

Rhino Roar



News for the Washington community

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Memorial Tree Planting for Ken Hunter will be held during the first week of October. We will plant a California [Buckeye](#) Tree on the stair planter just inside the orange gate and install a memorial plaque to remember our beloved Campus Safety Officer [Ken Hunter](#). More details coming soon.

We need playground volunteers! It's really challenging to staff noon supervision positions, so if you have any

extra time available to volunteer Monday - Friday 11 am to 12:40 pm, we need you! Sign up [here](#).

If you missed the **PTA meeting Sept 23**, here's a link to the recording:

<https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/> Passcode: @k5dby+=

Infinite Campus Portal Guide

Parent Portal: <https://berkeleyca.>

Parent Username

Password

Log In

Sign Into Campus Parent

Go to the [BUSD Parent Portal](#). Enter your user name and password.

- All parents received an email with a link and instructions to create their account at the start of the year. If you need assistance or have forgotten your username or password, please email portalhelp@berkeley.net
- Please contact washingtonattendance@berkeley. if you did not set up your account and need your personal activation code.
- You can check your communications preferences in the Parent Portal.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct 25 - 28. **ALL Students must have a parent-teacher conference in the fall.** Parent/guardian will learn about their child's progress and how to best support them to achieve. During

this week, students will be released early to allow teachers to hold conferences tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm. There is no school on Friday Oct 29. Conferences may be held outdoors in person or on Zoom. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule this important meeting.

KNOW YOUR RHINO Each week, we'll shine the spotlight on a different Rhino so we can all get to know each better. This week answering the **4 Questions: Garden Teacher Emma Christie!**

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up partly in Kentucky and partly in New Hampshire! I came out to California to attend UC Santa Cruz.

Q: How did you start out in education?

A: I started interning for environmental education programs in school and learned I loved teaching outside. After college I worked in Life Lab's Watsonville School Gardens Program through AmeriCorps. I taught science and maintained two school gardens for a couple of years. I came to Berkeley hoping to work in one of the district's amazing school gardens, and have been lucky enough to end up working here at Washington!!

Q: Anything else we should know about you?

A: I spent a year studying and traveling through Australia and other parts of Oceania. I studied environmental + community health focusing on food systems and climate change. I kept traveling affordable by working on farms throughout Australia's east coast. I learned a lot about small and large scale organic gardening that I try to use in our garden here!

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: I love to hike and camp! I enjoy reading (especially in a hammock in a sunny park somewhere around Berkeley).

Basketball and surfing are also some of my favorite ways to spend time.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting on Sept 27 (CAC) for Special Education - learn about the work of this group of parent/guardians, teachers, administrators and community members in advocacy, community building and education! See attached flyer.

Share Your Ideas at **Middle School Enrollment Policy Community Town Halls** September 28, 29

The district's middle school enrollment policy is under review and your input is important! Please come to one of two Community Town Halls next week to learn more about why the policy is being reviewed right now and the current policy alternatives -- with new draft assignment maps for your consideration. There will be plenty of time for questions and input.

Middle School Enrollment Policy Town Hall (English) September 28 at 6pm [Click Here to Join the Webinar](#)

Middle School Enrollment Policy Town Hall (Spanish) September 29 at 6pm [Click Here to Join the Webinar](#)

These meetings will be recorded and posted on the BUSD YouTube channel. .

To learn more about the review and community engagement process, visit BUSD's dedicated [middle school enrollment policy webpage](#), where you can also preview the current policy alternatives and maps in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

The middle school enrollment policy has not been reviewed since 1994. The Board recently extended the review timeline into 2022 to allow for more opportunities for community engagement. There will be a possible Board decision about a policy change in November 2022, with a possible implementation date of August 2023.

Compartan Sus Ideas en los Foros Abiertos Comunitarios sobre las Políticas de Inscripción en la Escuela Secundaria los días 28 y 29 de septiembre

La política de inscripción en la escuela secundaria de BUSD se encuentra bajo revisión ¡y su aporte es importante! Por favor, vengan a uno de los Foros Abiertos Comunitarios la semana entrante para saber más acerca de por qué la política está siendo sujeta a revisión en este momento y las actuales alternativas para la política - con nuevos borradores de mapas de asignación para su consideración. Habrá abundante tiempo para preguntas y aportes.

