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[Webster Weekly](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope you were able to attend the Town Hall meeting hosted by Dr. Drati last week. It was an informative webinar discussing the reopening plan for our district. If you were unable to attend I encourage you to view the presentation [English Spanish](#) or [recording](#). This week at Webster I am hosting several meetings with teachers, faculty and Webster parent governing boards to discuss their input on the hybrid option. On November 9th the district will send a parent survey for your feedback. Each week I meet with Webster's Covid Compliance Team. Our goal is to establish protocols for safely returning students to campus. This week we will finalize our screening process for entering campus.

Webster COVID COMPLIANCE TEAM Members:

- Kelsy Houseman, School Nurse
- Isaura Terry, Administrative Assistant
- Michael Ward, Office Assistant- Attendance/enrollment
- Yoliee Hernandez, Health Office Specialist
- Sebastian Spiroglou, Director of Elementary Programs Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu
- Kathy Davis, Daytime custodian

This week begins parent conferences. Teachers have scheduled times to meet with families to discuss the progress of your children this academic year. We ask that ALL parents arrange for a conference. Teachers will prepare for these meetings by providing assessment data and progress on the state standards. Please keep your appointments and communicate if you need to re-schedule. We ask that if you are from a two-household family you schedule one conference. This will ensure that the same information is shared to both households to work as a team to support your child.

Why are Parent-Teacher Conferences important? Parent-Teacher Conferences help promote a positive working relationship between parents and teachers. It is your opportunity to ask questions and hear how your child is progressing thus far. These conferences demonstrate to





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your child that you are committed to education and to their school. Conferences typically last 20-30 minutes and your child's teacher will share information on their academic performance.

What if my child's teacher expresses concerns? Ask questions to help you understand the concern. Teachers will always share areas of growth as well as areas of strength. This is your chance to ask for resources, ideas for support at home and how to speak to your child about any concerns. Teachers (just like parents) want to support the student to be successful at school and beyond.

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.

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

In partnership,
Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, Nov. 2nd

- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 1:00-1:30 p.m. [Zoom link](#)

TUESDAY, Nov. 3rd ELECTION DAY/Minimum Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences

- TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:30 p.m.
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 1:00-1:30 p.m. [Zoom link](#)

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4th Minimum Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences

- TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:30 p.m.
- Planet Bravo @ 12:30 -1:00 1st Grade
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 1:00-1:30 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- Planet Bravo @ 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. 5th grade
- SSC & PTA Board Reopening Plans Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.





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THURSDAY, Nov. 5th PUPIL FREE DAY Parent Teacher Conferences

FRIDAY, Nov. 6th Minimum Day /Parent-Teacher Conference

- TK/K dismissal @ 11:50 a.m. and 1st-5th @ 1:30 p.m.
- Planet Bravo@ 12:30 -1:00 2nd Grade
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- Planet Bravo @ 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. 4th grade
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 1:00-1:30 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- PTA Executive Cabinet Meeting @3:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 11th	No School - Veterans' Day
Friday, November 13th	Coffee with the Principal @ 10 a.m. Zoom Link Additional dates: 12/11
Wednesday, November 25th	No School - Local Holiday
Thursday, November 26th	No School - Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27th	No School - Admissions Day Observed
Friday, December 4th	PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. Additional Dates: 1/8, 2/5, 3/5 ,4/16 , 5/7, and 6/4
Monday, February 1st	Webster Picture Day- Grades TK- 2nd Details regarding the process and photo package to follow
Tuesday, February 2nd	Webster Picture Day- Grades 3rd- 5th
Friday, January 22nd	General PTA Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. Additional Dates 3/19 and 5/21

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:





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- TK will not have live instruction after lunch.
- 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.

Chromebooks and TMobile replacement Hotspots. The previously distributed Verizon hotspots were deactivated on October 15th. Please read more about this [HERE](#). Please contact Webstersupport@smmusd.org to arrange for an exchange. If your child needs a chromebook or it requires a repair please contact webstersupport@smmusd.org.

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.

Minimum Day Planet Bravo times 11/4 and 11/6 (TK and Kinder are cancelled, third grade remains the same)

12:30 -1:00 Wed. (1st grade) Friday (2nd grade)

1:00 – 1:30 Wed. (5th grade) Friday (4th grade)

1st - Students will use two fun websites; Kodable and Code Monkey. They will continue to develop their computer science skills of telling the computer what to do in order to complete puzzles. We will start talking about sequencing, which is following directions in a specific order and how that is important for computers to perform their tasks.

2nd- We will start their next project in Scratch. They will learn how to code a program where they make the letters in their name move, change colors or so many other options. They will go over how to add letters (sprites) and a background and then learn new pieces of code to animate their name.

3rd- Many students wanted more time for the Dialogue project so they will continue this week. They will watch a self guided video that allows students to work at their own pace. They will develop a dialogue and code it in Scratch. With extra time students will begin to learn how to make the characters move.

4th & 5th- In Python we will continue our Chat Bot program. Students will learn how to code another basic function called input. This allows the user to write a response back. They will also learn about the if/then function that allows them to code a response that will differ based on the users answers to





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questions. We will also talk about debugging, which is a term invited by Grace Hopper, to fix the code to make it run properly.

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 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.

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. -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 technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)michaele.ward@smmusd.org for enrollment and attendance. iterry@smmusd.org for general office related questions. khuseman@smmusd.org and yhernandez@smmusd.org for health records, immunizations and health office questions.

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

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!](#)





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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>

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 [websites](#) 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:





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

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 & mental health counseling. 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*

Run Malibu Virtual THERE'S STILL TIME! This year's Malibu Half Marathon & 5K race is taking place virtually. 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 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.

