



**John L. Webster Elementary School**

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

[Webster Weekly](#)

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Webster Parents,**

I cannot thank you enough for your tireless support of your children and their Distance Learning. I want to acknowledge your efforts and adjustments. I know that some days are harder than others and that overall, this has been challenging times! I want you to know that the teachers and staff at Webster recognize your tremendous partnership and we salute you, parents. Whether you're a stay at home, part-time or full time working parent, I recognize how much has shifted within your homes to accommodate your child's at home learning. It is only through your continued partnership that Webster students thrive! Please continue to reach out to your teacher or myself should you have questions or need support. Parent conferences are next week. If you haven't signed up for your child's parent-teacher conference please do that today!

Our Superintendent, Dr. Ben Drati will very soon be approaching the Board of Education about safely reopening schools to some in-person teaching and learning. This evening parents/guardians are invited to a virtual town hall with questions and answers about reopening. I will hold a similar town hall in mid-November about what a reopening may look at our school. At both you will learn about new safety procedures, what a typical week will look like, what options you will have, and what your role will be to ensure safety and learning for your child. I highly recommend you attend this Monday evening (see link below).

Webster Elementary will be a **designated voting/polling center** from Oct. 24th -Nov. 3rd. We are happy to encourage civic engagement and to remind you to exercise your right to vote.

This Friday students are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume. Please consider joining the Tuesday and Thursday Halloween themed PE events this week. As your family begins **planning fall activities and how to celebrate Halloween**, please read this [guidance](#) from LA County Public Health. Since the traditional ways in which this holiday is celebrated do not allow you to minimize contact with non-household members, it is important to plan early and identify safer alternatives. Please consider some safer alternatives!





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As always, please contact me if you have any concerns, suggestions, or if you saw something great.

In partnership,  
Ms. Daruty

### THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY 10/26

- **Superintendent's Message: Virtual Town Hall Meeting.** Please join Dr. Drati for a virtual town hall webinar meetings to learn about our reopening plans. [Zoom webinar link](#)  
Meeting ID: 949 2061 3876; passcode: U2D7z6

#### TUESDAY 10/27

- **School-wide HALLOWEEN THEMED (optional) P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 p.m.** [Zoom link](#) Dance party!
- **Power Hour "Homework Help"** Provided by The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m. [Zoom Link](#) Passcode: 402635
- **School Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.** [Zoom Link](#) and [agenda](#) The SSC is currently reviewing last year's SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement) goals. We will analyze our progress to help us determine our 20.21 goals. During the next two SSC we will finalize draft goals. In early November the SSC aims to send an approved SPSA to the Board of Education for final approval.

#### THURSDAY 10/29

- **Power Hour "Homework Help"** Provided by The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m. [Zoom Link](#) Passcode: 402635
- **STEAM Choice Thursdays @ 12:30 p.m.** Webster students will engage in interactive lessons in STEAM. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will have an opportunity to select from a menu of STEAM lessons. See the menu of classes. Please look over the list of materials needed to be sure your child is ready to engage and learn!
- **School-wide Halloween Themed (optional) P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 p.m.** [Zoom link](#) Scavenger Hunt!

#### FRIDAY 10/30

- **Wear your Halloween costume to school!** Please be sure it is appropriate for school (nothing to scary, no weapons)



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- **Coffee with the Principal** @ 10 a.m. [Zoom Link](#) Additional dates: 11/13 & 12/11
- **Webster Wear Sales** @ Webster from 2-4 p.m. Pay by credit card or check.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences</b> TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:35 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences</b> TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:35 p.m.
<b>Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL. Pupil Free Day, Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Minimum Day, Teacher Conferences</b> TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:35 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No School - Veterans' Day</b>
<b>Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee with the Principal</b> @ 10 a.m. <a href="#">Zoom Link</a> Additional dates: 12/11
<b>Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No School - Local Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No School - Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No School - Admissions Day Observed</b>
<b>Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Webster Picture Day- Grades TK- 2nd</b> Details regarding the process and photo package to follow
<b>Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Webster Picture Day- Grades 3rd- 5th</b>

### DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION:

Last week SMMCTA (teachers' union) and the district revised the **Distance Learning MOU**. The most notable agreements that you may see reflected in your child's schedule are:

- TK will not have live instruction after lunch.





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- On minimum days listed on the [SMMUSD District Calendar](#) there will be NO live instruction after lunch.
- A reduction of 15-minutes live zoom daily, has been negotiated to lessen the required Zoom minutes for students and teachers. At Webster teachers have the autonomy to leave or remove the 15 minutes based on what is best for their students and their learning.

