

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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Washington Winter Party: on Friday Dec. 14, the cafeteria will be transformed into a scene of winter frolics: great food, music and even a snowball catapult. It's all free and you won't want to miss it!

4th graders Singing Opera?!! Join the 4th graders on Friday 12/7 at 9:30 am in the cafeteria for a very special performance of Donizetti's comic opera "The Elixir of Love," with the San Francisco Opera. The 4th graders have been working hard for some weeks now, learning two pieces for chorus. There are also about 10 speaking roles who will be performing onstage with professional opera singers and a pianist!

Poetry in the Halls! *Happy is a bright blue horse* (by Ibu) ~ *Brave haunts the wind like a cool breeze* (by James) ~ *Bored has a vacation under the bed each year to find old sandwiches* (by Margo) ~ *Devastation feeds on the salty water that drips from your eyes* (by Clrce) ~ *Furious eats lava and grenades for breakfast, lunch and dinner* (by Kabir) all from the **What if Feelings Were People?** Taught by visiting artist (and former Washington parent) Laura Walker and now on display in the Washington hallways! Go 4th graders!

Literacy Night rescheduled! New date: Wednesday Jan 16

Does your child need to improve their reading or writing? Come to Literacy Night tonight for a fun and informative event tonight in the cafeteria from 6-8 pm and learn how you can help. FREE family dinner from 6-6:30, then parents and kids split up - parents will work with our literacy coaches while kids play reading games and activities. At 7:30, we'll gather together again in the cafeteria for games and FREE resources! Students can get a Homework Pass for attending!

Volunteer opportunities! We always welcome volunteers to lunch recess supervision: just go to the office and check in. You will be given a snazzy fluorescent vest to wear and a list of Dos and Don'ts.

Winter is here: we go outside in all kinds of weather, so please send your child with appropriate clothing and shoes.

African American Unity Group asks: how can we best support our children of African descent, so that all children at Washington rise? We meet monthly to plan events and have discussions. Next meeting is January 9 at 6 pm in the library.

Events coming up:



Dec 7 9:30 am 4th grade Opera performance

Dec 14 Assemblies Unique Derrique 1 & 1:40 pm

Dec 14 **Winter Party 6 pm**

Dec 21 8:10 am All Rhino Assembly

Dec 24 - Jan 4 Winter Break

Thank you for all your support of Washington!