



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

Webster Weekly

Week of: February 22, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Webster Parents and Guardians,

Last week the Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) Union ratified an agreement with the SMMUSD regarding a plan for reopening schools. Elementary schools will reopen in a "Distance Learning Plus" model when in the Purple (most restrictive-widespread) Tier when the Adjusted Daily Case Rate for COVID in LA County reaches 25 per 100,000 cases for 5 consecutive days, and 15 days after the vaccine becomes available to school staff. With Phase 1B for vaccines for school staff to begin March 1st, the **earliest possible date** for Distance Learning Plus to begin could be March 15th. Please keep in mind this date is contingent upon vaccines being available.

Review the tentative format for [Distance Learning Plus at Webster](#). Teachers, staff and parent stakeholders will continue to review and revise this plan in the next few weeks, to ensure we are meeting the needs of our community. Our philosophy guiding Distance Learning Plus at Webster is (1) for it to serve as a healing transition focused on social, emotional, and physical health, (2) for it to not negatively impact those students staying home, and (3) for the health and safety of our staff and students to be a top priority.

Next week, please join me for a Parent Info. meeting regarding Distance Learning Plus at Webster. The purpose of this Zoom meeting will be to provide information about the model, format, procedures, and protocols. If you are unable to make the meeting, the presentation will be provided on our website and Webster Weekly.

Distance Learning Plus Model Parent Information Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 25th @ 5:00 p.m.

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/7406000734?pwd=dWREdEhUTXF2cXpaZ2VYVkhMREx2dz09>

Meeting ID: 740 600 0734

Passcode: WHALES

Shortly following the meeting, a link to a form will be emailed to parents so that you may R.S.V.P. for Distance Learning Plus. Please complete this form as soon as possible so that school staff can plan.

I look forward to seeing you this week,

Ms. Daruty

Principal





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THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 22nd

- El DMH de LAC ha identificado a los padres de habla hispana como un grupo demográfico que necesita información pertinente sobre salud mental y COVID-19. Para apoyar este esfuerzo, la Dra. Frida Rossi se está asociando con LAC DMH para ofrecer una serie de talleres de salud mental a esta demografía específica "en español". Este es un recordatorio amistoso para ayudar con el alcance de esta oferta. Esta serie es sólo para padres de habla hispana, ya que este es el grupo objetivo identificado por LAC DMH. Por favor, ayude con el alcance y con el registro. Está previsto que esto comience **el lunes 22 de febrero a las 5:00 pm**. Aquí está el enlace una vez más: <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/2012419/districts/5758> Por favor si tiene una pregunta o necesita ayuda para registrarse a estos talleres no dude en llamarme (310) 429-008. Un Saludo. Lupita Dixon BCL

Tuesday, February 23rd

- 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.
- Webster School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. [agenda zoom link](#) Passcode: WHALES

Thursday, February 25th

- 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.
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- SMMUSD Board Meeting: Please note that the special board meeting for 2/24/21 has been cancelled.

Friday, February 26th

- Friday Announcements from Principal Daruty





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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March (TBD)
Monday, March 1st
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School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
Make-Up Picture Day @ 11:30 - 4:00 p.m. [SIGN-UP](#) for a timeslot.
Afternoon Zoom Party With Principal Daruty

Mr. Kisskalt @1:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART
Third Grade @1:30 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART

Tuesday, March 2nd

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

**Wednesday, March 3rd
Friday, March 5th**

AHA Top Fundraisers Lunch with Principal Daruty @ 11:50 a.m.
Afternoon Zoom Party With Principal Daruty
Mrs. Cronrod Friday, March 5th @ 1:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password:

HEART

Friday, March 5th

PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
Additional Dates: 4/16 , 5/7, and 6/4

March 8, 10 and 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>

Tuesday, March 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.

Friday, March 19th

General PTA Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. Additional Dates 5/21

Friday, March 26th

Last Day before Spring Break

Monday, April 12th

First Day Back from Spring Break

Friday, April 16th

Environmental Defenders Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May (TBD)

School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 31st

Memorial Day (No School)

Friday, June 11th

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



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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](#).

FIFTH GRADE: NatureBridge Yosemite Field Instruction Days. March 8, 10 and 12th at 9:00 a.m.

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 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- In this digital art activity students will use stickers again but this time we will sort and classify images into specific categories. Students will have to listen to how to sort and then find stickers that fit that category.

1st- Students will shift into 3 dimensional art and start learning about 3D modeling in Tinkercad. They will learn about the differences between 2D and 3D art. Students will sign into Tinkercad for the first time and start exploring how to add different 3D shapes. We will explore ways to change the way the shapes look and the tools in Tinkercad.

2nd- Stark's class: Students will continue with their house model project. Students will add a roof shape to the top of the house they started last week. After fitting the roof on students will also work on cutting out more holes like windows and doors. Harris' class: Students will start creating a model of 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. Students will learn how to cut a hole out of a 3D shape to create this base.

3rd- Students will either continue working on the house started last week or begin constructing the house. For those who haven't started yet, we will create the base of the house by placing a





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square/rectangular shape and then duplicating it. Students will turn the second shape into a hole and group them together. Once they have the base complete, students will create a roof shape and place it on top. With extra time students will work on the details like cutting window and door shapes into their house.

4th & 5th- Students will make their next model, a coin. In this project students will review the concept of cutting a hole out of a solid shape and then learn about emboss and engraving to raise text up or sink text into the shape. Students will design the coin of their choice and with extra time they will attempt to make it a double sided coin.

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:

<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 Monday, March 1st @1:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART
 - Third Grade Monday, March 1st @1:30 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART



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- Mrs. Cronrod Friday, March 5th @ 1:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART
- 2. **Raise \$200+ = Earn ALL Heart Heroes and Lunch with Principal Daruty! Wednesday, March 3rd @ 11:50 a.m.** An invite with the [zoom link](#) (Passcode: WHALES) was sent to your parent's email.
 - **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.](#)

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

Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) Project for Webster Elementary:

Over Spring Break, we will receive new furnishings intended to supply all classrooms with learning tools to more closely align with pedagogical concepts such as project-based learning, student collaboration, flexibility and the District's Whole Child Approach, as defined in the District's [Educational Specifications](#). Please review the [report](#) to see how we came to decisions and what furniture will be ordered.

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





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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:

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

*To contact the Club please email info@bgcmalibu.org

For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)

COVID COMPLIANCE TEAM UPDATES





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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. Yollee 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.

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.





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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 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.

