



John L. Webster Elementary School

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[Webster Weekly](#)

Week of: February 15, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As COVID positivity rates have been declining in Los Angeles County, updates have been made to the protocols and requirements for re-opening school for students in grades TK-6. The new guidance has set a new criteria of 25/100K as the new "red tier" for elementary schools (even though it's technically still in the purple tier). Secondary schools must still wait until the adjusted case rate drops to 7/100K for at least 2 consecutive weeks (the actual red tier criteria) before they can be allowed to open.

The board adopted the Distance Learning Plus as the model of programming we will offer when it is safe for us to return in-person. Webster teachers, staff and parent stakeholder groups have provided input on the plan we have developed for Webster. If you were unable to attend the last general PTA meeting, in which I reviewed our [Distance Learning Plus Proposal](#), please take a moment to review our plans. Our teachers and staff are in the process of revising and solidifying the programming to be offered. The district has not established an exact start date, but we are planning now. More information and specific details will be communicated once we have a start date. This will include information on how to join the BGCM supervision hub and an opportunity to share your preference for attending in the AM or PM cohort(if offered in your grade level). If you have any questions or feedback, feel free to email me directly.

Thank you,

Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, February 16 th

- **Webster Parent Support Group @ 3:00 p.m. This week, school Psychologist, Rebecca Nelson, and Psych. intern Gabi Shalhoub will host.** They will share tips and tools for supporting your family during Distance Learning and provide you time to meet and talk with other Webster parents. We can learn so much from and among our own community. Share your challenges and/or celebrations and ask questions of other parents! This resource is designed for both **new** and **returning** families. [zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 841 1651 9435 Passcode: 409859





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- School-Wide Community Building P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#). Come participate in a Dance Party.
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 17th

- Fifth grade Virtual Presentation from MMS principal and counselors @10:35 a.m.
- 12:30 -1:00 p.m. Please refer to the [STEAM lesson](#) document to prepare your student’s materials.
- School-Wide Community Building P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#). Come participate in a Scavenger Hunt.
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.
- SMMUSD regular Board of Ed meeting agenda has been posted [online](#).

Friday, February 19th

- **Malibu Middle School** incoming 6th grade Parent Presentation @ 10am [Information](#) and [Zoom link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 22nd The LACDMH has developed a series of mental health workshops for Spanish-speaking parents/guardians. 5pm-6:15 pm via zoom. Please share with Spanish-speaking families. PeachJar link can be found [HERE](#).

Tuesday, February 23rd **School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.** [agenda](#)

Monday, March 1st **Make-Up Picture Day @ 11:30 - 4:00 p.m.** [SIGN-UP](#) for a timeslot.

Tuesday, March 2nd AHA Balloon Pop over Principal Daruty and Coach Daryl’s heads! @ 2:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#).

Wednesday, March 3rd **AHA Top Fundraiser Lunch with Principal Daruty @ 11:50 a.m.**

Friday, March 5th **PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.**

Additional Dates: 4/16 , 5/7, and 6/4

M/W/F March 8th- 12th **NatureBridge 5th Grade** Yosemite “live field instruction” days.

Please submit your child’s payment here:<https://websterpta.com/store/ols/products/yosemite-21-the-livestream-experience>

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Friday, March 19th
Friday, March 26th
Monday, April 12th
Monday, May 31st
Friday, June 11th

General PTA Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. Additional Dates 5/21
Last Day before Spring Break
First Day Back from Spring Break
Memorial Day (No School)
Last Day of School

DISTANCE LEARNING:

The Board of Education has designated and adopted the first week in February as Black Lives Matter in Schools Week, to mark the beginning of **Black History Month**. Throughout February students will engage in lessons and activities to acknowledge the contributions of Black Lives in America. We hope these opportunities will give our students opportunities to explore their role as a social justice agent in the work towards justice, equality and fairness in America. Please read the SMMUSD [Board resolution](#).

THIRD GRADE: We have an exciting announcement for parents and guardians of third grade students. **Recorders are ready for pick-up NOW 2.** They will be made available in the Webster auditorium on the third grade labeled table. Monday-Friday between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to pick up **one** new recorder and **one** recorder book. **Please- Wear a mask, remain 6ft distanced from anyone in the auditorium and DO NOT come to campus if you are sick.** Recorders are the beginning of our nationally recognized music program and we are excited to provide a 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.

