



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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[Washington Literacy Night](#) Meeting ID: 870 9252 2164 Password: 027825

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!

Our own Washington school psychologist Stephanie Hewitt recently wrote two short articles that may speak to the present moment: [3 tips for Parents for Distance Learning](#) and [Motivating Your Child](#). She is a great resource for all sorts of issues and can be reached at stephaniehewitt@berkeley.net

Friday Fun Dance Party is open to all! Bring your best funky moves and learn some new ones. Get your heart rate up and put some pep in your step with the fresh tunes from Mr. Leaks! Every Friday from 12 - 12:25 pm online.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 885 3335 9378 Passcode: 421865

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's School Site Council meetings are open to the public, you do not have to be a member to attend. Please email Principal Hazen at katihazzen@berkeley.net if you'd like to attend the next meeting, which is Dec. 9 at 7 pm.

Your Washington PTA is cooking up plans for some holiday cheer in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars for the Winter Party on Friday December 18 from 6 - 8 pm. More details to follow!

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

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

Calendar Reminders:

- Literacy Night Dec. 8 @ 7 pm [Washington Literacy Night](#) Meeting ID: 870 9252 2164
- School Site Council Meeting Dec 9 at 7 pm
- Winter Party Friday Dec. 18 6 - 8 pm
- Winter Recess December 21 - January 1 NO SCHOOL

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

Questions or concerns? Great cookie recipes to share? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net