

Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Back to School Night Tonight!

See you in the courtyard at 6 pm for important whole school information!

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Class presentations by teachers and question and answer session,

7 - 7:30 pm: Drops ins for families that need to go to a second classroom.

5th grade will be having a Point Bonita Information Session in room 208 @ 7:30 pm.

Do you want to **view your child's attendance, past report cards, update emergency card information and see State testing results** (4th & 5th grades only)? Illuminate Student Data Portal has it all! You should have received an email from our IT department. This email is authentic.

To log-in or create an account once you have your personal access code, visit:

<https://berkeley.illuminatehc.com/login>

If you do not have an Illuminate account please follow the link below to obtain your access code. Once you have this information you will be able to create an Illuminate account.

https://script.google.com/a/macros/berkeley.net/s/AKfycbx1t4jBdrtB7Wgtu5wThY32XAhACdVkgHmnevrk5dicW_ENIW4/exec

Reminder: Helmets are required by law for students riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc.

[Girls and the Praise Paradox](#). Motivation expert Dr. Carol Dweck asserts that for some girls, "praise for intelligence or ability backfires," often making her less confident. She offers tips for parents and teachers on how to praise girls in ways that foster their resilience and perseverance in the face of tough challenges.

School lunch calendars are available in the lobby.

Welcome to the new school year! We are **Suzy Mead and Amanda Sabin, your librarians**, and we are excited about sharing books with the Washington community.

All students have one library class per week. During this time, students will learn library skills, read and discuss books together and, of course, select one or more books to borrow (depending on grade level). Learning how to take care of the shared books from the library is an important part of the students' education and sense of community. Here are some tips for taking care of Washington library books at home:

- Students should put their books into their backpacks right after they are done reading.
- Keep books away from sticky foods and liquids.
- Protect library books with a plastic bag when it rains.

If a library book does get damaged, please bring it to the library.

Sometimes books get lost or damaged beyond repair. If this happens, please have your student talk to me. Taking responsibility for one's actions is an important part of growing up. Next steps can include:

- Your family can replace the book with the same title. (Gently used is OK. Please replace a hardback book with a hardback book.)
- Your family can pay the cost of replacing the book.
- Your student can help the teacher or a coach to make up the cost of the book.
- We can come up with an individualized plan.

Suzy Mead and Amanda Sabin

Library Specialists

Events coming up:

Sept 5	Back to School Night TONIGHT! 6 - 7:30 pm
Sept 10	EQ/Fire Drill
Sept 19	4th & 5th grade potluck 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the courtyard
Sept 24	Picture Day
Sept 25	2nd & 3rd grade potluck 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the courtyard
Sept 26	Picture Day
Oct 1	Make up Picture Day