



Rhino Roar

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Parent coaches needed for the **Oratorical Festival!** We need adults to practice with students who are learning speeches or poems for Washington's 3rd annual Black History Oratorical Festival on March 12. Kids need help with memorizing, projecting their voice, using gestures, etc. Please contact your child(ren)'s teacher if you're available during the day or the LEARNS coordinator Mr. John Alford-Leaks at johnalfordleaks@berkeley.net if you're available 3-6 pm). The top two performers from grades 3-5 will go on to represent Washington at the District competition at Longfellow on 3/19. Go Rhinos!

I am a Performer Concert: join us on Friday 2/21 @ 10:10 am to see our students in concert with musicians from the Berkeley Symphony!

The 9th Annual Berkeley JazzGirls Day is on Saturday, March 7, 2020, 1-5 p.m. (registration opens at 12:30 p.m.) at Berkeley High's Community Theatre. Elementary and middle school girl musicians ages 10-14 who play or sing jazz—or are thinking about trying it out—are invited to join professional female jazz musicians and educators for the afternoon. Activities include master classes, and jam sessions. Female high school jazzistas from the Berkeley High jazz program serve as mentors and volunteers!

You don't want to miss our annual celebration of **Black Heritage: Young Black Hidden Heroes** on Thursday, 2/27 from 5:30-7:30 pm! Community dinner will be from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The African American Unity Group (AAUG) will provide fried chicken and mac-n-cheese. We ask that the community contribute to the dinner in the following manner:

Kindergarten – 1st grades: please bring deserts
2nd & 3rd grades: please bring cornbread or salads
4th and 5th grades: please bring side dishes

In order for this to be a successful community event, we need volunteers to help out that evening:

- Set up: Arrange tables and chairs (4:30)
 - Buffet Dinner: set up tables, help serve food (Dinner starts at 5:30)
 - Clean up: put up chairs and tables, sweep floors, throw away trash (7:30)
- If you are able to help with any of these jobs, please contact Carol Perez at carolynperez@berkeley.net. We look forward to celebrating Young Black Hidden Heroes with you!

Local Event: *The Legacy of School Integration and Educational Outcomes* with Professor Rucker Johnson, Berkeleyside reporter Natalie Orenstein, moderated by Dan Schifrin on Thursday, 2/20 from 7-9 PM at JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street. Cost: Early Bird: \$15; General \$20

“It has been more than 60 years since the case of Brown v. Board of Education, and we are only now beginning to understand the full ramifications. The resulting integration affected children’s lives in areas as broad as health, income, and educational attainment.” Reserve your spot [here](#).

BUSD Social Studies Curriculum Faire This is an opportunity to learn about potential new curriculum from 4 publishers. February 25, 4pm-6:15pm Room 120 @ Bonar Street. This event is open to all interested school staff as well as parents and guardians. RSVP [here](#)

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 21	Assembly: I Am A Performer 10:10 am
Feb 24	Snack with a Scientist!
Feb 25	BUSD Social Studies Curriculum Fair
Feb 27	Black Heritage Celebration 5:30 pm
Feb 28	Food Pantry 1:30 pm to 6 pm
Mar 10	PTA Board Meeting 6 pm
Mar 12	Oratorical Festival 8:45 am