



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Open House will be online this year on Thursday May 12 from 6 - 7:00 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!

Join the fun for Bike to the Moon Week!

Students, families, and staff of Washington, from May 9th to 13th we will celebrate [Bike to the Moon Week](#) as part of Bike Month. During this week-long event, students, families, and school staff will track their miles and minutes of activities with the goal of collectively "biking" all the way to the moon, 286,900 miles away! During this week you will also be making healthy choices for Berkeley by getting some physical activity in and choosing a sustainable mode of transportation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

Participants can earn "moon miles" by participating in activities, such as:

- Biking
- Walking
- Rolling, such as wheelchairs, skateboarding, or scooting
- Taking public transportation
- Learning about bike safety
- Posting on social media using the hashtag #IBikedToTheMoon

Participating is simple. Just log your activities in [this tracker](#) starting May 9th and you will automatically join us on our journey to the moon! Online tracker closes May 16th at 5pm.

Reach out to our Safe Routes to Schools Site Coordinator, Sheila Isla, at sislam@alamedacountysr2s.org, if you have any questions.

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).

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

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 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](#)

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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:

- ★ 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 and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

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