

Webster Weekly 8-12-20

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

We hope that you and your families are well. In the midst of an unprecedented summer, our wish is that you found time to unplug and connect with each other in safe ways. We are excited to start our new school year even if it is in an untraditional way.

It has been a very busy week of preparing for the 20-21 school year. Teachers met this week to collaborate and develop schedules that adhere to the distance learning guidelines established by our district Teaching and Learning Council. Today the board of education will vote to adopt the Distance Learning Expectations outlined in the SMMCTA (teacher union) MOU and the 2020-21 SMMUSD school calendar. I encourage you attend the [meeting](#).

Last Spring, we abruptly moved into distance learning when schools closed due to the covid-19 pandemic. What we initially thought would be a two-week closure lasted until school closed. Through that experience we learned a lot about what would be best for our students. We surveyed Webster parents and received feedback through our district wide survey of parents and staff. Below are the most common feedback areas and how we have addressed concerns and adjusted our fall distance learning program.

Major Shifts in Distance Learning: Spring to Fall

| <u>Area of Concern</u> | Spring 2020 | FALL 2020 |
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| Distance Learning Schedule | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Varied from classroom to classroom. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">District-wide elementary school start time of 8:30 a.m.Consistent schedules by grade level.Consistent day/time email communication to parents of the weekly schedule.Three daily core content instructional blocks.A menu of weekly Live sessions in STEAM, offered by our teachers.School-wide common recess and lunchtimes.*Adherence to the CDEs required minutes of instruction. |
| Grading | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Some feedback on submitted assignments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessments will be given, assignments will be graded and a |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “DL” marks in all report card areas. | <p>standards-based report card grade will be provided, twice yearly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular grades and feedback on submitted work. • Regular formal and informal assessments. |
| Virtual Class Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole class and small group live sessions. • Predominantly asynchronous learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily synchronous *live learning instruction in the core content areas as well as ELD and Social-Emotional Learning for every student. • District established minimum “live” minutes provided by teachers. |
| Learning Platforms and Applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied by teacher | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each grade level will utilize one common platform. • District approved applications which can all be accessed through CLEVER. • Tech support offered to families by emailing webstersupport@smmusd.org |
| Social Emotional/Peer Interaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of uniformity in peer to peer interactions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily built in time for community building and social emotional support. • Whole-class instruction and instruction in homogeneous and heterogeneous groups. • School-wide opportunities for community building. |
| Teacher Professional Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real-time learning • Site or teacher specific support provided by the school site. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly, differentiated trainings provided by the district on topics tailored to the needs of our teachers. |
| DL Supervision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-School Work Hub our district: https://forms.gle/R3zyzDjYShtbdgEBA |

***CDE Required Instructional Minutes**

- 180 instructional minutes in TK/kindergarten.
- 230 instructional minutes in grades 1 to 3, inclusive
- 240 instructional minutes in grades 4 to 12, inclusive

**Education Code Section 43503 requires that distance learning include “daily live interaction.” Daily live interaction is two-way communication between a certificated employee and student each instructional day, at the actual time of occurrence. Daily live interaction is required for every student with both a certificated employee and their student peers. In particular, English learners, and students with special needs benefit from daily oral language development opportunities. Examples of daily live interaction include in-person and virtual communication or interactions, including but not limited to synchronous online instruction (per statute) and phone calls where both parties communicate at the time of occurrence. One-way communication, including voicemails, emails, or print materials, is not considered a live interaction.*

Additional information I will share after the board meeting:

- Revised district calendar. See the [Superintendent’s message](#) about this. Board of Education will decide on August 13 if students will now start the school year on Monday, August 24th.
- TK/Kinder Reception
- Back to School Days/Times
- Webster Minimum Days
- Distance Learning Parent Handbook: The district will provide parents/staff. It will include topics such as: Attendance, Student expectations, Devices and internet access, Netiquette, learning platforms, Child care / child supervision, Food services, and learning support.

Please continue to exercise patience with Webster Elementary as we roll-out the 20-21 academic school year. Trust that we are working tirelessly to provide a robust and thoughtful learning experience for your children. I know you are eager to see the specific schedules, and we want to provide them to you! But we also need time to develop, plan and iron out the specifics. Our teachers do not actually begin school (by contract) until August 17th!

So, what can I share now? I can provide you a school-wide schedule for distance learning. This will help you see how the day will be generally formatted. Some noteworthy observations and our rationale:

1. We wanted to preserve the mornings when our students are most alert and ready to learn! All SMMUSD elementary schools will begin at 8:30 a.m. and hold teacher professional meetings in the afternoon. At Webster, we changed our late start Wednesday to an early release Monday. (Just during DL.)
2. We agreed upon common instructional block start times consistent across the school to support families with children in multiple grades.
3. We agreed upon a common lunchtime throughout the entire Malibu Pathway, so that families can enjoy lunch with one another.

