



**John L. Webster Elementary School**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Webster Families,

I hope you were able to read the **Superintendent's Message: COVID-19 and School Reopening Update sent on January 15th**. Some notable pieces to review are that:

- LACDPH has told us they have all TK-2 waiver applications on hold, including those we submitted for all SMMUSD schools, until further notice.
- Governor Newsom would like schools to reopen in some form as soon as it is safe to do so, and we share this interest. The criteria for opening is based on the adjusted daily case rate that must be below 28 cases per 100,000 residents. Newsom's "[Safe Schools for All](#)" proposed plan is going through legislative review currently.
- Principals and district office staff have been meeting and will continue to meet to establish "distance learning plus" schedules and logistics. Our goal is to have the details fleshed out by February with common agreements regarding the aspects of "Plus." The process to develop the plans will involve engaging staff and parents stakeholder groups at the respective sites, followed by a district-level discussion that will involve teacher representatives, parent representatives, and principals.
- **Vaccines** The Center for Disease Control has created a phase and tier system to determine who should receive the COVID-19 vaccine first. The first rounds started in December for healthcare workers, which includes our school nurses and health office specialists. All other education workers are next in an upcoming phase, which is scheduled to begin in early February (depending on vaccine availability). LACDPH aims to have a vaccine distribution road map for school district staff by Jan. 21. SMMUSD is working with our local City partners and health care groups to discuss distribution locally.
- **COVID-19 live update dashboard:** Our nursing team has now posted a dashboard reflective of isolation, positive tests and quarantine by staff, who have been on our campuses. You can monitor this page as it is updated daily: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/6297> This page is accessible through our district and school home pages in the What's Happening / News section in the coronavirus link: [www.smmusd.org/Coronavirus](http://www.smmusd.org/Coronavirus)

In partnership,

Ms. Daruty





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**THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY, Jan. 18th**

- NO SCHOOL- MLK holiday

**TUESDAY, Jan. 19th**

- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#)
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.
- School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) agenda
- **Parent Support Group @ 4:00 p.m. [zoom link](#).** We will share tips for supporting your family in Distance Learning and provide you time to meet and talk with other Webster parents. Our hope is to offer this as a resource for our new and returning families. Additional dates 2/16 and 3/16 @ 3:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Inauguration Day**

**THURSDAY, Jan. 20th**

- 12:30 -1:00 p.m. Please refer to the [STEAM lesson](#) document to prepare your student's materials.
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#)
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- American Heart Association Assembly @8:30 a.m. [ZOOM LINK](#) Password: **heart** | Meeting ID: 834 6304 3190

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Friday, January 22nd**

**AHA "Kids Heart Challenge" Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly @8:30 a.m.**  
[ZOOM LINK](#) Password: **heart** | Meeting ID: 834 6304 3190

**Tuesday, January 19th**

**School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. [Zoom Link](#)**

**Thursday, January 28th**  
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**TK-K Round-Up @ 1:00 p.m. (NEW TIME) Via zoom [RSVP](#)**





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If you or anyone in our community is interested in enrolling their TK/K aged children at Webster for fall 2021.22 please encourage them to attend.

**Friday, January 29th**  
(New Date/Time)

**General PTA Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.** Additional Dates 3/19 and 5/21

**Monday, February 1st**

**Webster Picture Day-** [Information](#), [MONDAY sign-up](#) and [Pricing](#)

**Tuesday, February 2nd**

**Webster Picture Day-** [Information](#), [TUESDAY sign-up](#) and [Pricing](#)

**Wednesday, February 3rd**

**100th Day of School**

**Friday, February 5th**

**PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.**  
Additional Dates: 3/5 ,4/16 , 5/7, and 6/4

**Friday, February 5th**

**Report Cards** are sent home

**Saturday, February 13th**

**PTA Holiday Boutique Fundraiser / 11-4 @ Malibu Lumber Yard (POSTPONED)**

**Monday, February 15th**

**Presidents' Day** (No School)

**Tuesday, February 16th**

**Parent Support Group @ 3:00 p.m.** [zoom link](#). We will share tips for supporting your family in Distance Learning and provide you time to meet and talk with other Webster parents. Our hope is to offer this as a resource for our new and returning families. Additional dates 3/16 @ 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 5th**