Reunión Town Hall acerca de la Política de Inscripción a la Escuela Secundaria (Inglés)

28 de septiembre a las 6pm [Enlace \(link\) para el Webinar](#)

Reunión Town Hall acerca de la Política de Inscripción a la Escuela Secundaria (Español)

29 de septiembre a las 6pm [Enlace \(link\) para el Webinar](#)

Estas reuniones serán grabadas y colgadas en el canal YouTube de BUSD. .

Para aprender más acerca del proceso de revisión y participación comunitaria, visite el [portal dedicado a la política de inscripción en la escuela secundaria](#) de BUSD, donde también podrá visualizar las actuales alternativas políticas y

mapas en [inglés](#) y [español](#).

La política de inscripción para la escuela secundaria no ha sido actualizada desde 1994. El Consejo prorrogó recientemente el cronograma hasta 2022 para permitir más oportunidades para la participación comunitaria. Habrá una posible decisión del Consejo acerca de un cambio de política en noviembre de 2022, con una posible fecha de implementación del 2023 de agosto.

ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) Meeting October 7th from 6 - 7 pm

- Prepare for parent/teacher conferences
- Plan Diwali and el Dia de los Muertos
- ELAC election
- Washington renaming

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 869 3168 2396

Passcode: 292440

[link to agenda](#)

Parent/Guardians can now volunteer at Washington! There are 2 options:

I. BSV Classroom Volunteers: Parents and community members who want to support *learning* in classrooms *regularly/weekly*.

- Commitment: An hour a week (or more, if desired) for the school year
- Process: Thoughtful matching by BSV to a Host Teacher
- Site Limitations: May serve in one classroom at one site only
- Requirements: Upload proof of COVID vax & complete BSV orientation. Community members must also be fingerprinted (not parents, if working in own child's class)
- Official Clearance: BSV sends match introduction email to Volunteer & Host Teacher. Volunteer's name automatically added

to "BSV Screened Volunteers by Site" spreadsheet

- Identification on Campus: '21-22 BSV Name Badge, sent via mail to Volunteer. Volunteers still sign in/out in the Main Office every time (for contact tracing)
- **BSV Contact: Jissel Poblete:** jisselpoblete@berkeley.net
- **Sign Up Here:** [New Classroom Volunteer Application](#)

II. BSV School Support Volunteers: Parents and/or community members who want to support various school-related tasks on a *one-time or sporadic basis*.

- **Commitment:** one-time or a series of visits
- **Example Roles:** Playground Supervision (@ site), 1x Classroom Project (@ site), BSV Task Runner, BSV Ed Hub, BSV Supplies Assembly, etc.
- **Site Limitations:** Role limited to one school (and one classroom) only. Often, though not exclusively, outdoors.
- **Requirements:** Upload proof of COVID vax
- **Official Clearance:** BSV confirms clearance via email to Volunteer and School Contact (listed in application), if applicable. Volunteer's name automatically added to "BSV Screened Volunteers by Site" spreadsheet to Principals & BUSD Leadership.
- **Identification on Campus:** Volunteers sign in/out in the courtyard and email washingtonattendance@berkeley. every time (for contact tracing) & get *BSV Volunteer* sticker to wear
- **BSV Contact:** Valerie Kratzer: valeriekratzer@berkeley.net

- **SIGN UP HERE: BSV School Support Volunteers Application** (shorter)
- After that, **Sign Up for Washington's Playground Supervision**

Please allow 1 full week between new volunteer application & final clearance.

