



Rhino Roar

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5th grade families: deadline is *tomorrow* to submit the [middle school preference form](#) and provide proof of Berkeley residency to get your child enrolled in middle school!

Tree update: We have a list of possible trees for Washington to replace our beloved Italian Stone Pine at the orange gate on McKinley that had to be removed.
Chinese tallow- <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/triadica-sebifera>
Tecate Cypress- <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/hesperocyparis-forbesii>
Chinese Pistache- <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/pistacia-chinensis>
Red Maple- <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/acer-rubrum-autumn-flame>
Ginkgo - <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/ginkgo-biloba-autumn-gold>
Watch this space for information about your opportunity to vote on the new tree!

Principals Learning Every Wednesday, principals meet to analyze student data and learn together. We're currently reading and discussing *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo.

Playing after school: Students are expected to depart campus promptly when school is dismissed, or report to LEARNS or BEARS if enrolled. We are unable to allow students to play on campus after the end of the school day due to the lack of available supervision and the need to run our after school programs. Children who have not been picked up should come to the office. Thank you for your support!

More Safety Announcements:

- Emergency Cards/Medications : Please make sure we have up to date emergency contact information at all times. If your child may have a need to take medication at school, the office needs current information from your doctor. This includes asthma inhalers and epi-pens!
- Morning drop-off: Supervision on the playground begins at 8:00 a.m. Children should not be on the yard unless accompanied by their parent before

8:00! We don't allow basketball or tag on the blacktop before school, as this is where 400+ students are lining up. Students may play on the turf or in the forest before school, but not with balls, please.

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

Events coming up:

Feb 10	PTA Fundraising Meeting in the Library 6 pm
Feb 13	School Site Committee 6 pm
Feb 14	NO SCHOOL Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 17	NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
Feb 20	English Learner's Advisory Committee (ELAC) 6 pm in room 1
Feb 21	Assembly: I Am A Performer 10:10 am
Feb 24	Snack with a Scientist
Feb 27	Black History Month Celebration 6 pm