



John L. Webster Elementary School

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Principal, Lila Daruty

Webster Weekly 10-5-20

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

It's hard to believe that it's already October! We hope that you are doing well and that Distance Learning is progressing. I know that you have many questions regarding our timeline and format for learning when we are safe to welcome our Webster students back to campus. Several parents have asked me for a reputable place to look for the latest on LA County's numbers and guidelines for reopening schools. Please visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>. Click on the hyperlinked map to find additional information. SMMUSD administration uses this information to inform our plans.

This week at Webster we are hosting a COVID COMPLIANCE team to our campus. This team will be made up of both district and Webster office, nursing, facilities, custodial, maintenance and administration personnel. Our goal for this walkthrough, is to identify how to safely re-open our campus given the guidelines outlined by the state and county officials. We will look closely at our facility protocols, lunchtime and restroom procedures, classroom furniture configurations, student traffic flow patterns, playground and yard rotations and procedures for parent drop-off. I know this meeting will be an informative step forward in the right direction.

Thank you for your continued partnership with SSMUD and Webster school as we navigate these unprecedented times in education, together. I appreciate your support of our teachers and your students. We are better together even at a distance!

Your proud principal,
Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK:

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| Tuesday, October 6th | P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 p.m. Zoom link Dance party! |
| Tuesday, October 6th | Power Hour "Homework Help" Provided by The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Link Passcode: 402635 |
| Thursday, October 8th | P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 p.m. Zoom link Scavenger Hunt! |
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| Thursday, October 8th | STEAM Choice Thursdays @ 12:30 p.m. Webster students will engage in interactive lessons in STEAM. TK-2 nd grade students will start this Thursday with their regular teacher. 3 rd -5 th grade will have an opportunity to select from a menu of STEAM |





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lessons. See the menu of classes: [STEAM CHOICE Thursdays](#). Please look over the list of materials needed to be sure your child is ready to engage and learn!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, October 13th** **School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.** [zoom link](#)
- Thursday, October 15th** **PTA Reflections Contest Deadline** (See PTA newsletter for details)
- Friday, October 16th** **Coffee with the Principal @ 10 a.m.**
Additional dates: 10/30, 11/13, 12/11
[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 922 6974 6755 Passcode: WEBSTER
- Tuesday, November 3rd** Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences (This is schedule update)
- Wednesday, November 4th** Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, November 5th** **Pupil Free Day, Teacher Conferences**
- Friday, November 6th** Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 11th** **No School - Veterans' Day**
- Wednesday, November 25th** **No School - Local Holiday**
- Thursday, November 26th** **No School - Thanksgiving**
- Friday, November 27th** **No School - Admissions Day Observed**

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Webster School Site Council election results! CONGRATULATIONS to our three newest parent members. Lisa Kaseff, Wade Major and Sara Epstein. We appreciate your support and dedication to the Webster community!

Hotspot Exchange: The TMobile replacement Hotspots will arrive on Wednesday Oct. 7th. The previously distributed Verizon hotspots will be deactivated on October 15th. Please read more about this [HERE](#). Webster office staff will help with exchanges between 9am and 3pm between the 7th and 15th.

PTA fundraising survey: For the 2020-21 school year, the two Malibu elementary schools raised \$301,562 to fund instructional aides and Planet Bravo. These staff members and programs are above and beyond what the district





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provides. For the 2021-22 school year, the Malibu elementary school PTAs (MES and Webster) will again be responsible for raising these funds, as we develop a new centralized fundraising approach/organization to replace LEAD. The PTAs are collecting feedback from PARENTS on which staff and programs should be funded in the future, as well as how to improve our centralized fundraising efforts. **Please take a moment to fill-out this [PTA survey](#).**

PTA MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT: If you haven't already, please create a Membership Toolkit account to be included Webster's 2020-21 school directory. To create an account, visit <https://websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>. For blended families, please create a separate account for each household. If you already have an account, be sure to update your contact information and your student's current grade level by clicking on the MY ACCOUNT tab. And be sure to subscribe to the PTA's weekly newsletter here: https://websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com/user_subscriptions
Our school directory is conveniently accessible online at websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com/directory.

Bilingual Community Liaison in Malibu- I want to provide an update on our vacant bilingual community liaison position. Ms. Guadalupe Dixon Dixon, ldixon@smmusd.org has accepted the BCL assignment for Malibu. We look forward to meeting her and receiving support for our students and families. Thank you to Alex Aspron Ladesich, aaspron@smmusd.org, for serving as a substitute in the position.