ESPAÑOL

Actualización de voluntarios de Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV)

Voluntarios de BSV en el Salon de Clase/ BSV Classroom Volunteers: Padres y miembros de la comunidad que desean apoyar el aprendizaje en el aula de manera regular / semanal

- Compromiso: Una hora a la semana (o más, si se desea) durante el año escolar
- Proceso: Emparejamiento cuidadoso por BSV con un maestro anfitrión
- Limitaciones del sitio: Puede servir en un salón de clases en un solo sitio
- Requisitos: Cargar prueba de COVID vax y orientación completa de BSV. Los miembros de la comunidad también deben tomar las huellas digitales (no los padres, si trabajan en la clase de su hijo)
- Autorización oficial: BSV envía un correo electrónico de presentación de coincidencia al maestro voluntario y anfitrión. El nombre del voluntario se agrega automáticamente a la hoja de cálculo "Voluntarios seleccionados por BSV por sitio". Los voluntarios siguen registrando su entrada / salida en la oficina principal cada vez (para rastreo de contactos)
- Contacto BSV: Jissel Poblete: jisselpoblete@berkeley.net
- **INSCRIBASE AQUI: Solicitud de voluntariado en el nuevo salón de clases**

Voluntarios de Apoyo Escolar de BSV/ BSV School Support Volunteers: Padres y / o miembros de la comunidad que desean apoyar varias tareas relacionadas con la escuela de forma única o esporádica.

- Compromiso: visitas únicas o una serie de roles
- Ejemplos de funciones: Supervisión del patio de recreo de Washington (@ sitio), 1x Proyecto de aula (@ sitio), Programa de tareas de BSV, Centro de educación de BSV, Ensamblaje de suministros de BSV, etc.
- Limitaciones del sitio: Función limitada a una escuela (y un aula) solamente. A menudo, aunque no exclusivamente, al aire libre.
- Requisitos: Cargar prueba de autorización oficial de COVID vax: BSV confirma la autorización por correo electrónico al contacto de voluntarios y la escuela (enumerados en la solicitud), si corresponde. El nombre del voluntario se agrega automáticamente a la hoja de cálculo de "Voluntarios seleccionados por BSV por sitio" para los directores y el liderazgo de BUSD.
- Identificación en el campus: Los voluntarios se registran en el patio principal cada vez (para rastrear contactos) y obtienen una calcomanía de voluntario de BSV para usar
- Contacto de BSV: Valerie Kratzer: valeriekratzer@berkeley.net
- **REGISTRESE AQUI: Solicitud de voluntarios de apoyo escolar de BSV (más corta)**
- **Después de eso, REGISTRESE AQUI Washington's Playground Supervision**

Por favor permita 1 semana completa entre la nueva solicitud de voluntario y la autorización final.

Friday Coffee Hour! Your Washington PTA provides delicious free coffee every Friday morning on McKinley between

the barriers from 8:15 - 9:15 am ish. Come and celebrate Fridays!

Washington School Drop off and Pick up Procedure

School begins at 8:10am and ends at 1:30pm for kindergarten and 2:25pm for all other grades. Families and caregivers must wait outside the gate for their child to enter or exit the campus. Due to COVID restrictions, families and caregivers are not currently allowed to enter campus without advance permission from the principal.

If your child comes to school after 8:45 am

If your child arrives after 8:45, call the office (510) 644-6310 and tell the reason why the child is late (overslept, traffic, appointment, etc). The child should go directly to the office to get a late pass.

If you need to pick your child up early:

