

Rhino Roar *News for the Washington community* Published every Thursday (mostly)

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NO SCHOOL May 27

Reminder that there is no school on May 27 for Memorial Day. See the school calendar [here](#)

What's Field Day? An annual Washington tradition, that's what! Coach Don sets up a wonderland of activities on the playground and the entire grade level gets all morning to play and enjoy. See the calendar below for when your child is scheduled. Parent volunteers are welcome to join the fun!

Plans for next year? If your family plans to move out of the area or change schools next year, PLEASE notify the Washington office of your plans. A form is coming home soon for you to fill out and return to school to let us know of your plans. Thank you for helping us plan effectively for next year!

Washington had a 10% increase in the number of shared trips to school this year - this covers carpooling, taking the school bus, city bus or BART. That's great, but we'd also like to increase the number of active transportation trips - walking, biking, skateboarding and other physically active ways of getting to and from school. This alternative needs to be safe, which is why Washington's Traffic and Safety committee is continuing to study ways to improve walking and bike access.

What's a Walking School Bus? How do I catch a Bike Train?

Did you walk to school with friends when you were young? How about riding your bike? Many families live close enough to Washington to do this, but don't feel comfortable sending kids without an adult. A Walking School bus is organized by families who each take a day to walk with children to school. A Bike Train is the same thing on wheels! Kids arrive at school energized from being with friends and getting some exercise so they transition easily to class. Email Principal Hazen if you'd like to be connected with resources for a Safe Route to School. katiahazen@berkeley.net

Events coming up:

- May 27 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- May 30 Middle School Visits for 5th graders
- June 3 3rd grade Field Day 8:10 - 11 am

June 6	4th grade Field Day 8:10 - 11 am
June 7	5th grade Field Day 8:10 - 11 am
June 10	1st grade Field Day 8:10 - 11 am
June 11	2nd grade Field Day 8:10 - 11 am
June 12	Kindergarten Field Day 8:10 - 11 am
June 13	5th grade promotion 9:00 - 11 am
June 14	Last Day of School!