



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

[Webster Weekly](#)

Week of: March 1st 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Webster Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are taking advantage of the beautiful weather this weekend! As you are likely aware, there was a brush fire near Malibu Canyon this morning. Although no damage was sustained to Webster, the fire came extremely close to the back of the school (where our hub currently runs!). We have had staff out there today, and out of an abundance of caution, **we are closing our Webster Hub for tomorrow, Monday, 3/1.** During the day tomorrow, another crew will review the rooms to determine if there is any lingering smoke or unhealthy air near our location. Please continue to check your emails as this is how we will notify all families. I apologize for any inconvenience this causes your family, but we wanted to ensure the safety of our students and felt this was the optimal option.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Information Meeting regarding Distance Learning Plus last Thursday. If you missed the presentation, you can view the powerpoint [here](#). **Please complete the [RSVP survey](#) regarding your plans for the remainder of the school year by March 3rd.** Be sure to submit one form for each student you have enrolled at Webster.

We are excited about progress to bring students to campus for our Distance Learning Plus. Specifically, at Webster this will be Wednesday, March 17th. Details are being finalized, however, families can expect that TK-5 students will spend either 8:30-11:15 a.m. (AM cohort) or 12:15- 3:00 p.m. (PM cohort) on campus Wednesday, each week, with efforts being made to expand the on-campus days in the near future. Safety will remain our number one priority and all activities will adhere strictly to CDC and LA County Department of Health guidelines.

I know that everyone is anxious to hear more details as well as what students can expect as they experience their first on-campus experiences for this school year. Please know that we are working diligently on everything. We have several committees that are laying the foundation in order for the DL+ Model to be a huge success.

In the meantime, here are some basic details:

- On M/T/TH/F Distance Learning will remain intact.
- While on campus on Wednesday, students would be grouped into small class groups AM/PM cohorts of approximately 12-15 to allow for physical distancing.
- School staff will develop schedules with a priority placed on social emotional learning and outdoor fitness. Inclusive of transitions, structured recess/PE and a grab and go lunch option, students will be provided 2 hours and 45 minutes of on-site opportunities, once a week.





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- If you plan for your student to return on Wednesdays, for in-person instruction, the following items must be submitted. Student Services Department prepared a packet of [Return to School Forms](#). Returning parents, please read the [Handbook](#). Please send the [Handbook Acknowledgement Form](#) and your [Community Pledge](#) to our registrar, Michaele Ward. You can download them and email them to michaele.ward@smmusd.org or you can make an appointment with Michaele for hand delivery.

Our teachers and staff have been incredible! This last year has been very challenging for them but they have gone above and beyond to make students' experiences as best as possible. There is still concern about health and safety. As a reminder, in all that we do on campus, safety is paramount. Just like our teachers rose to the challenge with Distance Learning, they too will do an equally fantastic job with the on-campus experiences, making it both safe and productive. Please send a note of thanks to your child's teacher. Your recognition goes a long way!

Many of you have reached out to me with questions. I encourage you to continue doing so; I'm always happy to speak. Never hesitate to email or call.

Ms. Daruty

Principal

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 1st

- ~~Make-up Picture Day- Cancelled~~
- Afternoon Zoom Parties 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

- Balloon Pop over Principal Daruty and Coach Daryl's heads! @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#). Come to celebrate our amazing participation in the Kids' Heart Challenge!
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 4th





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- 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 Board Meeting. The agenda for the regular Board of Ed meeting has been posted [online](#). In order to address all of the agenda items and not go too late into the night, closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m., and open session will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Friday March, 5th

- Friday Announcements from Principal Daruty
- Afternoon Zoom Party with Principal Daruty (Cronrod) @ 1:00 p.m. [zoom link](#) Password: HEART
- **3rd - 5th grade AUTHOR VISIT@ 1:30p.m.** This is a great opportunity to speak to Geanna Culbertson, author of the series Cristanta Knight. Students can ask her questions by adding [QUESTIONS FOR THE AUTHOR](#). If the author selects your question, you could win a signed copy of her book! Come meet this children's book series author and find out how her love of reading grew into a love for writing! [ZOOM LINK](#) Meeting ID: 836 6087 8034 Passcode: READING
- PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8, 10 and 12th

NatureBridge 5th Grade Yosemite "live field instruction" days. Please complete a [NatureBridge Participant Registration Form](#) And your child's payment: <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.

