

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY Happy Birthday Malcolm X!

Garden Work Day Washington Garden teacher Emma Christie invites you:

Come join us Sunday May 16th from 10-1 to help prepare our school garden for summer! We will be harvesting crops, adding compost to beds, mulching walking paths, and planting beds full of summer crops! Please bring your own tools (gloves, shovels, trowels) if possible. Sign your pod up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

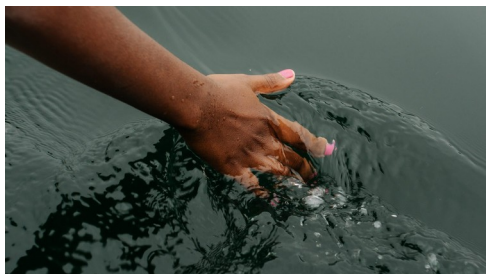
Middle School Virtual Tours:

: <https://www.mlkmiddleschool.>

FREE access to national parks, read below and explore these links!

<https://www.nationalparks.org/>

[Every Kid Outdoors | National Park Foundation](#)



A federal public lands youth initiative to get all 4th graders and their families to experience the places that are home to our country's natural treasures, rich history, and vibrant culture.

www.nationalparks.org

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/>

[Free Access for 5th Graders \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

The Washington Read-a-Thon ends Sunday!!! Get your donations in now to support your favorite programs!

The Read-a-Thon is our final fundraiser for Washington this school year. Money raised will go to support teachers and the PTA general fund, which will help pay for school-wide needs like physical education with Coach Don, enrichment classes (like poetry and movement), Restorative Justice, and counseling services. More information is also available on the PTA's [Read-a-Thon page](#).

Chromebooks, charger cords and hot spots will be collected at Elementary and Middle Schools beginning May 25th through June 4. Devices can also be returned to the [Ed Hub](#) anytime during regular Ed Hub hours (Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM).

May 25 PTA meeting 6 - 7:00 pm: Learn more about supports available at Washington, such as lunchtime social skills support groups, Restorative Justice and the Office of Family and Engagement and Equity. We'll also be voting on the

PTA budget, which supports several of these programs and the Executive Board slate. The vote will be taken live by voice (“yay” or “nay”) and anyone who attends can vote.

This is the preliminary budget for next year, and is subject to change. The official budget will be voted on again at Back To School night in the fall.

The PTA needs to approve a preliminary budget every spring because there are positions that the PTA funds (Coach Don, Restorative Justice, Counseling) that are paid out via BUSD, and they require a lump sum for all of those positions BEFORE the school year begins.

Questions? Comments? Email your PTA at washington-pta-officers@



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Time to Return Library Books! This year, students borrowed nearly 15,000 library books at Washington; go Rhinos! Now it’s time to bring books back so we can restock our shelves and get ready for the Fall. We can’t wait to have the library full of curious readers again!

All books are due back to school by Friday, May 21st. Students can put books in the white library return bin on the courtyard, bring books to their classroom for Ms. Jackie to pick up, or be handed to Ms. Jackie if you see her outside. Books can also be returned to the ED Hub at the Berkeley Adult School. We’ll be working hard to take inventory, order new books and replace titles that have gone missing. Please help out by checking your homes, cars, backs of closets and under beds. Thank you families!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jackie at

jackieoverlid@berkeley.net.

Do you want lower-cost internet? Or discounts on computers?

Read on to learn about a brand new program for qualifying families!

¿Quiere servicio de internet a bajo costo? ¿O esta buscando descuentos para computadoras?

¡Siga leyendo para conocer un nuevo programa para familia que califiquen!

Discounted home internet!

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail-in application.

Here is a link to see what internet providers are taking part in the offer: _

<https://www.fcc.gov/emergency->

Learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information:

www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or 833-511-0311

If you haven't filled out a Free & Reduced Lunch form, here is the link and information to do so.

Free & Reduced Lunch Information

We are encouraging every family to complete an application for free/reduced-price school meals. Even if your student does not intend to take advantage of the lunch program, every qualified application is counted towards bringing significant federal and state funding to our schools!

Apply here: www.ezmealapp.com

For more information, [please see this letter from the Director of Nutrition Services \(in English and Spanish\)](#).

[§ Frequently Asked Questions about Free and Reduced Price Meals](#)

[§ Preguntas Mas Frecuentes Sobre Las Comidas Escolares De Precio Gratuito y Precio Reducido](#)

[§ Public Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals \(2020-21\)](#)

Estimados Padres de Familia/Tutores Legales:

La Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones ha dado inicio a un programa temporal que ofrece ayuda a los hogares que tienen problemas para pagar sus servicios de Internet durante la pandemia de COVID-19. El Beneficio de Emergencia Para Internet (EBB) le proporcionara un máximo de \$50 de descuento al mes para su servicio de Internet; y un descuento de hasta \$100 por una computadora portátil, computadora de mesa o una tableta electrónica, este descuento esta disponible solo una vez, a través de un proveedor participante.

Los hogares elegibles pueden inscribirse directamente a través de uno de los [proveedores de Internet participantes](#) o a través de la *Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)*, [en línea](#) o por correo.

Aquí esta el enlace para ver qué proveedores de Internet participan en la oferta: <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency->

Para obtener más información sobre este programa, incluyendo su elegibilidad y cómo inscribirse, llame al [833-511-0311](tel:833-511-0311) o visite la página www.fcc.gov/

Si usted no ha completado el formulario de almuerzo gratuito o de precio reducido, aquí está el enlace y la información para hacerlo.

Información sobre almuerzos gratuitos y de precio reducido

Pedimos a todas las familias que completen una solicitud para recibir el almuerzo escolar gratuitos o de precio reducido. Aun si su estudiante no tiene la

intención de participar en los almuerzos escolares, ¡Cada solicitud nos ayuda a traer fondos significativos federales y estatales a nuestras escuelas!

Para inscribirse haga click aquí: www.ezmealapp.com

Para más información, [lea la carta del Director de Servicios de Nutrición \(en inglés o español\)](#).

[§ Preguntas Frecuentes sobre los almuerzos gratuitos o de precio reducido](#)

[§ Preguntas más Frecuentes sobre los almuerzos escolares de precio gratuito y precio reducido](#)

[§ Comunicacion de Medios Públicos de almuerzo gratuitos y de precio reducido \(2020-21\)](#)

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

The office reconciles daily attendance with responses from the survey.

Calendar Reminders:

- May 17 NO SCHOOL Malcolm X's Birthday
- May 21 Whole School Celebration on Zoom and Dance Party
- May 24 Chromebooks, chargers and hotspots may be returned to school or the EdHub
- May 25 COVID Testing
- May 25 PTA Family meeting on Zoom 6 - 7:30 pm: Learn more about Restorative Justice, Counseling and Family Support at Washington and vote on PTA budget for next year
- May 31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- June 2 5th grade promotions - need to RSVP (contact your teacher)
- June 4 LAST DAY OF 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

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