

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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What will the 2020-21 school year look like? We're asking you to use a platform called "Thought Exchange", where you can both provide suggestions and take a look at ideas provided by others, and rate the ideas that have the most resonance for you. It's a great way to see current thinking and share your thoughts as well.

Please use the link or the QR code associated with each of these two questions. You'll be asked a couple of introductory questions before you submit your own ideas and start rating other thoughts. It's most helpful if you can rate around 20-30 thoughts of others.

The input is anonymous - the only information gathered is what your role is (i.e. parent, staff, etc.) and level (i.e. elementary), and the information will not be used to identify any individual.

Please complete your input by end of day Saturday May 23.

1. **Students' time on campus may be very limited in 2020-2021. What thoughts do you have about the best ways to use our school facilities to support children and families?**

<https://my.thoughtexchange.>



2. **Distance Learning will have to be part of the plan for 2020-21. What are your thoughts about ways to sustain students, staff and families for a longer period of time?**

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Huge **Thank You** to 2nd grade parent Scott Friese for volunteering his editing skills to put together the staff video: [Give a Little Love](#) - check it out!

The Ed Hub is Moving. Beginning on Monday, May 18, the Ed Hub will be at the Berkeley Adult School (BAS) staff parking lot at the 1700 block of Curtis St. Please note, you will be entering the staff parking lot on Curtis St. and exiting Francisco St. You can drive-thru and don't even need to get out of your car.

The hours remain the same:

Monday 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm

Friday 12:00-2:00pm

For now, Music instrument pickup and service will remain at the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) building on Mondays only, from 12 - 2pm. It is likely to move at the end of May. More about that soon.

Let's write some poems! From guest Poet Laura Walker:

I just posted 15 poem ideas on the new Washington poetry website. Have your child try a few; better yet, try a few with them!

<http://www.laura-walker.com/>

Also, you can now read 60 new poems, from both 4th and 5th graders:

<http://www.laura-walker.com/>

If your child doesn't have a poem up and they'd like to, please have them send me one. I'll keep adding to the website, so please check back periodically. And feel free to leave comments for the poets— I'm sure they enjoy them! All my best, Laura

Teachers: Just log into Zablezoot, scroll down to the Zork! app and have the kids work through the assignments sent through Kracklezam or check the links posted in Drumblekick.

Parents:



Are we laughing about this yet, or too soon?

The latest thinking about chromebooks that were borrowed from school : hold on to them over the summer as fall learning will likely have some online components.

No School Monday 5/18 (Malcolm X Day) and **5/25** (Memorial Day) - no Zooms!

Please consider joining the Anti Bias training for all Washington community members on **Thursday, June 4th from 6-7:30pm** and/or **Thursday, June 11th from 6-7:30pm**

[REGISTER FOR JUNE 4TH](#)

[REGISTER FOR JUNE 11TH](#)

To inform the facilitators' planning, please kindly register by May 30th

Support Longfellow online plant sale on Saturday, May 23. Online pre-order is required, and the online order form will be live on website (<https://www.longfellowgrows.>) starting this Sunday, May 17. Once folks have ordered plants online, they will be notified of their assigned 30-minute pick-up time slot on Saturday, May 23, under the big live oak tree at the main Longfellow entrance (1500 Derby). There won't be any "shopping around" during the distribution, as we want to get people in and out as quickly as possible—for safety and efficiency.

With this plant sale, our goals are to support local food security, encourage students and their families to garden at home, inspire curiosity about science and the natural world, and empower everyone in our school community to nourish themselves and their families. Food justice in action.

If you do not plan to return to Washington in the fall, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley. or call (510) 644-6310. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at

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Stay Strong Rhinos!