

# Rhino Roar



*News for the Washington community*

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## **Pick up of student items and return of library and classroom books**

Please plan to come to the courtyard on McKinley Ave. to pick up your child's belongings, return books and instruments and receive a summer learning packet.

- **Thursday 6/4, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm grades: kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.** Adults only may come to McKinley Ave orange gate to pick up belongings and return library and classroom books.
- **Friday, 6/5 9:30 am to 4:30 pm grades 3, 4 and 5.** Adults only may come to McKinley Ave orange gate to pick up belongings and return library and classroom books and school instruments.
- **Parent/guardians can come on either of those dates** if they can't make the assigned date.
- Students who have checked out chromebooks may keep them over the summer if they are

returning to a BUSD school.

The last week of school (June 8-12) will consist of professional development classes and planning for teachers. There will be no Office Hours or direct instruction required of teachers the final week of school, and no final report cards will be issued. All students will be advanced to the next grade in the fall. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about their progress.

### **What will the 2020-21 school year look like?**

From all indications, Distance Learning will form the core of instruction next year, with a hybrid model eventually possible: a mix of in-person and distance learning all year with increased hours of direct instruction from teachers. There will be the option to choose 100% distance learning. We are working on options to provide safe social interaction for children.

A new parent survey is coming out soon, be sure to participate.

Staff Transitions: Please join us in thanking the staff below for their many years of dedicated service at Washington as they move on to new adventures!

- Suzy Mead, Librarian (in BUSD since 2001, at Washington since 2003!!)
- Colette Rowe, Garden
- Stephanie Diamond, Reading Intervention teacher
- Daniel Krasnor, 5th grade teacher

Welcoming back to Washington for the 2020-21 school year:

- John Tubbs will be returning to Washington.
- Janine Waddell, 3rd grade teacher, will be teaching Science to 1st graders and serving as Berkeley Federation of Teachers Vice President.
- Wendy Whiting, 3rd grade teacher, will be a reading intervention teacher.

**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.

**No School Monday 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](mailto: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!**