Webster Bell Schedule during Distance Learning

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| 8:30 a.m. | School Begins |
| 8:30- 9:00 a.m. | Wellness check-in and attendance |
| 9:00 a.m. | Instructional Block 1 |
| 10:10-10:30 a.m. | 3 rd -5 th Morning Recess |
| 10:30-10:50 a.m. | TK-2 nd Morning Recess |
| 10:30 or :50 a.m. | Instructional Block 2 |
| 11:50-12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30-1:00 p.m. | Instructional Block 3 (STEAM choice on Thursdays) |
| 1:00-1:30 p.m. | ELD English Language Development and Tier 2/3 Support |
| 1:30 p.m. | Asynchronous Learning, PE, Planet Bravo, and Enrichment |
| 1:45 p.m. | School Ends TK-K |
| 3:00 p.m. | School Ends 1 st -5 th |

Early Dismissal Mondays AND Minimum Days

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| 8:30 a.m. | School Begins |
| 8:30- 9:00 a.m. | Wellness check-in and attendance |
| 9:00 a.m. | Instructional Block 1 |
| 10:10-10:30 a.m. | 3 rd -5 th Morning Recess |
| 10:30-10:50 a.m. | TK-2 nd Morning Recess |
| 10:30 or :50 a.m. | Instructional Block 2 |
| 11:50 p.m. | School Ends TK-K |
| 11:50-12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30-1:00 p.m. | Instructional Block 3 (STEAM choice on Thursdays) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Asynchronous Learning |
| 1:30 p.m. | School Ends 1 st -5 th |

I recognize that I have shared a lot of information. This will be the first of several opportunities for you to receive this information. I look forward to working with you and this year and am available should you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to email ldaruty@smmusd.org.

Your proud principal,
Ms. Daruty

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 14th **Webster Office Opens** We will be working remotely but you can expect emails to be answered and responded to. If you call the school, voice messages are routed to the email box of the person you called.

August 14th **Class Placement Assignments** will be emailed to families.

August 17th

Parent Information Night TK/K-2 @5:30 p.m. and 3rd-5th @ 6:30 p.m.

This will be hosted by Principal Daruty and PTA President Heather Campi. The agenda will include: grade level schedules, parent involvement “do’s and don’ts”, grading & attendance expectations, instructional strategies, material distribution dates, and how you can help our school be great!

<https://zoom.us/j/91081777478?pwd=cFMrMOE1OXovRGFMZWZPbTV5WFFWZz09> Meeting ID: 910 8177 7478 Passcode: 175212.

August 21st

@ 1:00- 5:00 p.m. Materials Pick-up Day for parents ONLY. Webster school will provide your child with ALL of the necessary materials to implement our Distance Learning Program. You do not need to purchase any supplies. Parents will be invited to campus to pick-up general school supplies (pencils, paper, glue etc.) as well as and specific materials provided by their assigned classroom teacher (textbooks, consumable work books, journals). If your child needs a hotspot or Chromebook we will provide one. Please complete the [Webster Chromebook-Hotpost Request](#) survey so we may arrange this. Personal items left in your child’s classroom from last year, will also be prepared and ready for your pick-up on this day.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Did you see the great news from our PTA? Malibu Foundation, a non-profit that supports the Malibu and surrounding communities, has given the PTA of both of the elementary schools of Malibu, an Emergency Grant. This gift allows us to continue our partnership with [Planet Bravo](#) to bring STEM instruction to our students and retain ALL of instructional aides! We are appreciative that the Malibu Foundation has stepped in during a time of real need in the community. Personally, I am so grateful for the generosity of the Malibu Foundation. I cannot imagine not having our talented aides at Webster Elementary. Our students have endured so much uncertainty and change over the past three years. Our aides will be able to provide structure and kindness during our small group activities. With genuine sincerity I cannot thank the Malibu Foundation enough.

Superintendent Anti-racism Message Our Board of Education and Superintendent recently sent out this [message](#). Webster is fully onboard. Webster teachers will be following up with lessons and learning projects to support equity through excellence.

Meal service: Children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program will be able to pick up free breakfast and lunch from 8:00 to 10:00 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. We are providing grab-

and-go bagged meals. If you or your child are sick, do not come to school. **This will continue through the summer. School year breakfast pick-up times will be adjusted.**

Visit the SMMUSD [Family Resources](#) website that contains instructional materials by grade span in all core subjects that will continue to be updated with additional resources and materials to support parents who are supporting students at home during this extended closure. Visit the Distance Learning, Instructional Resources or Community Resource pages in the link above for important and helpful information.

OTHER INFORMATION:

New Student Enrollment: Spread the word, we are enrolling NOW for the 2020-21 school year. It will be all done electronically. Please read the [Webster Enrollment Process](#) memo or reach out to Michael Ward, michaele.ward@smmusd.org for more information.

Annual Registration Documents 2020-2021 - Turn in Four (4) Forms

(These documents are mandated by law to be given to all students before or during the first week of school.)

The annual MANDATED SMMUSD registration documents are posted on our [Student Services Department Website](#). These documents are: Annual Notice Booklet, Annual Information BP packet, Student Accident and Health Insurance Forms, Lunch & Breakfast Information, Covered California Information, and the **four (4) Signature Pages**. Parents can read the documents, print out the **four (4) signature pages**, sign them, and scan/email/snail mail them back to our school office. Here is the link to the documents and **four (4) forms**: <https://www.smmusd.org/Registration>

It is mandatory that schools collect signatures from each student's parent/guardian for **FOUR (4)** items:

1. **Annual Notice Booklet**
2. **Annual Information Booklet**
3. **Technology Acceptable Use Policy**
4. **General Filming and Recording Release**

Webster Office staff will keep track of all four forms. Please send your **four (4) signature pages** to Michael Ward at mward@smmusd.org by the end of the first week of school.

Once Webster Office staff receives the signed forms back, the responses will be recorded **in our student information database** for the two areas below:

- Technology use (use internet release button) and
- Photo Release

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 Sunday night 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 at @ptawebster on twitter.