

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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Get yer newspaper here! [February Rhino Student Newspaper](#) is hot off the presses!

Washington's **African American Unity Group** (AAUG) is sponsoring a Black Heritage Writing Contest for students in 3rd - 5th grades. The purpose of the contest is to highlight Black women who have fought and sacrificed for equality, and justice and provide an opportunity for our students to express their knowledge and opinions about these courageous women. Entries are due by 5 pm on Feb 26 must be submitted [via this form](#). 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$75 3rd prize \$50. For more information, please see [here](#).

Feb 25: Live stream: **Black Music Through the Ages** with Ms. Faye Carol: @ 1pm at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

City of Berkeley Youth summer camp registration opens 9am Tuesday, February 23!

Links: Sign up quickly for fun and enriching summer programs serving ages 5-14

[Online Registration Portal](#)

[Recreation Program Registration Information](#)

[2021 Berkeley Summer Camp Guide](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

Berkeley residents can register for youth summer day camps starting 9am Tuesday, February 23. While some programs have had to make adjustments around capacity, transportation and length, we are pleased to provide an array of traditional summer day camps serving youth ages 5-14 this year - about 70% of typical summer offerings.

With high demand and limited availability, spots may fill quickly. If you do not yet have an account on the City's [online registration platform](#), you can speed up the registration process by creating your account in advance.

Registration opens February 23 or 25 for most youth camps

Berkeley residents have priority for summer camp registration. If spots remain available, registration for non-residents will open at a later date.

Resident registration opens:

Berkeley Day Camp (ages 5-13): Tuesday, February 23, 9am

Sports Central Camp (ages 8-12): Tuesday, February 23, 9am

Berkeley Fun Camp (ages 5-12): Thursday, February 25, 9am

Berkeley Skate Camp (ages 8-14): Thursday, February 25, 9am

Echo Lake Youth Camp (ages 7-14): resident registration open now

Session options for Berkeley based camps are June 7-25, June 28-July 16, and July 19-August 6. Find more information about each program in our Summer Camp Guide and sign up online using our recreation registration portal.

All camps will be held outdoors and conducted in compliance with state and local COVID-19 safety regulations. Most camps are offered in three 3-week long sessions, with campers and staff remaining in stable cohorts for the duration of each session. Participants will need to attend the program regularly to remain enrolled.

Mock Newbery Nights - Evening Literacy Events for 4th & 5th Graders

The Mock Newbery clubs continue in the virtual environment! The Newbery Award is a prestigious children's literature award given out yearly. Our students love to read and talk about the books that have been nominated and choose their own "Mock" Newberry winner!

All families are welcome! All details and links are on this website:

bit.ly/newberynights

Upcoming events:

2/25 6:00pm Ernesto Cisneros, author of *Efrén Divided*

3/18 6:00pm Amy Timberlake, author of *Skunk and Badger*

4/15 6:00pm Final Meeting

* Additional events may be added as authors confirm availability

Each year, the American Library Association awards the [The Newbery Medal](#) to the author of the most "distinguished contribution to American literature for children."

In BUSD, 4th and 5th graders form their own Mock Newbery Committees. In years past, the students met regularly to discuss and read a list of 10 new books chosen by their BUSD librarians to reflect the diversity of our community and spark joy and a love of reading. Students then vote on their choice to receive

the Berkeley Mock Newbery Medal. Which book will the students pick this year? Join us and find out!

This year we'll be meeting on Zoom for several evening events for students and families. We'll have special guests, prizes and, of course, time to read and talk about books. Families are encouraged to join us and read along with your children! Questions in the meantime? Contact Ms. Jackie:

jackieoverlid@berkeley.net.

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

Calendar Reminders:

- Feb 25 : Live Stream of Black Music Through the Ages with Ms. Faye Carol
- Mar 2 : School Site Committee (SSC) @ 7 pm
- Mar 8 : English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) 6 pm

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

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