



Rhino Roar

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Early release days are coming! During the week of November 5 - 8, Kindergarten students will be released at 12:30 pm, and 1st - 5th grades will be dismissed at 1:15 pm in order to allow time for parent-teacher conferences. Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time.

Washington has 2 openings for noontime playground and cafeteria supervision! You must be available Mon- Fri 11 am - 1 pm, have some work experience with children and be patient, kind and have eyes in the back of your head! Apply [here](#).

Reminder: only those people listed on the emergency card are permitted to pick up children from school. Even in the event of a major emergency, we can only release children to those listed on the emergency card. To add people to the emergency list, access your account in Illuminate. If you need help doing this, please email Principal Hazen at katihazen@berkeley.net

Mark your calendars for **Literacy Night** on Nov. 14. You'll learn how to grow a love of reading in your child and get some time with our literacy coaches. Please RSVP to washingtonattendance@berkeley.net so we know how much pizza to order this time!

Flowers dying fast/ Tomatoes stop ripening / Winter is coming

Poetry Showcase in the Garden! Come stroll through the garden and read haikus written by 4th and 5th graders. On display for one week only in the Washington garden: 10/28 - 11/1.

Parent Resource: <https://www.youcubed.org/>

Research shows that it's better to **praise your child for working hard, not for being "smart"**. Carol Dweck conducted an experiment (Meuller & Dweck, 1998) in which kids were given a task to do. At the end of the task, half of the children were praised for being "smart", the others were praised for working hard. For the next task, the kids were given a choice between something that was easy or difficult. 90% of those praised for being smart chose the easy task, while the majority of those praised for working hard chose the more challenging one. When children are told they are smart, they of course feel good, but later when they struggle with something, as everyone eventually does, they may think, "Hmmm, I'm not so smart." Try to praise what the child has done, ex: "It's wonderful that you have learned how to add numbers", instead of "Wow, you can add numbers, you are so smart." Further advice on ways to talk and praise kids is given in the parent guidance section at <https://www.youcubed.org/>

Between now and the end of January, the three BUSD middle schools will be holding tours for prospective parents. Longfellow is open to the whole district; King and Willard are zoned. Click [here](#) to find out what middle school zone you're in. King offers tours [by reservation only](#). For tours of Longfellow and Willard, please call the school offices.

Events coming up:

- Oct 25 Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm
- Oct 25 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 14 Literacy Night 6 pm please rsvp to washingtonattendance@berkeley.net
- Nov 18 - 22 No Hate Week
- Nov 22 Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm