

Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community
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School will be closed until further notice

Dear Washington Rhino Community,

We are figuring out what learning will look like under these unprecedented circumstances. It will not involve paper work packets, as they are unsafe and we have no way to distribute them equitably. It will certainly involve the use of technology, likely chromebooks for 3rd - 5th graders and possibly iPads for k-2. **You do not need to rush and buy a device for your child.** BUSD is distributing chromebooks by request to high school students first, then middle schoolers and finally 3rd - 5th graders. Please email chromebook@berkeley.net or call (510) 644-8931 to request a chromebook for your 3rd - 5th grader.

Devices for k-2 students are still being figured out and will be communicated to families likely in the coming week.

What is crucial is that students have internet access at home. Please email Principal Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net (cell 510-981-9957) or Office of Family Engagement and Equity Carol Perez at carolynperez@berkeley.net if you need help getting home internet service. We are partnering with the Washington PTA and the Berkeley Public Schools Fund to ensure that all families are supported during the school closure. If you have extra resources to give, please donate to these groups. Even more so under these extraordinary circumstances, we are still a community. We are in this together!

Childcare services for Berkeley Families in Need:

From Ava Clason, a Junior at Berkeley High School: As I am sure you know by now, precautions against COVID-19 are being taken, leading to all BUSD schools to close. We realize this can have a large impact on many, especially low income families, in more ways than just education. School provides safe spaces, meals, and childcare for families to which these things are not available. We understand that the main priority is student safety, however we know that many families are being left without resources or support. Myself, along with a growing number of high school volunteers are putting together a temporary babysitting service for those that are in need, especially parents in health care professions or professions that require them to work

outside the home. I have been babysitting for 4 years, I am a red cross certified babysitter, and I have a love for children. My lovely volunteers (which we will be vetting) and I, many of which have similar experience, hope to begin this service as soon as possible.

How it works:

Parents with childcare needs can contact me, Ava Clason, at avaclason@students.berkeley.net or via phone at:(720) 539-1026

We will put parents in contact with students that fit their needs for a free at home babysitter. We will try to provide meals and activities upon request, although meals cannot be guaranteed. These volunteers are passionate students who understand that support is needed through this time.

Please include the following information in your request for childcare:

- location/family address
- # of children,
- ages of children
- · days and times when you need care
- Language needs:
- Notes (any other needs, ex. food restrictions, etc.)

Ava will be in touch with you to confirm services.



Read Alouds For Washington Rhinos



We miss our Washington community, and we wanted to read you some stories!

Click the links below for a special read aloud!

Also, to watch authors read their own books, click here!

https://www.storylineonline.net/library/

Reade r	Book Title	YouTube Link
Princi	If You	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJD6nXuT-
pal	Take a	<u>Ek&t=1s</u>
Hazen	Mouse	
	to	
	School	

Coach Don	He Came With the Couch	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oG439gbzOvQ
Ms. David son	Flight School	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-nuJcf1Y08
Ms. David son	Jabari Jumps	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhrMGi-zM4Y
Ms. Gemin der	The Miracu lous Journ ey of Edwar d Tulane	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZjAFVnrCdk&t=1s

Mrs. Hanco ck	Chapte r 1 Juman ji (part 1)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G- PjKvp6i_M&t=12s
Mrs. Hanco ck	Juman ji (part 2)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSYLZdcG1wk
Ms. Bail	Naugh ty Bus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyHZdLbe0u8
Ms. Thom aes	Today I Will Fly	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKDf8B0yiXo&feature=youtu.be

Ms. Kasle	Wanga ri's Trees of Peace	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2lzyLr1Ld0&feature=youtu.be&disable_polymer=true
Ms. CR	The Watso n's Go to Birmin gham, 1963: Chapte r 6, Part 1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dawbuF5IK54&t=5s
Ms. Jokel a	The Greed Y Triang le	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkabZ_25mmk

Ms. Jokel a	Ruby's Wish	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQ8ERt7q080 &disable_polymer=true
Ms. Whiti ng	The Wild Robot Chapte rs 1-5	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4lOw1KHWXE &feature=youtu.be
Ms. Whiti ng	How I Becam e a Pirate	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy6G_c9NabE&feature=youtu.be
Ms. Kelly	Pax Chapte rs 1-4 * Appro priate	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqCAuaoun 7JYV-vpNuNtCrB59mzu8t15y

	for 4th/5t h grade	
Ms. Wash	Cool Cuts	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmJH98nfvGg
Ms. Wash	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHdkEQBerAo
Ms. Jagge r	Drago ns Love Tacos	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t4qYYWKPqQ
Ms. Jagge r	There's a Bird on	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxjiqrUI3Rw

	Your Head	
Coach Tom	Swimm y	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHRQzc7MRfo &feature=youtu.be
Ms. Wadd ell	Bink and Golly (Socks Story)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3oXTDn- 7R0&t=67s
Ms. Hedg ecock	Those Darn Squirr els	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8PtgPcFMEI&feature=youtu.be
Paske	Living Sunlig ht:	https://youtu.be/RB6-s0SIC6E

	How Plants Bring the Earth to Life	
Ms. Talbo	I Like Myself	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfbq3Ywe55o&feature=youtu.be
Ms. Talbo	What a Party	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3VzR80Yeng&feature=youtu.be
Ms. Hawki ns	Saffro n Ice Cream	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeJS2vnCLvY&feature=youtu.be

A very effective short video on handwashing: https://www.facebook.com/100001009959974/posts/2972807316096238/?d=null&vh=i

Go Washington Rhinos!