



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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More details on Hybrid Learning plans (for a potential January 13, 2021 reopening date) will be shared by Superintendent Stephens at Town Hall webinars tonight Thursday, November 19, 6:00-7:00 pm [Webinar Link](#) . A Spanish language meeting will follow, from 7:15 - 8:15 pm [Webinar Link](#) . Please join in to learn the latest details about a proposed Hybrid schedule.

No School on Friday, November 20. (Also no lunchtime dance party)

School will be closed next week for the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll see everyone again on Nov. 30th!

Want to enjoy a little math over the Thanksgiving holiday? Try:

[Thanksgiving Math Challenge](#)

Mark your calendar: [Washington Literacy Night](#) Meeting ID: 870 9252 2164

Tuesday December 8 from 7 - 8 pm

Jumpstart your child's reading and writing success at home! Come to our school wide Literacy Night to learn concrete ways to make reading and writing more joyous and less stressful. Explore awesome online reading resources with our librarian Jackie Overlid. Ask our literacy coaches any questions you might have. We know distance learning is challenging, and we want to support you!

Online social groups facilitated by Washington counselors are available for children, and referrals and support are available for parents and guardians struggling with social isolation and other effects of school shutdown . Please contact Michelle Tirella Ventura at michelletirellaventura@

Washington Student newspaper launches! Kinder - 5th grade students may submit an article, drawing, comic, essay or other work through a [Google form](#) for our Rhino School Newspaper! Deadline for submission is December 11.

Publication date is December 16. There are two themes for this issue: Change and Thanksgiving. CHANGE: Fall is the season when the trees change color. We have seen many changes this year. How has your life changed? THANKSGIVING: What are you, your family, and friends thankful for? Questions? Email Principal Hazen at katihazen@berkeley.net

Get your pledges in for the Virtual Walk-a-thon ! More details, pledge sheets and links to donate is available on the PTA website at www.washington.berkeleypta.

If you have questions, please email: wapta.fundraising@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

NEW HOURS: Starting Nov. 29 the Ed Hub will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5pm.

The Ed Hub will be closed Nov. 23-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Students and families can come to the Ed Hub for:

- Technology needs (Chromebooks, computer exchanges, power cables, earbuds, internet tools, or tech support)*
- “Leveled” K-12 Books for reading enjoyment
- Spanish-speaking support for any of the above

BOOK DRIVE Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV) is organizing a book drive at the Ed Hub. BSV is accepting high-quality books for elementary students in new or very gently used condition at the Ed Hub. Book donations (please in paper bags only) will be received during regular [Ed Hub hours](#). After a week-long quarantine, books will be sorted, leveled, and bagged by BUSD literacy coaches & librarians. Books will be distributed at the Ed Hub to any family in need of books at home.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Sign up to Work a Shift at the Ed Hub

The Ed Hub is a partnership between the BUSD and the Berkeley Public Schools Fund – the single, centralized distribution site for BUSD families to pick-up needed supplies: from school supplies to Chromebook exchanges and books. We need at least 2 volunteers (including 1 Spanish speaker) per shift to run the Ed Hub smoothly! The Ed Hub will likely be up and running through the school year.

- First join BSV [here](#), if you haven’t already.
- Then sign up for an Ed Hub shift [here](#).

Questions? Contact Valerie Kratzer, valeriekratzer@berkeley.net

5th grade Families: The Admissions office has announced the 6th grade information nights in January. For Zoom links go to www.Berkeleyschools.net/ Dates: January 6- Willard (644-6330) January 13- Longfellow (644-6360) January 20 - King (644-6280)

Learn more about the middle school enrollment process here: <https://www.berkeleyschools.net/>

Enrolling in Middle School: Parents of all students who are entering middle school must provide all documents listed on the enrollment checklist and complete a preference form ranking their preferences of schools. Under state law, parents may request any school in the district; however, first priority will be given to families who live in the school’s attendance zone. Out-of-zone students will be considered after in-zone students are assigned. Key dates are Round One: January 6 – February 7, 2020

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, Monday 11/23 from 6 - 7:30 pm. CAC is a parent-driven group formed to advise BUSD on issues that affect children with special needs. The special education process can feel overwhelming and isolating. Learn more [here](#).

Calendar Reminders:

- 11/19 Town Hall on Hybrid Learning (see above)
- NO SCHOOL on Nov. 20 for parent-teacher report card conferences
- Thanksgiving week NO SCHOOL November 23 - 27

- Literacy Night Dec. 8 @ 7 pm [Washington Literacy Night](#) Meeting ID: 870 9252 2164
- Winter Recess December 21 - January 1 NO SCHOOL

If your child is absent for any reason, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net