FIFTH GRADE: Malibu Middle school principal and counselor will be visiting 5th grade classes "virtually" this year to provide a virtual tour of the school. This event will occur during school hours on Thursday, February 18th @ 10:35 a.m. Please read the [attached flier](#) for more information. Additionally, there will be a special presentation scheduled for parents of incoming 6th graders. If your child is planning to attend MMS or, if you are not sure if your child will attend MMS in the Fall, please join us to hear all about our awesome programs and to ask any questions you may have: **PARENT PRESENTATION: Friday, February 19th @ 10:00 a.m.** Zoom link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/82957061322>

FIFTH GRADE: NatureBridge Yosemite Field Instruction Days.

In spring our fifth graders traditionally take an amazing, week long trip to Yosemite. This year, due to COVID closures, the program will not be able to host us. In lieu of this trip, we have an opportunity for our students to engage in live (via video conferencing) lessons with Nature Bridge teachers to



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experience a field program. We are excited our students can still learn about the wonder and beauty of Yosemite with this alternate experience. The program will be held March 8th -12th, during school hours. Nature bridge teachers will utilize interactive technology tools such as Google Earth, Jamboards, breakout sessions and participant polls to bring Yosemite into our classrooms! You can learn about the program by visiting their website. In order for our students to have this amazing experience we are asking families to pay \$12.00 per 5th grade child. The money will go directly towards the program fee. No student will be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds or denied the opportunity to participate because of non-payment of the fee. Please consider donating the cost for an additional child.

Please submit payment via the PTA website before March 1st.

<https://websterpta.com/store/ols/products/yosemite-21-the-livestream-experience>.

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

TK & K- Students will use a new digital art program called ABCya paint. In this week's lesson students will explore things called stickers. They will learn how to resize, copy and group objects together in groups of 2, 3, 4 and so on.

1st- Continuing in our digital art unit, students will be drawing using shapes. Students will identify shapes they see in various pictures of transportation and then be challenged to recreate those images using shapes only. Students will use a great drawing program called Sketchpad and explore the shapes tool.

2nd- Students in Starks class will start their next project, creating a 3D model of a house. Students will learn how to cut a hole out of a shape so they can create walls and a door using the square shape. Then with extra time students will start to add details to their creation like furniture inside and then a fence, yard or plants outside. Students in Harris' class will finish their pizzas. They will add to their crust created this week and now add toppings like cheese, sauce, vegetables or meats. They will be creative and use various shapes to create them.

3rd- A few students will be given time to wrap up their pizzas by adding toppings. The rest of the students will start their next 3D model; a house. This is a multi-week project that has many different pieces. Students will start by creating the base and walls of the house. Then they will form a roof and place it on top of the base. With extra time students will start creating the details like cutting out a shape for a doorway, adding furniture and any other details.

4th & 5th- Students will create their next 3D model of a button. Students will get to choose a shape or create their own for the base of the button. Next students will explore how to use Tinkercad to cut out





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holes. This is a technique used to design more than just the basic shapes and create unique ones. This concept will be used in future projects.

COVID COMPLIANCE TEAM UPDATES

Each week our COVID Compliance team meets to learn, establish and implement safety protocols and procedures for our Webster community. We take guidance from the district and the LACDP. Below are the updates from our past meeting. Team members include:

1. Lila Daruty, Principal
2. Kelsy Houseman, Nurse
3. Isaura Terry, Administrative Assistant
4. Michaele Ward, Senior Office Specialist
5. Yoliee Hernandez, Healthy Office Specialist
6. Kathy Davis, custodian
7. Sebastian Spiroglou, Director of Elementary Programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu
8. Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, Director of Early Learning

UPDATES:

