



# Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community  
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**COVID-19 (coronavirus)** update: District website with most current information [here](https://www.berkeleyschools.net/coronavirus/).  
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The Superintendent's previously shared recommendations include:

- Students with fever (>100.4 F / >38C) should remain home until they have no fever for 24 hours, without fever medication.
- Students who have vomited should remain at home for 24 hours.

We're working to keep the school clean and would welcome your help and donations of hand sanitizer for students to clean hands before eating lunch.

**Readathon begins Saturday!** Rhinos will be reading like maniacs for the next week to raise money for enrichment programs at the school. Please support in every way that you can!

**Vote for the new tree online [here](#).** Let the Rhinos choose! Vote online now!

Buildings and Grounds has given us 5 trees to choose from:

- Red Maple (Acer Rubrum)
- Autumn Gold (Ginkgo biloba)\*
- Chinese Pistache (Pistacia Chinensis)
- Tecate Cypress (Hesperocyparis Forbesii)
- Chinese Tallow (Triadica Sebifera)

*\*(yes, they know the issue with Ginkgos: only female ginkgo trees bear fruit. Most often ginkgos are a grafted male tree. Every once in a while a female tree will sneak onto a graft and produce smelly fruit litter.)*

**Parent Enrichment Event:** "How to talk about Race and Racism with Your Kids" by Pamela Harrison-Small, 9 - 11 am on Saturday 3/21 at Washington. Join other parents for bagels and coffee and a great discussion! Please let us know if you can attend and if you will need childcare at [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net)

**Oratorical Festival News:**

- Family friendly movie about Oakland's Black History Oratorical Festival, available online  
<https://www.hbo.com/documentaries/we-are-the-dream> You don't need HBO to watch it!

Parenting Resources:

[Decoding Boys: New Science Behind the Subtle Art of Raising Sons](#) by Cara Natterson.

This is a great new resource for evidence-based practices in raising happy and successful boys!

New schedule for 2020-21 school year: **First day of School is August 17, 2020. The first three days will have a 1:30 pm dismissal: Monday - Wednesday August 17-19, 2020.**

Here is a link to calendar information for next year:

<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/calendar/>

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:

Mar 7	Readathon begins!
Mar 11	Read in the Trees 1 pm
Mar 12	Oratorical Festival 8:45 am School Site Council (SSC) 6 pm
Mar 13	Food Pantry 1:30 - 5:30 pm
Mar 15	Readathon ends
Mar 17	Pacific Boy Choir Performance @ 1:30 pm
Mar 19	BUSD Oratorical Festival at Longfellow
Mar 21	Parent Event: How to talk about Race and Racism with Your Kids by Pamela Harrison-Small, 9 - 11 am