



John L. Webster Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well. By now, you have hopefully completed the District survey requesting your input about reopening plans. The information collected will help inform the superintendent and the board of education to make a decision about SMMUSD's plan for reopening if/when we reach the county's Red Tier. This decision will be made at the December 17th, Board of Education Meeting. I would encourage you to attend this and all Board of Education meetings to stay informed and share your voice.

In regards to reopening, we are still preparing our facilities even though we do not have a start date for in-person instruction. This involves installing plexi-glass in our offices, hand sanitizer dispensers in our classrooms and making plans for re-arranging classroom spaces to accommodate 50% of students. Last week myself, Principal Hertz of MES and Isaac Burgess, Malibu Pathway director visited an elementary school in LVUSD. This school has been operating a hybrid TK-2 program. We were able to ask the principal thoughtful questions and observe how this type of program operates. The principal answered all of our questions and shared what was/wasn't working with the rollout and implementation of the program. I left with many answers and even more questions. We are grateful to our LVUSD partners for allowing this opportunity.

Additional news regarding reopening plans is that the district has submitted a TK-2 waiver application on behalf of all the elementary schools in SMMUSD. We anticipate an answer within the next few weeks.

Lastly, you may want to review the [New Public Health Order: Safer at Home](#). I recognize that the New Public Health Order is especially challenging during the start of the holiday season. Normally, at Webster this time of year would be full of holiday gatherings and our beautiful choral concert. At home, we would be celebrating and visiting family and loved ones. This year has been one of adjustment, uncertainty, financial hardship and unfortunate loss for many. Now more than ever, we need our families and friends to be safe, healthy and happy. Please wear your masks while outside of your home and restrict gatherings – private or public. Gatherings with people outside of your household are not allowed per the Safer at Home order and are risky behavior, especially if eating and face masks are not worn. Let's continue to keep our community healthy by following the guidelines set forth in the order.

As always, please reach out should you have any questions or concerns,

In gratitude,

Ms. Daruty





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THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, Dec. 7th

- (Optional) TK /Kinder PE with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)

TUESDAY, Dec. 8th

- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#)
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9th

- Special Board Meeting Agenda: The special board meeting agenda can be found on the [district website](#). It will begin at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

THURSDAY, Dec. 10th

- 12:30 -1:00 p.m. Please refer to the [STEAM lesson](#) document to prepare your student's materials.
- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#)
- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Dec. 11th

- **Coffee with the Principal:** Special Guest our School Psychologist. Rebecca Nelson. [Distance Learning First-Aid for parents](#). Come learn some tips and tools to help you and your family stay connected and healthy during these challenging times. @ 10 a.m. [Zoom Link](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Dec. 17th

SMMUSD Board Meeting.

The agenda can be found on the [district website](#).

Friday, December 18th

Student Work Day

Students begin the day from 8:30-9:00 p.m. with a morning meeting. The remaining portion of the day, students are engaged in asynchronous learning. Teachers are in planning and curriculum meetings.

Dec. 21st - Jan 1st.

Winter Recess. Enjoy a restful and safe break.



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Monday, January 4th

Student Work Day

Students begin the day from 8:30-9:00 a.m. with a morning meeting. The remaining portion of the day, students are engaged in asynchronous learning. Teachers are in planning and curriculum meetings.

Friday, January 22nd

General PTA Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. Additional Dates 3/19 and 5/21

Thursday, January 28th

TK-K Round-Up @ 9:30 a.m. Via zoom

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, February 5th

PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.

Additional Dates: 3/5 ,4/16 , 5/7, and 6/4

Friday, Feb. 5th

Report Cards are sent home

DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION

Please take the [Parent Survey](#) to share your input about the reopening of schools. This is a Webster specific survey and will help me inform the teachers and community about your plans.

Per the [New Public Health Order: Safer at Home](#) our EL supervision HUB at Webster and any student needing in-person assessments (held at MES assessment HUB) will continue. If directives change you will be informed. Our teachers/staff are still permitted to work on campus, as education employees are considered essential workers.

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.



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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. **THIS WEEK'S LESSONS:**

- This upcoming week is Computer Science Education Week. During Planet Bravo students will learn about the Hour of Code week. It is a time where we talk about how important Computer Science is and practice coding exercises for each grade. Students will continue coding with their different languages and activities. Each class will begin with a small explanation of Computer Science and one of the important figures, Grace Hopper.
- **TK-** Students will continue to learn about code and how it works so that computers can understand and follow the directions. We will continue using a fantastic website, code.org, to practice the concept of sequencing. Sequencing is a practice in coding where we focus on putting things in order that we need them to be completed. Code is just like putting on a coat, steps need be done in a specific order or it will not work.
- **K & 1st-** Students will reinforce the coding concepts we've learned the past few weeks and use a wonderful program called, The Foo's. The Foo's is a program codespark has created as an Hour of Code project which is perfect for our week. Students will see how much they have learned about sequencing and see if they can find the right steps and put them in the correct order.
- **2nd-** This week students will draw upon what they have learned about Scratch programming. This week we will combine a few skills previously learned and create a project where a character talks, moves and has a sound effect. By combining all three elements we will be able to bring the character to life.
- **3rd-** Students will learn how to add music to their Scratch coding project by creating a musical instrument game. In this game, we will program each instrument sprite to play a note when clicked. With extra time, students will learn how to record themselves singing a note to add into their project.
- **4th & 5th-** Students will continue with the Python Trivia Project. Last week students began by coding an introduction for their game and began coding for their first questions. We will continue this week to code for more trivia questions and add in the correct answer so that when the game is played, the user will know if they got the answer right or wrong. With extra time students will get to try out each other's code!

P.E. with Coach Daryl: We added TK and Kinder PE on Mondays! Coach will provide live PE instruction for our students. Encourage your children to come join in the fun. Please wear appropriate PE clothing for each PE session. You will be moving and exercising and we want you to be safe and comfortable.





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Distance Learning Handbook: Please read and review the attached handbook.

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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 MichaeleWard@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 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.

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



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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!](#)

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.





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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:

- SMART Girls A virtual workshop dedicated to helping girls develop higher self-esteem, effective communication skills, stronger relationships, and better knowledge of personal health. Starting 12/3, every Thursday at 3:30PM. Email Director of Educational Wellness, Randi Goodman, LMFT#52964 to register your child. randigoodman@bgcmalibu.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 social support & mental health counseling. Check out our *NEW* [Wellness Page!](#)

- El Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Centro de Bienestar Presenta "Cómo superar el estrés de ser padres en la época de COVID y el aprendizaje a distancia" un webinar virtual centrado en: el estrés y el cuerpo, cómo esto puede resultar traumático, cómo ayudarlo a usted y a su hijos a superarlo. 2 de diciembre 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

- Mark Your Calendars! Giving Tuesday is right around the corner. Consider participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1st. Click [here](#) to make a year-end tax deductible donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu. THANK YOU!

*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>.





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