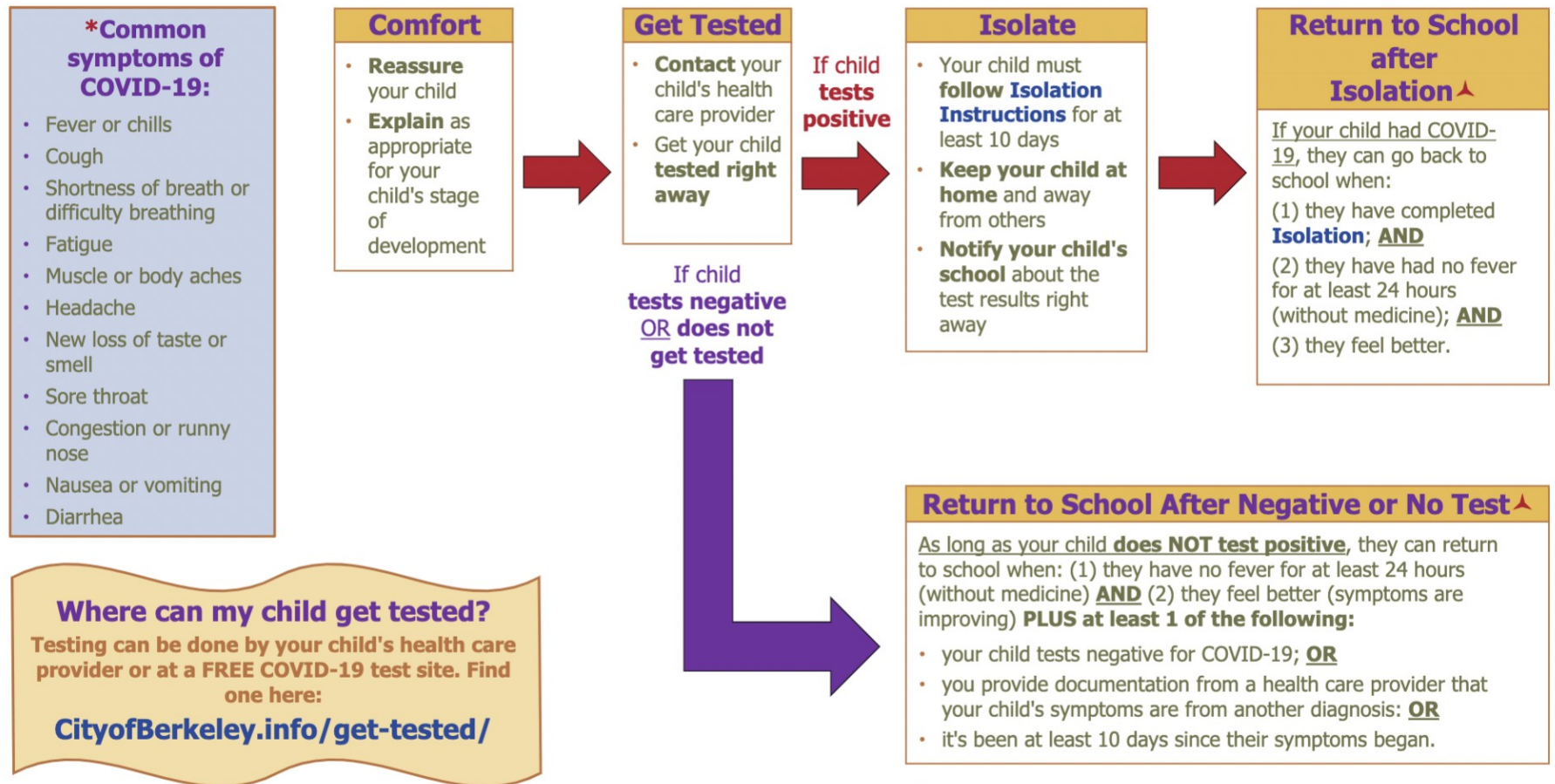
Let the office know by email (washingtonattendance@) or call (510) 644-6310 ahead of time if you can.

When you arrive at the orange gate on McKinley, call the office at (510) 644-6310 or tell our Safety Officer Mr. Alves why you are there. Your child will be sent to the orange gate to meet you. Remember, due to COVID restrictions, families and caregivers are not currently allowed to enter campus without advance permission from the principal.

If you have any questions, please contact the office by email (washingtonattendance@) or call (510) 644-6310

What do I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms* with no known exposure?

(applies to **VACCINATED** and **UNVACCINATED** children)



Where can my child get tested?
 Testing can be done by your child's health care provider or at a FREE COVID-19 test site. Find one here:
[CityofBerkeley.info/get-tested/](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/get-tested/)

▲ Check school/program policy before sending your child back.