Career Day (TBD)

**Friday, March 26th**

Last Day before Spring Break

**Monday, April 12th**

First Day Back from Spring Break

**Monday, May 31st**

Memorial Day (No School)

**Friday, June 11th**

Last Day of School

### **DISTANCE LEARNING:**

Exciting announcement for parents and guardians of third grade students. **Recorders will be distributed during the week of 2/8 through 2/12.** They will be made available in the Webster auditorium Monday-Friday between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to pick up **one** new recorder and **one** recorder book. Recorders are the beginning of our nationally recognized music program and we are fortunate that through the generosity of the Santa Monica Education Foundation, SMEF, we are able to provide a



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brand new recorder and recorder book to every third grade student that they will be able to keep after the end of school. Thank you and welcome to the first stage of your child learning to read notes and rhythms on a music staff!" - Tom Whaley- SMMUSD VAPA Coordinator

**Planet Bravo:** [Curriculum](#) can be found here. **Next Week's Lessons:**

**TK & K-** Continuing in our Digital Art unit, students will get to design and color their own habitats. Students will choose one of the pre-made habitat pictures and then fill it in with animals and plants that one would find there. Students will learn how to resize the animals and plants. Once they have created their habitat, they will learn the paint bucket tool to fill in white spaces with color.

**1st-** Next in the Digital Art unit, students will create their very own self portrait. We will look at different examples of self portraits and then students will open the drawing program called Tate Paint. Students will explore different tools like the pencil tool, shape tool and paint bucket tool. With extra time students will share their screens to show their self portraits.

**2nd & 3rd-** Students will begin their next unit, STEAM. In this unit we will explore 3D modeling. Using a 3D modeling website called Tinkercad, students will login to their very own accounts and create various projects. To start, students will learn how to use Tinkercad to work with 3D shapes. We will learn how to place shapes, view it from all sides, move it around the workspace, rotate it and change the size.

**4th & 5th-** Students will continue the Mad Libs code. They will continue to add code for their story that has blank spaces for the user to fill in. Then they will create their variables in the code so that when run, users can give their own adjectives, verbs, nouns and more. With extra time students will share their code with each other to try classmates' code.

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

**WEBSTER PICTURE DAY:** It is time to take your Webster Elementary School photograph! This year the event will be a drive-thru format held on **Monday, February 1st and Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 pm.** We invite you to sign-up for a time either day, for your student(s) to take a school photograph.

Please use this link to sign-up your child for their appointment. [MONDAY sign-up](#) or [TUESDAY sign-up](#) . If additional time slots are needed, they will be added.

This is an *optional event*. We will be adhering to strict protocols to minimize risk of Covid-19. The photography team of two adults (COVID tested and cleared) will be on campus to take your child's





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school portraits. The photos will be taken in front of our beautiful school, in a natural outdoor setting at a safe distance. Students will arrive on campus using our drive-through lane. Near the auditorium, students ONLY will exit the car. Parents are asked to pull forward to wait for their child. Students should arrive “picture ready” and masked! It should take no more than five minutes per child. Siblings should sign-up for consecutive time-slots.

View [Pricing and Packages](#). You will have an opportunity to view your proofs prior to purchasing them through a password protected website.

We are excited to partner with Trish Alison Photography. Trish has already successfully done the "drive by" school portraits at The Brentwood School lower campus, The Center for Early Education, The Wesley School, Laurence School and UCLA Lab School. Trish prides herself in capturing sincere happy expressions of children and will be taking a variety of natural looks/poses and providing them to parents in an online ordering link that is 100% customizable by each family.

You can visit her website or contact her for questions at [trish@trishalisonphotography.com](mailto:trish@trishalisonphotography.com) 310-749-0410.