LCAP Parent Advisory Committee: The passage of the legislation implementing the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) establishes a role for parent advisory committees in the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Webster needs a representative. District especially wants parents who speak more than one language at home. Are you interested? Please contact me at ldaruty@smmusd.org. (There are 3 meetings and each 2 hours long.) December 3, 2020/ February 11, 2021/April 29, 2021.

Parent Volunteer Trainings: Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom? There will be opportunities for you to volunteer whether we are in person or in distance learning. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the Webster community. Level 1 clearance is valid for up to four years. If you have Level 1 clearance, you do not need to be trained until it expires. However, while in Distance Learning you will need to sign a Distance Learning [confidentiality agreement](#). You can start by reaching out to your teacher expressing interest in volunteering. If you are unsure when your clearance expires you can contact the office for your expiration date. Please submit the signed confidentiality form to iterry@smmusd.org or michaeleward@smmusd.org. New parents must attend a volunteer training before they can begin volunteering. Please refer to the calendar for these training dates.

WEBSTER LIBRARY: 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 9-2:30 p.m. A labeled bag will be placed on a cart outside the school gates. Please drive-up using the curbside valet and retrieve your books. You may return books once a week 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 9:00-2:30 p.m.** If you would like to look at your student's account to see which





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books they currently have checked out, you must begin by creating an account. Please follow these steps.

1. CREATE AN ACCOUNT
2. Type in your LAST name & barcode (ID#) then click NEXT
3. Username is your Google K12 email (Example: psw@smmK12.org)
4. Password= Your school ID# (child's lunch number)
5. Confirm your password (ID#)
6. Email=Your Google K12 email
7. Save (write down password and email you used to log-in)
8. You should be able to log in on Follett Destiny from school or home!

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- Thursday**. 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.

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 Michaele Ward at michaele.ward@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





DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION:

Thinking Maps - Great Resource for Parents to Use with Students

Thinking Maps are a signature instructional practice at Webster K-5th. Thinking Maps help students organize thoughts and analyze information. Use this [link](#) to help your children master the use of this analytical strategy.

Training Videos for parents/students:

- o [Zoom tutorial for students](#)
- o [Hub for the Back to Learning Conference](#) includes a training about SeeSaw and one for Google Classroom.

[Webster Distance Learning Padlet](#) Includes additional resources and learning opportunities.

[Distance Learning Handbook](#): Please read and review the attached handbook.

Technical Support: I understand that technical issues can be frustrating for our families and kiddos. We are here to help. We just ask that you adhere to the following guidelines when reaching out for tech support.

1. Begin by emailing webstersupport@smmusd.org. for student technical support related issues. Please **DO NOT** cc your teacher, the office, and the principal. We will try and respond promptly if not addressing other tech user issues, while also supporting staff and taking care of daily technology task or unforeseen network issues. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, then feel free to elevate your request to additional staff.
2. Be specific in your request. "It doesn't work" is not helpful. Instead, say things like the "student login account, zoom link, Internet, Chromebook settings do not work."
3. Name your student and teacher. We cannot help you if you say "my child can't log in" or the "Teacher didn't send code"(again, no name included, what teacher?)
4. Student SMMK12 accounts and default passwords can be provided. Please email Webstersupport@smmusd.org.
5. We are unable to fix home Internet service connectivity issues but can try to assist or help parent troubleshoot. For those students that have District issued Hotspots they may also experience connectivity issues, these devices work off cellular towers so if they are in a remote area where cell use is spotty, most likely the device will not be useful to them.
6. Chromebooks/Hotspots: If your child needs a hotspot or Chromebook we will provide one. Please contact webstersupport@smmusd.org.

Planet Bravo: [Curriculum](#) This week our students will exploring: TK and K- Alphabet Practice, 1st- Sight Words Practice (as well as reading sight words), 2nd- Google Docs Intro and 3rd-5th- Google Docs: Formatting and Keyboard Shortcuts. Parents can help by helping their child open the Planet Bravo website before computer class. (www.planetbravo.com/mesweek) I have noticed we are spending a lot of time trying to get all students to open it during class. Students should bookmark the website.

