

Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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School Site Council (SSC) nominations are open through 9/13! You can nominate yourself or someone else. Ballots will go out next week. SSC meets monthly to work on the site plan, coordinate with other committees such as PTA and ELAC, and to review student academic achievement. Contact Principal Hazen @ katiahazen@berkeley.net for more information.

Please see the Superintendent's [Letter to the Community](#) regarding middle school assignments.

Reminder: no candy, gum, glass bottles or soda at school, per BUSD's Healthy Foods policy. Thank you for your support!

We raise our girls to fight stereotypes and pursue their dreams, but do we do the same for our boys? [How to Raise a Feminist Son](#) from the New York Times 6/2/17 is worth a read!

Student phones are still very rare in elementary school, thankfully. As a reminder, BUSD Board Policy 5131 states:

Students in grades k-8 will be allowed to carry electronic signaling devices (i.e. cell phones) at school with the following stipulations:

- The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronic signaling devices.
- Electronic signaling devices are to be shut off at the start of school, and may be turned on again at the end of the day. (Washington has programs in operation from 7:30 am to 6 pm, so no student cell phones may be turned on while on campus during those hours)
- At all other times, including but not limited to class time, passing periods and break, electronic signaling devices shall be turned off. Electronic signaling devices shall not be left on in vibrating mode.
- Use of electronic signaling devices at any time during instructional time will result in confiscation and possible disciplinary action.

First instance: phone is taken away for the rest of the day and returned to the student at 2:25 pm

Second instance: phone is taken away and an adult needs to come to the office to pick it up

Washington's **Food Pantry** opens tomorrow, 9/13! Families can pick up fresh produce & shelf-stable food for families and staff who want it in the courtyard from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. The Food Pantry will be open every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month (unless there is no school that day). The community is also welcome to go to the pantry at the South Berkeley Senior Center @ 2939 Ellis street near Ashby. At this pantry everyone can choose their own produce, dairy, meat, and shelf-stable food. Thank you to Carol Perez, Washington's Family Engagement and Equity Specialist

Events coming up:

Sept 13	Food Pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm
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
Sept 27	Food Pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm
Oct 1	Make up Picture Day
Oct 10	Food Pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm

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