**\*We will host a make-up day in March for those unable to attend.**

**Save the Date – Kids Heart Challenge** – Friday 1/22 @ 8:30 a.m. via zoom. I am thrilled to share that we have an upcoming **Kids Heart Challenge assembly on January 22nd!** This interactive assembly will launch a two-week program that bring our school community together in a fun way, to rally around physical and mental wellness. Students will learn how they can have happy and healthy hearts, families will be challenged to get active, and we will all learn how we can help others with special hearts and help provide healthy food access to local families who need it most. **Please pre-register your child by downloading the “Kids Heart Challenge” FREE App or visit our school’s homepage <http://www2.heart.org/goto/webstersmmusd>.** We want 100% participation! Students who register before the assembly will get a special shout out during the live presentation! *The online platform is to register students to take the challenge, AND a place where you can raise donations. When registering (which is free) you will be asked which healthy challenge you want to take (MOVE MORE, BE KIND, or CHOOSE WATER instead of sugary drinks). That is all free to do and there are fun games, heart quizzes, etc. that are all part of the free participation. It will also ask if you want to create a fundraising goal and send emails to friends and family asking for donations, but families can just say “no thanks” if they are not comfortable with participating in that way.*

**Malibu Woman’s Club Annual Fifth Grade Contest.** The Malibu Woman’s Club was established over 60 years ago with its Mission Statement “Nurturing Leaders of Tomorrow”. We provide scholarships to





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deserving students, and promote and reward academic achievement. Please refer to the [CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS](#) and complete the [parent permission slip](#). Our prompt aligns with the California 5<sup>th</sup> Grade standards for English Language Arts, Science and Visual and Performing Arts and gives students broader choices in which to express their ideas. The results will be different, depending on each student's focus and experience. As ever, we want the children's unique work, not the work of parents or friends with one exception: if the student needs help recording a video, a family member may assist. **Entries must be submitted to the file by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** If you have students who cannot afford to purchase 22" x 28" poster board, please text Karen Verham at (310) 776-0280 and we will work it out. Malibu Woman's Club will select a First and a Second Place Winner for each class. **First Place** will receive a certificate and an award of \$150.00 **Second Place** will receive a certificate and an award of \$100.00. Students are invited to share their winning entries with MWC members, educators, and proud parents and guests at a special virtual awards celebration on Zoom on Monday, May 24, 2020, from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Each year more than 1.3 million children are reported missing. In California alone, a child is reported missing about every 5 minutes equating to more than 100,000 reports taken each year. Please see the attachments regarding an annual poster contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ). The U.S. DOJ sponsors this national poster contest to raise awareness and bring attention to children who have been recovered, as well as the children who are still missing. The winner of the national contest, along with his or her teacher and parents/guardians, are flown to Washington DC to attend the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony in May.

To participate in the contest, students must:

- - **Be in the fifth grade**
- - Complete a poster size 8 ½ x 14 inches
- - Include the phrase "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" somewhere on the poster
- - Use materials such as: crayons, markers, paint, pencils, etc.
- - Handcraft the poster's design. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping are not eligible
- - Submit the poster along with a completed Contest Application and Release and Consent Form
- - **Entries must be postmarked by February 5, 2021**

Send the poster and the completed application to: California Department of Justice Missing Children Clearinghouse ATTN: MUPS - KILGORE 4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820





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**Looking for some volunteers!** Are you an auditor? We could use your expertise and volunteer time to support the PTA.. We are also looking for someone willing to chair the following school events: Jog-A-Thon, Webster Talent Show, and Parent wine tasting virtual events etc. Please email [websterptamalibu@gmail.com](mailto:websterptamalibu@gmail.com) if you would be interested!

Did you read the last **PTA newsletter**? Visit our PTA website <https://websterpta.com/>. Please see all the important fundraising and children's events that are coming up! Webster is a great school but we cannot be an AMAZING school without Parent Involvement. Please [join the PTA](#) and please support the [Annual Giving Campaign](#). Membership is just \$15 and allows you to vote at meetings, but more importantly is a symbol of unity between teachers and parents. The Annual Giving Campaign website will show you where your voluntary donation of \$1,500 goes. The services on this list are so important and allows our school to move from good to great. Thank you for your consideration! Lastly, the PTA website lists many local parent and child resources they have gathered. I cannot thank the PTA strongly enough. Our PTA is helping all of us stay connected and helping our school to be great.