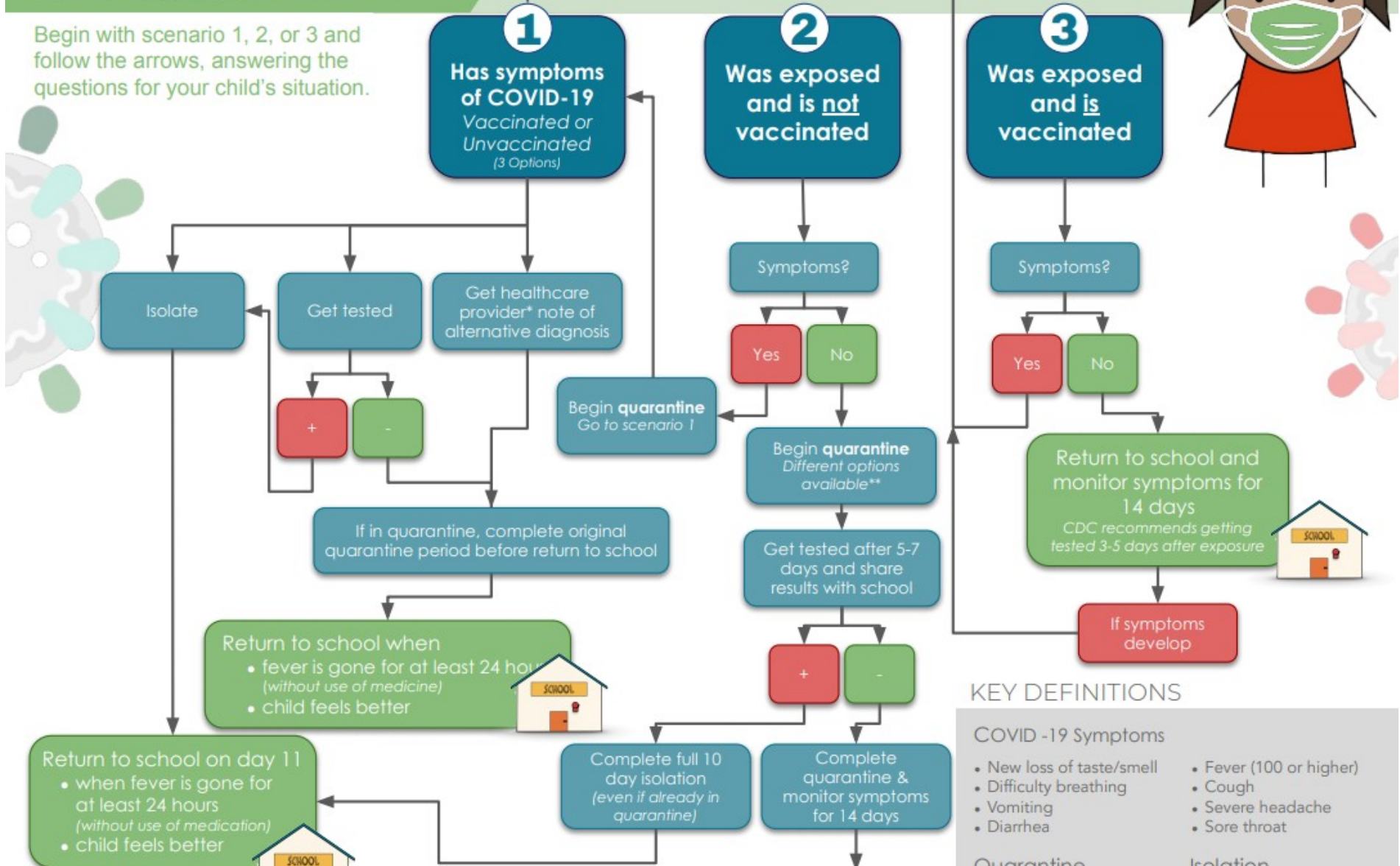


COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

Updated 8/5/21

MY CHILD...

Begin with scenario 1, 2, or 3 and follow the arrows, answering the questions for your child's situation.



KEY DEFINITIONS

COVID -19 Symptoms

- New loss of taste/smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever (100 or higher)
- Cough
- Severe headache
- Sore throat

Quarantine

Isolation

Campus opens at 8 am Please do not drop your child off prior to this time unless they are enrolled in the [BEARS](#) before school program. Thank you!

Calendar Reminders:

- Sept 28: Fire Drill 1 pm
- Oct 5: PTA Meeting via Zoom
- Oct 7: ELAC 6 - 7 pm English Learners Advisory Committee via [Zoom](#)
- Oct 11: **NO SCHOOL** Staff Professional Development Day
- Oct 21: SSC 6 - 8 pm School Site Council Meeting via Zoom
- Oct 25 - 28: Shortened days for Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm
- Oct 29: **NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences

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 katiahazen@berkeley.net