P.E. with Coach Daryl: Please wear appropriate PE clothing for each PE session. You will be moving and exercising and





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we want you to be safe and comfortable.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MALIBU FOUNDATION PROGRAMS:

- **Growing Roots - Vegetable Education ([Link](#))**
- **Arts and Animals After School at Big Heart Ranch - Enroll Now!**

Give your K-5th grade child a wonderful afterschool experience and get them enrolled in a weekly session at BIG Heart Ranch! Each 90 minute session will include creating nature and ranch inspired art projects as well as plenty of hands-on time working with animals and learning the ins and outs of animal therapy. All of this and more will take place outside on our safe and engaging working ranch!

Week 3 - We are community: Service and belonging to the community (Oct 5th - Oct 8th)

Description: Both Animal and Art Education activities are based on three emotional regulation practices: 478 deep breathing to lessen the physical effects of the stress response; mindfulness walking and sitting meditation; identifying and sharing the three primary emotions of joy, fear and sadness. *We are only scheduling out for 3 weeks right now, but we may add 3 additional weeks before daylight savings time.* [Enroll Here!](#)

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.](#)

[LA County CLEAN BEACH CONTEST](#) for 3rd- 5th Graders. Enter our **CAN THE TRASH! Clean Beach Poster Contest** for a chance to have your message shared with millions of beachgoers! Contest winners will have their artwork displayed around trash barrels on the beach. Simply submit your artwork online, in person, or by mail. The contest is open to students in grades 3 – 5 who reside in the County of Los Angeles. Online submissions must be entered by an adult.

Coastal Clean-up Day: Coastal Clean-up Day has become a month-long event because of COVID 19. So, September is now Coastal Cleanup month! Since we can't all gather together on one day, instead you and your family can plan your own day and cleanup. You can make it officially known (and counted) by signing up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coastal-cleanup-month-tickets-116467051085>

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.

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center Virtual Workshop that will help connect families with OUR HOUSE in helping with the loss of a loved one. Workshops will be provided in both English and Spanish. Fliers have been posted to PeachJar



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and Blackboard messages will be shared with families. Messages: [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This will help connect parents to support groups to help with grieving. Feel free to look at [website](#) for information.

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.

Enrichment Activities in partnership with the City of Malibu, (for Grades K-5th) outdoor sports activities and enrichment camps will be offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3:30-5PM. Register [here](#).

BGCM Wellness Center & Social Service Offerings:

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:

- **Allied Voices**, presented by SMMUSD in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center, is a 4th-12th grade virtual workshop series designed to increase student's empathy and compassion for themselves and others. Students who participate in this 10-week program will explore racial identity development and learn what it means to be an ally. Groups are facilitated by licensed clinicians with Women of Color Therapy. Virtual weekly workshops for 4th & 5th grade will be held on Mondays from 4-5pm. For more info & to register visit www.alliedvoicesforchange.com **Program Starts 10/5 & is available to all Santa-Monica Malibu Unified students.**
- **Power Hour "Homework Help" & Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 3-4PM)** <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95808140175?pwd=MzhsQlR6MmNBaVN4cmdLNjByYzBCUT09>
Passcode: 402635
- **Enrichment Activities** in partnership with the City of Malibu, (for Grades K-5th) outdoor sports activities and enrichment camps will be offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3:30-5PM. Register [here](#).
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center continues to operate remotely using Telehealth for online counseling sessions. We encourage families to utilize **Wellness Without Walls, Building Resilience in Our Community**, a program offering individual & family support services, which include: mental health counseling, social & emotional support, crisis intervention, healthcare resources, workforce development, assistance for domestic abuse/violence, assistance with immigration challenges, ESL resources, and more to SMMUSD





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students, families, faculty/staff, and the community at large. Please visit www.bgcmalibuwellness.org for more information or view our brochure [here](#). All services are free.

- **Run Malibu Virtual** This year's Malibu Half Marathon & 5K race is taking place virtually, and we are SO excited to continue partnering with this amazing community-driven event. Please click [here](#) to learn how you can join in & support BGCM!

*To contact the Club please Email info@bgcmalibu.org Call 310-457-2582

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

OTHER INFORMATION:

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

2020 Census: All Californians can participate in the 2020 Census and make a difference today! There are four easy ways to fill out the form:

- Online at my2020census.gov
- By phone at 844-330-2020
- By mail if you received a paper form
- In person with an enumerator
- "Completing your 2020 Census questionnaire now will help California's students, families and communities for the next 10 years."

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.