The City of Malibu Community Services Department and the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission invite local students to participate in the 2021 Virtual Student Art Exhibit, taking place from February 1 through February 28 at [MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit](http://MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit).

In the past, the City has showcased artwork created by young artists from Malibu schools and local art studios at the Malibu City Hall art gallery. Due to restrictions related to gatherings and the gallery's closure, the City will display student's artwork through an online gallery platform. Additionally, the virtual exhibition will feature performance art by students in grades TK to 12.

Parents may submit their child's work at [MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit](http://MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit) or [StudentArtExhibit.ArtCall.org](http://StudentArtExhibit.ArtCall.org) from January 4 to January 22. Submissions must include an application, a JPEG photograph of the artwork, or a PDF of literary work. Students who plan to submit a film should contact Adrianna Fiori at [AFiori@MalibuCity.org](mailto:AFiori@MalibuCity.org). Attached you will find the flyer for the virtual event. Please share the information with your students so we can keep this Malibu tradition going through these unprecedented times. For more information and artwork submission guidelines visit [MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit](http://MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit), call me at 310.456.2489 ext. 239.

**Suicide Prevention:** If you or someone you care about is in a crisis, call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255 to talk with a caring, trained counselor. It is free, confidential, and available 24/7. The Lifeline is also available in Spanish at (888) 628-9454, through TTY (dial 711 then (800) 273-8255) or via online chat. [Flyer with resources.](#)





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**Meal service:** Children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program can receive grab-and-go breakfast and lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the following schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. SMMUSD families may go to any of these schools even if not enrolled there. All students under the age of 18 will be served. A parent or guardian must be present, except high school students may participate on their own.

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU**

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering:

- **Power Hour "Homework Help" & Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 3-4PM)**  
<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95808140175?pwd=MzhsQIR6MmNBaVN4cmdLNjByYzBCUT09>  
Passcode: 402635
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Check out our **NEW** [Wellness Page](#) to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

\*To contact the Club please email [info@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:info@bgcmalibu.org) Please be advised, our phone system is currently down. **For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)**

### **NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

#### **WEBSTER LIBRARY:**

**Now you can check out Ebooks online!** Please follow these steps:

1. Username is your Google K12 email (Example: [psw@smmK12.org](mailto:psw@smmK12.org))
2. Password= Your school ID# (child's lunch number) New Families who need their student ID can email [MichaelWard@smmusd.org](mailto:MichaelWard@smmusd.org).

If you would like to look at your student's account to see which books your child currently has checked out, you can do this in the Destiny Discover Platform.

We are excited to announce that Webster library books are available to be checked-out **once a week**. To see our current selection, please go to the [Webster Website](#). Select "Programs" and [E library](#). A list can





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be printed and emailed to our Elementary Library Coordinator, Ms. Peri Monte. Books are available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:30-3:00 p.m. A large yellow bucket Labeled “library books” is located outside the school office, on the steps. Please drive-up using the curbside valet and retrieve your books. You may return books to the same place, on either Tuesday or Friday. Feel free to place your new list in your return bag. **Please do not return books on any other days than Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Webster OFFICE HOURS-** The school office is closed, except by appointment. We will answer phone calls between **9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Monday- Friday**. If you happen to get VM, all messages are sent to our emails. Please leave a message and it will be returned within 24 hours. Email is always the best way to reach the office![webstersupport@smmusd.org](mailto:webstersupport@smmusd.org) technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)[michaele.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michaele.ward@smmusd.org) for enrollment and attendance. [iterry@smmusd.org](mailto:iterry@smmusd.org) for general office related questions. [khouseman@smmusd.org](mailto:khouseman@smmusd.org) and [yhernandez@smmusd.org](mailto:yhernandez@smmusd.org) for health records, immunizations and health office questions.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**SMMUSD District Calendar:** The Revised 20-21 district calendar is available online. Please note the start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and absences of a personal nature around the school/district calendar.

**District Announcements:** <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58471>. SMMUSD posts information parents may find valuable on the WEBSTER homepage. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

**Webster Weekly:** This will be sent out every week during the school year. The newsletters are archived on our website at: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2918>.

**For the latest PTA news from Webster,** follow us on twitter, Facebook and Instagram @ptawebster.

