



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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The PTA is looking for ways to better communicate to the school community news and updates about the school. Please complete the **Washington Online Communications Survey**. It can also be accessed online following this link: tinyurl.com/wa-survey-comm

Washington's awesome **Multicultural Community Celebration** will take place on Thursday, April 25 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We begin with a community potluck outside at 5:30 pm, followed by student performances inside on the stage at 6:30 pm. Bring a favorite food from your family heritage to share.

Carnival Science Saturday, April 27 from 10 am to noon in the Washington Cafeteria. There will be fun, hands-on Science Technology Engineering Art and Math projects - come make ice cream and marble roller coasters! There will be student-made science movies (with free popcorn!). We will also have bagels, juice, coffee and a free raffle! Bring a stuffed animal for the Stuffy Catapult Challenge! The event will be held in the cafeteria and outside. See you there!

Please follow Washington's [Traffic Safety](#) plan for dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Remember, everyone else is trying to get their kids safely as well!

MORNING DROP OFF:

- If you drive: pull forward to unload on North side of McKinley or on MLK ONLY
- Kids should be ready to get out: shoes on, backpacks ready, wave goodbye! No drop off or pickup on south side of McKinley Walk bicycles through blocked off area . Please follow the directions of volunteers - Safety First! NO DROP OFF OR PICKUP ON SOUTH SIDE OF MCKINLEY

Walk bikes through to campus

AFTERNOON PICKUP:

Bancroft bus zone NO PARKING

- NO Parking in pickup zone on McKinley
- If you want to walk on campus to pick up your child, plan to park a block or two away
- Obey all posted traffic and parking signs
- No pickup on south side of McKinley - BPD will ticket!

Washington has a new mural in the courtyard, *We are Washington!*, courtesy of Tion Torrence, culture marketing ambassador for Decathlon of Emeryville. Decathlon is donating 750 playground balls to Berkeley Unified!

Poetry is all over the hallways in Washington, thanks to the 4th and 5th graders' work with poet (and former Washington parent) Laura Walker: *"Black is the incandescent shadow of wood"* says Magnolia, while Miles feels that *"Purple sounds like humpty dumpty"* and Anjali sees red as *"like the stars dancing in the sun, like a day repeating over and over."*

The district wants to hear from Washington families with your ideas on the **Facilities Master Plan**. Washington will get a remodelled cafeteria and relocated office in the next few years - what's on your wishlist for this project? Send your ideas to facilities@berkeley.net

Events coming up:

- Apr 12 All Rhino Assembly 8:10 am
- Apr 16 School Site Committee - open to all! 6 - 8 pm in library
- Apr 22 Earth Day
- Apr 25 Multicultural Celebration and student performances 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- Apr 26 All Rhino Assembly 8:10 am
- Apr 27 Carnival Science 10 am to 12 pm
- May 9 Bike to School Day
- May 10 All Rhino Assembly 8:10 am
- May 14 School Site Committee - open to all! 6 - 8 pm in library
- May 16 Open House 6 - 8 pm
- May 23 Spring Music Concert 1 pm
- May 30 Middle School Visits for 5th graders
- June 13 5th grade promotion 9 - 11 am
- June 14 Last Day of School!