

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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End of Year Celebration and Dance Party Tonight! 6 - 7:30 pm via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ID: 88984534150

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Tonight from 6-7:30 pm the PTA will host an all-school (In-Person and Distance Learner) party and awards ceremony.

The evening begins with an awards ceremony for all of Washington's English Language Learners, and a celebration of the Washington students who were reclassified this fall as Fluent English Proficient. Come celebrate our multilingual Rhinos!

Then we will show a short video about Ramadan made by Washington students.

Finally, an all-school Dance Party with Mr Leaks and Mr Marquis!

- **Chromebooks (chargers and hotspots too)** can be returned to school or the Ed Hub, starting May 25.
- **Washington Library books** should also be returned to school.
- **Musical instruments** should go to the Visual And Performing Arts (VAPA) Office at 2110 Browning St.

See below for details.

Please send a **refillable water bottle** to school with your child each day. Drinking fountains are turned off due to COVID, but water bottle fillers are available throughout campus. Let's stay hydrated!

A Message from Visual and Performing Arts Department to 4th and 5th grade Music Families,

As our year comes to a close, it's time to return instruments. We will be providing drive-up contactless drop-off service at the VAPA office 2110 Browning Street all day **May 27 & 28 from 7:00am-5:00pm**. Just drive up and hand the instrument out the window. Any 5th grade students not planning on taking music in middle school need to return their instrument. Any students not returning to BUSD in August need to turn in their instrument. All current 4th graders should hold onto their instrument over the summer, because they will continue next year.

Please note that no instruments should be brought to the school site.

Please contact us BUSDmusic@berkeley.net if you have any questions. Thank you, BUSD Music Dept.

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).

School Photos are ready! Please be on the lookout for an email from Blue Note

Photography (nathan@blue.photo). The email will contain all the information you need to see and order the photos.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Blue Note Photography (the same photographer we've had for years, just with a new business name) can only share photos with the email addresses provided by the school. For security reasons, they will not send any identifying information to unrecognized email addresses so please be sure to check the email address we have on file, including the junk folder.
- Different sized photos get cropped differently. You get a preview and the chance to edit this cropping before finalizing your order online.
- Photos ship to the address you enter during the checkout process and at the speed you select. Digital files are immediately available for download.

If you need any support with school photos, please email our photographer at nathan@blue.photo.

STUDENT COVID TESTING AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY May 25

For your student to be eligible to be tested for COVID on Tuesday 5/25, the following steps are required. There is no cost for the testing. Please read all **FOUR** steps carefully.

All of the forms can be filled out and submitted online. No printing or wet signatures are required.

STEP 1: ONE TIME Registration with PMH laboratories- Please click link below to register:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/>

Fill out all areas of form that have an *. Washington's Client # is 1542

For the two answers below that, please enter "PCR" which is the mouth swab test.

STEP 2: ONLY NEEDED IF UNINSURED

The District is committed to making testing available to all students. When registering with PMH in the previous step you will be asked for your insurance information. If you do not currently have health insurance, please fill out the form at the link below so the cost can be covered. This form will be required on a monthly basis.

[HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program](#)

STEP 3: ONE TIME Parent Consent Form

All families who wish to have their students participate need to fill out the form below. The form says you are consenting to have your child tested through June of 2021 and covers all testing dates until school is out. Please click the link below. [PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM FOR WEEKLY STUDENT](#)

[COVID TESTING](#)

STEP 4: EVERY TEST DAY

The form at the link below needs to be filled out before your child takes a test each time as it asks for any underlying conditions and possible Covid-19 symptoms or exposure.

[COVID-19 Patient Test Request Form](#)

For complete information on student testing: <https://www.berkeleyschools>.

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@berkeley.net



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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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 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.net and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at

katiahazen@berkeley.net

