

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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This link for the 5th grade promotion will become active just before the
scheduled time of

5:30 pm on Wednesday June 10 waselementary.stageclip.com

Let's celebrate the Washington Rhino class of 2020!

5th graders: Please come to the cafeteria to pick up your **promotion certificate** when you come to take a photo at the orange gate on Wednesday or Thursday! Thank you to parent Chiara Longo for making the certificates!

Come document your 5th grade promotion from Washington with a special photo next Wednesday and Thursday! A promotion backdrop will be set up at the orange gate, and families may come by any time after 11am on 6/10 to collect a special memento and take a

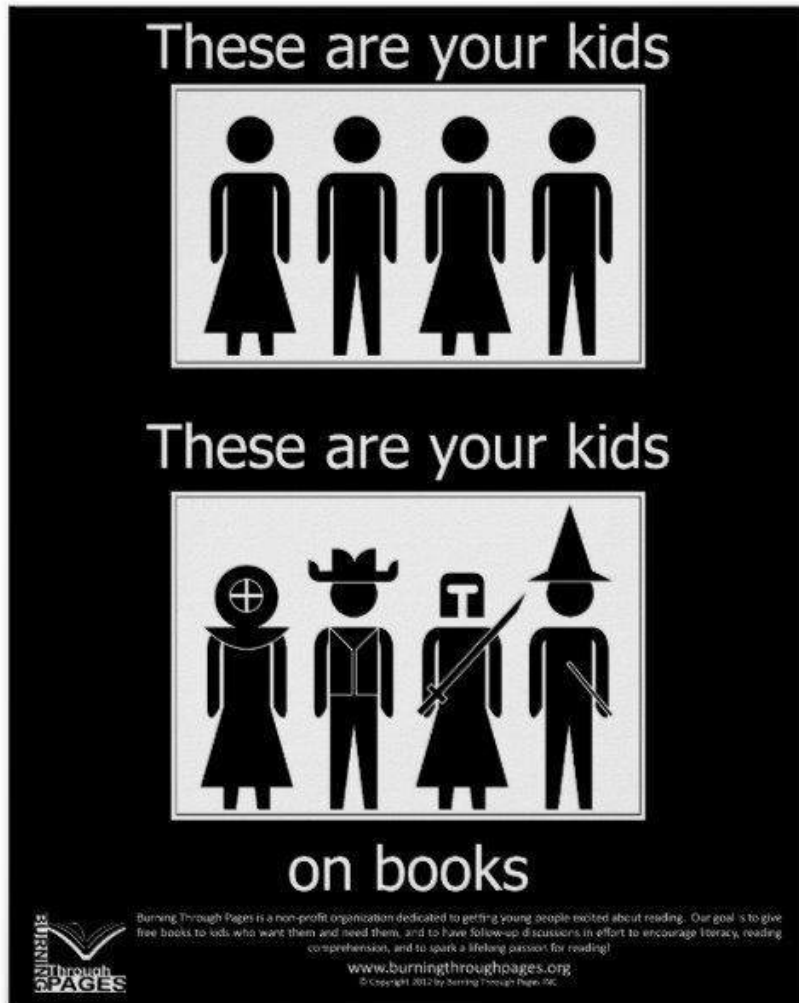
graduation photo while social distancing. Thank you to 4th grade parents Amy Callaway and Kate Cunnane for making this special effort and to 5th grade parent Sara Colburn for making keepsake rainbow Rhino posters for all 5th graders!

Class assignments for next year:

Teachers meet at the end of each year to make up teacher blind, balanced class groupings for next year. They work hard to ensure that each child is placed with at least one friend. If you feel that your child should be separated from a particular student, please inform your child's teacher. Due to the unique circumstances of distance learning, we will be keeping class groupings largely intact for next year.

Teachers do not determine who next year's teacher will be, and we do not take requests to have a particular teacher, as we expect all teachers to have the skills, determination and training to meet each student's unique learning needs.

When teachers change grade levels, (for example Ms. Geminder is moving to 5th grade next year) we make every effort to assign students who have not had that particular teacher before. You will learn your child's class assignment a few days before the start of classes in August.



The [Ed Hub](#) will be open all summer and has free books at your child's reading level!

What will school be like in the fall? As soon as this information is available, it will be

shared with you via email and on the BUSD website.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Washington PTA [Online Fundraiser!](#) Your support of Washington's students is even more critical in this new environment!

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

katiahazen@berkeley.net

Stay Strong, Rhinos!