

# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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**School Site Council** (SSC) election is now open through 9/27! Ballots and candidate statements were sent home via student folders. Please vote and return your ballot to school.

As you may have heard, there will be a world-wide, student-led **climate strike** on Friday, September 20th. If you are taking your child out of school for this activity, please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net) with your child's name and reason for absence. Per district policy, absences for this purpose will be excused. Check with your child's teacher to learn about classroom discussions or other activities planned for this day.

How does Washington make sure that kids who need extra help receive it? We use a system called **MTSS: Multi Tiered System of Supports**. The key points are that we screen all students for possible need and we look at social-emotional as well as academic needs. The goal of MTSS is to provide early intervention so that students can catch up to their peers.

Tier 1: Whole Class. All students are taught with research-based methods and curriculum, and are screened to see who is and isn't making expected progress. Students receive small group instruction from the classroom teacher that addresses different strengths and areas of need.

Tier 2: Small Group Interventions. Frequent assessment data shows who needs to receive more targeted support in small groups. Washington has an "Intervention and Enrichment" time block for all grades so that students who receive out of class intervention don't miss core instruction.

Tier 3: Intensive, Individualized Support. A few students who move up to this most intensive level of support continue with Tier 1 activities. Their break-out groups are smaller than in Tier 2. These sessions last longer and are more targeted on specific skills.

**Rainy Day Plan:** When it's raining in the morning, teachers will open their doors by 8 am. Students should go straight to class instead of exploring the puddles on the playground.

**Parenting Resources:**

- [Embrace Race](#) is an organization that helps families raise kids to be brave, informed and thoughtful about race. Worth checking out!
- [Kids' Turn Workshops](#) help children & parents through parental separation & divorce.

**Celebrando Comunidad en la Placita:** This is a festive annual community event that celebrates our Latinx community. Sunday Sept 29/Domingo 29 de septiembre, 12 - 5 pm, Civic Center Park 2151 MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley CA 94704 Evento Gratis-Free Event ¡MUSICA! Live Bands Deliciosa Comida Food Actividades Para Ninos Kids Activities Feria Artesanal Community Booths Recursos de Salud Gift Card Raffle Pinatas \$50-\$100 Rifa de Tarjeta de Regalo de \$50-\$100 hosted by Cesar Chavez Dolores Huerta Commemorative Committee sponsored by the City of Berkeley; for info, go to [chavezhuerta.org](http://chavezhuerta.org) community partners: BAHIA, Inc., BUSD, & UC Berkeley's Chicana Latinx Student Development

**Events coming up:**

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| 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                 |
| Sept 29 | Community Festival in Civic Center Park, 12 - 5 pm FREE |
| Oct 1   | Make up Picture Day                                     |
| Oct 2   | Walk and Roll to School Day                             |
| Oct 7   | English Learners Advisory Committee 6-8 pm, Library     |
| Oct 10  | Family Math Night 6 - 7:30 pm                           |
|         | Food Pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm                 |