



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community
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Once upon a time, Sonia and Anil, two Washington parents, noticed that the sound system in the cafeteria wasn't very good. You couldn't hear much from the old, weak speakers past about 20 feet from the stage. They knew Ben Shemuel, the owner of a high end local sound design business TEECOM, and asked him to evaluate Washington's needs. Ben got JBL to donate over \$5k of equipment to Washington and our heroic PTA came up with the rest. Ben and his staff even came in to Washington on a Sunday to install the new speakers at no charge. Washington got amazing sound for our assemblies, plays and performances, all thanks to Sonia and Anil Raina, who noticed a need and decided to do something about it! A big Rhino Thank You to the Raina family!

NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK Thanksgiving Holiday
We'll see you back on Monday, December 2nd!

Please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net if your child misses school with the date and reason for the absence.

Please check the **Lost & Found** in the cafeteria lobby. It grows very quickly now that children are wearing jackets to school. If you label your child's clothing with your last name, there's a pretty good chance that one of our wonderful parent volunteers will reunite it with the owner.

Mark your calendars for the **Winter Party on Dec 13!** An evening of fun at Washington!

Parenting resource:
Wouldn't it be great if we could? Interestingly, research shows that allowing kids to fail actually builds "stress inoculation" Learn more [here](#).

Events coming up:

Nov 18 - 22 No Hate Week, a school board resolution to promote an inclusive environment

Nov 22 Lockdown Drill 2 pm

Food pantry in courtyard 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Nov 25 - 29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving week

Dec 3 PTA Board Meeting

Dec 5 Assembly: Fire Safety for k-2 @ 10 am

Dec 9 Assembly: Fire Safety for 3rd - 5th @ 1:30 pm

Dec 12 Eq/Fire Drill @ 1 pm

Dec 13 Winter Party in Cafetorium, 6 - 8 pm!