- [Update guidelines from LACDPH](#). Highlights: the small, high-need cohorts that have been in place already will need to continue to follow the student-limit for each small cohort; however, the new 25/100K cases criteria for elementary schools limits the size of a stable cohort to the max. number of students that can fit in a space while still maintaining 6' of distancing. We are thinking of the new 25/100K criteria as the new "red tier" for elementary schools (even though it's technically still in the purple tier). Secondary schools must still wait until the adjusted case rate drops to 7/100K for at least 2 consecutive weeks (the actual red tier criteria) before they can be allowed to open.
- When students return to campus for in-person instruction we will use an online health screening tool, which can be accessed at [Student Symptom Assessment Tool \(bchdcovidscreen.org\)](https://bchdcovidscreen.org). Bookmark it NOW on your smartphone! An updated screening questions sign (with QR code) will be available at drop-off and when entering the school.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

WEBSTER PICTURE DAY- To view your child's portraits, simply click on this link and enter your child's LAST NAME when prompted to enter the keyword, ordering deadline is Friday, Feb 26th:





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<https://trishalisonphotography.zenfolio.com/f582204607>. All orders are custom designed by you so you can order exactly what you want and not be held to a predetermined package. Order single prints, digital jpeg downloads, packages, or photo gifts ...whatever suits your family's needs. Photo customization options are also available: You have the ability to crop photos as you wish when checking out. Retouching services are available on the print products. *****Please direct any ordering questions directly to the photographer and not the school, please email** any questions to: meg@trishalisonphotography.com

We will hold a make-up Picture Day on [Monday March 1st from 11:30- 4:00 p.m.](#) for anyone who was unable to attend. Please sign-up for a time [here](#). Students who do not attend will still be included in the yearbook, more information on how to submit a yearbook photo to follow. View [Pricing and Packages](#). We are excited to partner with Trish Alison Photography. 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 310-749-0410.

Kids Heart Challenge - Thank you to all who participated. Principal Daruty is scheduling the winning events with your teachers.

- 1. Top 3 Participating Classes = Afternoon Zoom Party!** 1st week of March. Your teacher will share dates and details.
 - Mr. Kisskalt
 - Mrs. Cronrod
 - Third Grade
- 2. Raise \$200+ = Earn ALL Heart Heroes and Lunch with Principal Daruty!** Wednesday, March 3rd @ 11:50 a.m. Invite will be sent with zoom link and information.
 - **Levon B.**
 - **Jordyn Z.**
 - **Nolan H.**
 - **Poppy F.**
 - **Cora B.**
 - **Caleb H.**
 - **Andy K.**
 - **Jack M.**
 - **Nicholas B.**
- 3. Hit \$5,000 School Goal = Mystery Balloon Pop over the heads of Coach Daryl & Principal Daruty.** Tuesday, March 2nd @ 2:00 p.m. during PE. [Zoom link.](#)



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Thank you for empowering our students to have happy and healthy hearts!

We had a successful **TK/K roundup** last week. Over 30 participants and prospective families attended this informative event. Families can view the recorded event and get more information by visiting our website. [Link here](#). Please pass along this information to community neighbors and friends.

Looking for volunteers! Are you an auditor? We could use your expertise and volunteer time to support the PTA. We are also looking for 1-2 volunteers to support with Picture Day, and parents to chair the following school events: Jog-A-Thon, Webster Talent Show, and Parent wine tasting virtual events etc. Please email 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.

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](#).

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:





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· **New SKATE SESSIONS will start back up Feb 23** For ages 6-12 years, made possible through the **Johnny Strange Legacy Inspire Skate Program**. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays (all levels 3:30-5:30p) or Fridays (beginner 1:30-3p or intermediate 3:30-5p) at the Teen Center. Registration is now open & registration deadline is Feb 15th. Walk up registrations cannot be accommodated. Registration is finalized when all documents have been received. No registrations will be taken past 2/15. Limited spots available. First come first serve, no refunds. Please email skate@bgcmalibu.org to sign up.

· **Power Hour "Homework Help" & Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 3-4PM)**
<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95808140175?pwd=MzhsQlR6MmNBaVN4cmdLNjByYzBCUT09>
Passcode: 40263

5· **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 [Wellness Page](#) to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please email 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)
2. Password= Your school ID# (child's lunch number) New Families who need their student ID can email MichaeleWard@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 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



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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. -3:00 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 technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)michaele.ward@smmusd.org for enrollment and attendance. iterry@smmusd.org for general office related questions. khouseman@smmusd.org and 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.

