

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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Washington PTA needs you! The Washington PTA needs people to volunteer for next year's Board member positions. Without PTA, there will be no fundraising for Coach Don, teacher supplies or the other great things that make Washington so awesome. If you can help, email washington-pta-officers@

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Announcement of winners for Washington's Black Heritage Writing Contest!

The African American Unity Group (AAUG) would like to congratulate all 97 of the students who entered into the Black Heritage Writing Contest. The purpose of the contest was to highlight African American 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.

The judges, who are students in the African American Studies Department of Berkeley High School, were very impressed by our students' work. They found it very challenging to determine the winners for this contest because so many of our students submitted great essays and poems. The student's written work clearly demonstrates the knowledge they gained through this activity and gives the reader insight into their opinions about the theme.

Due to the difficulty in selecting among the top competitors, there is a 3-way tie for first place.

First Place awards go to: **Angel Figueroa, Onyx Lewis, and Ylan Witts**

Second Place award goes to: **Ciara Nordstrom**

Third Place award goes to: **Levi Woodard**

The AAUG would like to thank all of the Washington students who participated, as well as their teachers, care givers, and others who supported them. It is truly a gift to be able to learn about the inspiration students received from these courageous Black women.

FREE FOOD PANTRY at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley 2407 Dana Street at Channing Way. Drive thru pick-up on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11 am-12 noon. First come, first served. Before picking up food, register online [here](#) or in person at the First Congregational church parking lot located at 2337 Channing Way in Berkeley.

For more information, email bethht@fpcberkeley.org

Reminders of entry and pick up times:

Kindergarten: enter at 8:10 am and pick up at 12:30 pm at 8:10 am and pick up at 12:40 pm	1st grade: enter at 8:10 am and pick up at 12:40 pm
2nd grade: enter at 8:20 am and pick up at 12:50 pm at 8:20 am and pick up at 12:50 pm	2nd grade: enter at 8:20 am and pick up at 12:50 pm
4th grade: enter at 8:30 am and pick up at 1 pm at 8:30 am and pick up at 1 pm	5th grade: enter at 8:30 am and pick up at 1 pm

Students will enter and exit from the same gates to avoid crowding. Thank you for helping us stay open!

Update on screening We're now allowed to simply ask students and families "Have you completed your screening?" every morning, instead of manually looking them up in the spreadsheet. Those who answer in the affirmative may proceed with hand sanitizing and enter campus. The office reconciles the screener responses each morning with attendance and pulls any students who have not completed it. Thank you for completing the screener each morning!

Reminder: [Daily Health Survey](#) must be completed for every student, every day. Thank you so much!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BUSD Summer Programs start on June 14 and run for 4-6 weeks. Please see the catalogs for more detailed information. Registration for BUSD programs will begin the week of April 19. The catalogs also include information about City of Berkeley programs and other camps which you can sign up for NOW!"

[Summer Catalog 2021](#)

[Catálogo de Verano 2021](#)

School Site Committee Meeting Washington's School Site Committee (SSC) will meet on Tuesday, April 20 from 6 - 7 pm via zoom Agenda can be found [here](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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School Photos will be taken on May 4 and 6 for all Washington students, including those in distance learning. We'll be outside, distanced and (very briefly) unmasked! Stay tuned for more details!

Calendar Reminders:

- April 20 School Site Committee Meeting
- April 27 COVID Testing
- May 4 and 6 - School Photos!
- May 11 COVID Testing
- May 13 Open House (online)
- May 25 COVID Testing

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

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