

Washington Newsletter Rhino Roar 9/20/18

Rhino Roar *News for the Washington community*

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1. Mark your calendars: **Bike Rodeo @ Washington on Saturday, October 6th**, 10 am - 1 pm: fun-filled, hands-on training events that focus on introducing elementary school students to safe bicycle handling skills and safe riding techniques for on-the-road riding. The training incorporates bicycle handling drills and a simulated city streets course where students learn proper starting and stopping technique, hand signaling, how to fit a helmet, how to perform bicycle safety checks, how to ride in a straight line and how to ride safely and predictably. The course is taught by a team of experienced bike safety educators.

Two key Washington staff will be honored by Liberty Hill Baptist Church this Sunday as "Outstanding Educators". The awards were initiated in 1997 by Pastor Marvis Peoples. They reflect the church's educational mission and desire to give recognition to those individuals in Berkeley who've made outstanding contributions toward promoting the well-being and educational opportunities of Berkeley youth.

Outstanding Educator Washington Custodian Albert Kumar's default mode is "above and beyond". In the summer of 2018, Washington was host to hundreds of students for months-long summer programs. Albert was nonetheless able to deep clean the entire school, working around programs in operation. He is dedicated, and excellent with children.

Outstanding Educator Washington School Safety Officer Ken Hunter has demonstrated superior vigilance and excellent response to emergencies. He's responded to a middle school student hit by a car while on their bike, alerted the school to a police chase on the street, and invests considerable time and effort every day in mentoring many Washington students.

1. We want your **Box Tops for Education** - please send them into school and turn them in at the box in the lobby. Every little bit helps!
1. We need parent/guardians for school committees, this is your chance to get involved:

School Site Committee @ Washington

Planning and Oversight @ the District

Local Control Accountability Plan @ the District

English Learners Accountability Committee @ Washington

... and more! Email Principal Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net

1. **Closed toe shoes for school** please send kids to school in tennis shoes or other shoes good for running - protect the toes!
2. **Got flu shot?** We are coming up on flu season, check with your child's doctor to see if a flu shot is appropriate.
3. One 5th grade class has started a **Kindness Campaign** - Everyone has drawn a name and will do something kind for the person they picked. Next week, new names will be drawn and the task will be to deliver a sincere compliment. That's the Rhino Spirit!
4. Mark your Calendars for **Family Math Night**, October 11th, 6- 8 pm Drop In Anytime. Mathematics is many things ... come and explore! This will be a celebration of mathematics!

8. Washington **Read in the Trees** was a big hit on Wednesday

As all the Rhinos found comfy nooks in the forest and cuddled up with a book. "*The hardest part was getting the kids to stop reading when it was time to go!*", said Reading Coach Sacha Moustakas, "*We read a total of 6,750 minutes together!*"

9. Last but not least, please consider giving any amount to the [Washington PTA Fund](#). PTA reimburses teachers for classroom supplies, enrichment classes, Restorative Justice coordinator, helps with field trips and funds our wonderful Coach Don to work with every Washington student. We celebrate when everyone everyone in a class has participated, so any amount you can give will make a difference, because together we are great!

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