

# Rhino Roar



*News for the Washington community*

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The Great California Shakeout **Emergency Drill** was held today at Washington, 10/17 at 10:17 am, on the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Along with schools, homes and businesses across the state, Washington practiced what to do to survive a major earthquake at school. It's a great time to review your home preparations, too. Here are some [resources](#).

We have a few follow up tasks that could use volunteer support. You would need to be available during the school day. Please email Principal Hazen at [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net)

Did you know? Washington has a **103 kWp solar system** on the roof, installed in Summer 2008. It may still be the largest single PV system in the City of Berkeley. Our solar system offsets the building's electric load which was historically about \$25K per year. We avoid the creation of approximately 31 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and other toxic air pollutants each year by generating clean energy from the sun! Wouldn't it be great if Washington had a battery backup system for this?

The Walkathon tomorrow is one of Washington's big fundraisers of the year. We are trying for 100% participation, so no dollar amount is too small to donate!

Math Night Estimation results: *Dominoes 145 and Pumpkin Candies 202*. Thank you to everyone who came to Math Night! Next year: rsvps and more pizza!

**Fall Report Card Conferences** November 5 - 8 are shortened days (Kindergartners will be released at 12:30, grades 1-5 will be released at 1:15 pm) to allow for parents and teachers to meet to review student progress. Every student should have a report card conference. Contact your child's teacher to schedule yours today!

Residents are invited to join city staff for a community day of fun and information at the first annual **City of Berkeley Open House** on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 11am-3pm in Civic Center Park, Berkeley. Meet city workers, learn about services, and enjoy activities for the whole family.

This event is organized by the City Manager, Dee Williams-Ridley, and will include staff from Animal Services, Economic Development, Fire, Police, Human Resources, Rent Board, Public Works, Information Technology, Parks and Recreation. Throughout Civic Center Park, staff will display work and information on programs and services, and actively engage with community members. Specialized vehicles from Police, Fire, and Public Works will be on display as well as fun activities for kids and adults.

Events coming up:

- Oct 17 SSC/ELAC meeting at Longfellow 6 - 8 pm
- Oct 18 Walkathon Fundraiser!
- Oct 20 City of Berkeley Open House @ Civic Center Park 11 am - 3 pm
- Oct 25 End of first grading period  
Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm
- Oct 28 Meet the Symphony 8:15 am
- Oct 31 Halloween Parade 1 pm
- Nov 4 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 5-8 Early Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Kindergarten released at 12:30 pm  
1st - 5th grades released at 1:15 pm
- Nov 8 Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm
- Nov 11 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
- Nov 22 Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm