room 204

Masks are strongly encouraged for all at 5th grade promotion, which will be held in the Washington cafeteria, one class at a time. We will have capacity for 2-4 guests per student. At the conclusion of promotion, students will file out into the courtyard for photos.

If you choose to take your child home after promotion, please make sure to sign them out on the clipboards that will be available in the courtyard and email

washingtonattendance@[berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net)

Please also keep in mind that the last day of school is a minimum day and all students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.

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

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

[5/24/2022](#)

**The last day of school is June 3** and it's a minimum day - all students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.

**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 16 NO SCHOOL Malcolm X Birthday
- ★ May 22 **Multicultural Potluck 4** - 6:30 pm on the playground.
- ★ May 21 Berkeley Public Schools Fund Block Party Center @ Shattuck 12 - 3 pm
- ★ May 30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- ★ June 1 **PRIDE parade** @ 12:45 pm
- ★ June 3 **Last day of school - School dismissed at 1:30 pm (minimum day schedule)**
- ★ June 3 **5th grade Promotion** ceremonies in cafeteria.
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**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)