

Rhino Roar

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It's official: all schools in Alameda County will be closed for the rest of the school year. This was the first week of Distance Learning, and the learning curve has been steep for staff. We love being able to reconnect with our students, and for them to be able to connect with each other! After a few hiccups, we hope to be able to resume live instruction by Monday. BUSD wants to know how it's going for your family. A survey will be sent to all families on Monday. Please give your unvarnished feedback.

Here are some suggestions for safe and appropriate chromebook usage by young children:

- Consider having devices in a common area where an adult can see and hear
- See browser histories (Ctrl + Shift + H)
- See recently closed tabs (Ctrl + Shift + T)

If your child needs a chromebook to access Distance Learning activities, please email <u>chromebook@berkeley.net</u> or call (510) 644-8931, or fill out the form at <u>berkeleyschools.net/connecting</u> to request a chromebook for your child.

4th & 5th grade students: Elementary **Instrument Distribution** this Monday 4/13 12:00-2:00 pm at the district office parking lot at the corner of Addison and Browning. If your student left their instrument behind at school, the Music Department has done their best to retrieve that instrument from school and make it available to you for pickup on Monday at the central office parking lot. Students will need their instrument to participate in music distance learning.

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at <u>katiahazen@berkeley.net</u> **Go Rhinos!**