**Assessments:** Student achievement continues to be a priority at Webster. Teachers follow curriculum guides and use our adopted resources. Teachers use a wide variety of high-leverage instructional strategies to create joyful and effective learning activities. Our K-5 teachers also assess students both informally and formally to make informed curricular and instructional choices. Over the past week and this one coming, teachers are formally assessing students' math and language arts proficiency. Some are done 1:1 and others are administered to the whole class simultaneously. Over the next three weeks 3-4-5 students will be taking Interim State Tests. These results are predictive for the Summative State Tests in the spring. Please encourage your child to do their best to show what they know. Tell your child that his/her teacher will be using the results to help your child grow.

**TMobile replacement Hotspots have arrived.** The previously distributed Verizon hotspots were deactivated on October 15th. Please read more about this [HERE](#). Webster office staff will continue to provide or exchange during Webster Office hours.

**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.

**Planet Bravo: [Curriculum](#)** Please be sure your child arrives on time to class. Given the abbreviated length of each course (30 mins) arrival on time is essential! When students arrive late it derails the flow of the lesson as Mrs. A, attempts to catch them up. **Lessons for next week:**

**K & 1st-** Continuing their learning of how computers work, students will be challenged to problem solve. Instead of following directions, students will have to complete some puzzles and then give the directions. In order for a puzzle to be solved they will need to give the steps.

**2nd-** They will continue with the Dialogue project in Scratch. They will learn the code it takes to make two characters talk to one another (as text on the screen) and will create their own story to be told.

**3rd-** They will begin the Scratch Unit by creating their own animation. They too will learn the code it takes to make characters talk and tell a story. They will choose the elements that make their story unique like characters, settings and even add objects with more time.





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**4th & 5th-** They will begin their Python Coding Unit. Python is a fantastic coding language that is an entry way into the computer coding world. Students will learn basic elements in Python coding and create their first program. In Python, students are tasked by typing their code to create working and runnable programs.

**P.E. with Coach Daryl:** Please wear appropriate PE clothing for each PE session. You will be moving and exercising and we want you to be safe and comfortable.

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

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

#### **NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:aaspron@smmusd.org), for serving as a substitute in the position.

**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 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.** If you would like to look at your student's account to see which books they currently have checked out, you must begin by creating an account. Please follow these steps. Type in your LAST name and password. Username is your Google K12 email (Example: psw@smmK12.org) Password= Your school ID# (child's lunch number). Write down the password and email you used to log-in. 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



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to reach the office![webstersupport@smmusd.org](mailto:webstersupport@smmusd.org) technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)[michaele.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michaele.ward@smmusd.org) for enrollment and attendance. [iterry@smmusd.org](mailto:iterry@smmusd.org) for general office related questions. [khuseman@smmusd.org](mailto:khuseman@smmusd.org) and [yhernandez@smmusd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION:**

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.

### **City of Malibu - November and December Camps**

The Community Services Department will continue to offer outdoor, active and engaging camps during the months of November and December. [Linked here](#) is a flyer with more details. The full list of classes will be available soon! For more information, visit [MalibuCity.org/CommunityClasses](http://MalibuCity.org/CommunityClasses).

We will continue to administer capacity limits, physical distancing, as well hand-washing and sanitizing requirements that follow the LA County Department of Public Health Guidelines. Participants must wear a face covering, and programs are open to Malibu residents. Registration will take place online, [MalibuCity.org/Register](http://MalibuCity.org/Register).

Continue following the Community Services Department on social media to receive updates and current information about upcoming programs.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [afiori@malibucity.org](mailto:afiori@malibucity.org)

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Adrianna Fiori  
Recreation Coordinator  
City of Malibu  
Community Services Department

### **MALIBU FOUNDATION PROGRAMS:**

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

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





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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 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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>

**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 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.

**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:

**Did you catch Boys & Girls Club of Malibu on Spectrum News 1 So Cal? Click [here](#) to watch.** The segment shares how the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center is committed to providing mental health services to ease the pandemic's effects. The Wellness Center is supporting the





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community at large, children, families, individuals, seniors, labor workforce, and beyond. Please reach out to our Wellness Center staff to schedule a session.

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- 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 continues to operate remotely to provide social support & counseling. We have further expanded our services. We are supporting: SMMUSD students, families, faculty/staff, seniors, labor workforce, and the community at large. Servicios disponibles en español. *All services are offered at no cost! Call 310-457-6801 ext 74141 Email [wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org)*
- 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! The virtual race takes place Nov 7-8, be sure to join the BGCM team, [sign up](#) now!

\*To contact the Club please email [info@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:info@bgcmalibu.org) Please be advised, our phone system is currently down. 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 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.

