



# Rhino Roar

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**Thank you** to all the volunteers who made the Washington Winter Party so wonderful!

Washington's PTA is sponsoring a timely parent education event on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11 am: **Understanding and Managing Anxiety in Children.** This workshop will be led by Washington's own Michelle Tirella Ventura, an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. Ms. Tirella Ventura works with many Washington children in counseling and social groups. We'll have an informative talk with time for Q&A at the end. Bagels, coffee, juice and childcare will be provided! Please rsvp to [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net)

The Washington Clothing Closet Shopping Spree will be held this Thursday and Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in the courtyard. Families are welcome to come any time. There will also be bags from the Washington Food Pantry on Friday afternoon

**New Year/New Habits:** Is your child a **Ready Rhino**? Ready Rhinos are at school on time every day. *On Time Arrivals in the Morning* will be the focus for 2020, with teachers using a variety of rewards and recognitions to encourage students to be at school by 8:10 am. Please make every effort to have your child arrive at school on time, every day. It really impacts the whole class when students trickle in late when instruction is taking place.

### **Missed Days Add Up Quickly!**

- Just a few missed days a month adds up to several school weeks missed in a year.
- Both excused and unexcused absences can make it more difficult for your child to keep up with other students, especially in math and reading.
- Establishing good attendance habits is critical for your child. Missing school during these crucial early years can make it more difficult to learn in later years.

Please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net) if your child is late or misses school with the date and reason for the absence.

Events coming up:

Dec 23 - Jan 5 WINTER BREAK

Jan 6 *Ready Rhinos* begins

Jan 11 PTA Event: *Understanding and Managing Anxiety in Children*, 9-11 am

Jan 16 Kindergarten Information Night, 7 pm

Jan 20 NO SCHOOL MLK Day

Jan 22 Zero Waste Lunch Wednesday

Jan 27 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development