Tuesday, March 16th

(Tentative) Student Work Day: Students will receive limited live instruction and work asynchronously the remainder of the day.

Wednesday, March 17th

1st Day of Distance Learning Plus (in-person) Learning





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Tuesday, March (TBD)

Friday, March 19th

Friday, March 26th

Monday, April 12th

Friday, April 16th

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Tuesday, May (TBD)

Monday, May 31st

Friday, June 11th

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

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

Last Day before Spring Break

First Day Back from Spring Break

Environmental Defenders Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Memorial Day (No School)

Last Day of School

DISTANCE LEARNING:

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

In preparation for our Nature Bridge Virtual event, please ensure every participant completes an online registration form. Here is the link to the online registration form for participants: [NatureBridge Participant Registration Form](#). It can be filled out via computer or smartphone and from any location with internet service.

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- Students will create another drawing using the website Sketchpad. In this drawing students will think of a favorite story or one they have recently read and create a picture that includes 5 elements of that story. They could choose the characters, settings and other elements that are important. They will have the option to add stickers as well as explore the pencil tool and draw their pictures.

1st- Students will continue their introduction to Tinkercad and 3D modeling by creating a model of an ice cream cone. In this lesson they will work with the cone and sphere shape and practice rotating the shapes, moving the



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shapes, lifting them up and changing their size. With extra time students will be encouraged to change the colors to make their ice cream reflect their favorite flavor.

2nd & 3rd - Students will have one final class to work on their house 3D model. They will be able to continue adding more details to the exterior of their house like landscaping, plants and details to the house itself. Then students can choose from some pre-made furniture shapes that they can add to the interior of their house. With extra time students will share their projects with one another.

4th & 5th - Students will work more on their coin model. Those who didn't have a chance to finish cutting the top part of the coin will be able to do so and then they can move into the details. Students are encouraged to create a coin that uses the text element of Tinkercad as well as the scribble tool which allows them to freely draw a shape for their coin. With extra time students will create another coin and share their projects with one another.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

WEBSTER PICTURE DAY-

Make-up Picture Day is postponed. A new date will be scheduled soon!

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

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.





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- 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
 - 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:

View this video: [21st Century Furniture Update Video.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

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.

5th Grade End of Year Plan / 20-21 School Year- Are you willing to volunteer to be on our 5th grade planning committee? We are looking for parents to plan a wonderful end of year plan for our outgoing 5th graders. Please reach out to Heather Campi @heathercampi@gmail.com if you would be interested! The room parents and 5th grade teachers will start to work with all 5th grade families to make it a special last few months for our 5th graders.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU



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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:

El Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Centro de Bienestar Presenta "Cómo superar el estrés de la crianza de los hijos en la época de COVID, Parte II: Cómo el autocuidado de los padres puede ser pilares para la resiliencia" un webinar virtual centrado en: el estrés y los resultados de salud a largo plazo, técnicas de crianza reflexiva para una mayor sintonización y regulación, y el uso del autocuidado de los padres como desarrollo de la resiliencia. **10 de marzo a las 6pm.** [Haga clic para registrarse.](#) En colaboración con SMMUSD y servicios familiares de Santa Mónica. Para más información sobre este taller por favor comuníquese con la Dra. Freda Rossi, SMMUSD Coordinadora de Participación Familiar, al frossi@smmUSD.org

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

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





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7. Sebastian Spiroglou, Director of Elementary Programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu
8. Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, Director of Early Learning

UPDATES:

- Last week the district assisted in setting-up classrooms to allow for the maximum number of students in each room, spaced 6 feet distanced. In some rooms this is 12 seats in other 15.
- Portable hand washing stations were installed last week. A total of 10 stations will be strategically placed around campus. This will allow for students to have easier access to hand washing as we encourage this regular health routine.
- Floor decals were placed throughout the campus to support our students with standing in line 6 feet distanced.
- Classroom Air Quality - Optimising Clean Air in the Classroom- Linked here are a few articles and recent memo to staff about efforts to optimise clean air in the classrooms. [Clean Air](#) District will be sending an update to parents soon.
- [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 \(bchdcovidscreen.org\)](#). 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:

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





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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.

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 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 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





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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.

