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3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

[Webster Weekly](#)

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Webster Families,

As we enter the winter break and say goodbye to 2020 I extend my heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year. I hope that this holiday season is spent celebrating treasured winter traditions and most of all experiencing joy with your family. This remarkable and unprecedented year has been a challenge to so many of us, in so many ways. I hope that this break provides you an opportunity to reflect on all that you are grateful for including, Webster Elementary, a special place for your children to learn and grow.

Over the last eight months, we were forced to navigate a new threat to our health and safety and in the process reimagine and redesign teaching and learning. Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly refining our distance learning practices so that we may foster greater student engagement, social and emotional stability, and academic growth. Through it all you, our parents, guardians, and community partners have shown their commitment and unwavering support of the Webster Community. For this, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As we enter 2021, we see glimmers of light at the end of the tunnel for a return to a semblance of normality. We know there is more hard work ahead but, as we have seen throughout 2020, there is no challenge we can't solve together.

For now, rest and rejoice. We will see you in 2021. [Enjoy this video](#) from our Webster teachers and staff!

Much gratitude,

Ms. Daruty

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **MONDAY, Dec. 14th**

- TK /Kinder PE with Coach Daryl @ 12:30-1:00 p.m. [Zoom link](#)
- **Webster Special PTA Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.** [Zoom Meeting](#)

### **TUESDAY, Dec. 15th**

- School-wide P.E. with Coach Daryl @ 2:00 [Zoom link](#)



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- Power Hour "Homework Help" Boys & Girls Club of Malibu @ 3:00 p.m.

### 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.
- **Board of Education Meeting @ 5 p.m.** (not 5:30 p.m.) via Zoom. To view the agenda and read more about the specific board meeting formats, go to: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>.

### FRIDAY, Dec. 18th 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Dec. 21st - Jan 1st.**

**Winter Recess.** Enjoy a restful and safe break.

**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



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### **COVID COMPLIANCE TEAM UPDATES**

Each week our COVID Compliance team meets to learn, establish and implement safety protocols and procedures for our Webster community. We take guidance from the district and the LACDP. Below are the updates from our past meeting. Team members include:

1. Lila Daruty, Principal
2. Kelsy Houseman, Nurse
3. Isaura Terry, Administrative Assistant
4. Michael Ward, Senior Office Specialist
5. Yolie Hernandez, Healthy Office Specialist
6. Kathy Davis, custodian
7. Sebastian Spiroglou, Director of Elementary Programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu

#### UPDATES:

1. LACDP licensing conducted a virtual assessment of our in-person supervision learning HUB at Webster.
2. The designated outdoor health office for children who have become ill while on campus and are waiting to be picked up will be located near the SLP office and MPR.
3. [New Public Health Order: Safer at Home](#): Teachers/staff **may be at school** even if there are no students on campus, education staff are essential workers.
4. Teachers may continue to organize essential materials pickups. Instructional items will be placed in the auditorium for families to pick-up from 1-4 p.m. Your teacher will provide you with the details.
5. Hand sanitizer dispensers were installed. They are in every classroom and learning space as well as in the hallways, and outside in high traffic areas.
6. PPE for teachers/staff is prepared for use when students are back on campus. Items include extra teacher cloth masks, face shields, hand sanitizer and gowns.
7. Custodial Daily Cleaning Logs are placed inside each classroom, restroom and space on campus. Custodians are to indicate the days/time/frequency each room is sanitized following the district established frequency guidelines. For example, restroom 2-3 times daily.

### **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.





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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](mailto:Webstersupport@smmusd.org) to arrange for an exchange. If your child needs a chromebook or it requires a repair please contact [webstersupport@smmusd.org](mailto: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. **THIS WEEK'S LESSONS:**

- **TK-** Students will continue to practice sequencing in coding by completing puzzles and putting steps in the correct order. Students will use a new program called the Foo's that has fun hour of code activities. Students will be introduced to the jumping code block to use in puzzles.
- **K & 1st-** Students will learn about Loops within coding. Loops are in all coding languages and allow for the coder to easily repeat actions. Our activity will focus on helping a character try and collect things. Students will code which directions to move and how many steps to take. We will use loops by counting how many steps in the same direction we need to take and then putting that action in a loop that repeats the number of times needed.
- **2nd & 3rd-** Students will create their next Scratch project by making a clicker game. We will program the game to have an object appear at the start of the game and then code it so when the object is clicked it will disappear. Then we will add code so that the object moves around the game screen to make it more difficult and reappear after clicking.
- **4th & 5th-** Students will continue to learn more about the Python coding language by creating a new program: Python Turtle. In this turtle program students will code a paint activity. Students will code their arrow keys to function and move the pen in the paint program. They will also learn how to clear the screen from any drawings and change the color with a press of a letter key on the keyboard.

**P.E. with Coach Daryl:** 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.

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





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**NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**SMMUSD Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy on Board of Education:** The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education will be accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the board that was created when Oscar de la Torre was elected to an open Santa Monica City Council seat in the November 2020 election. De la Torre was first elected to the Board of Education in November 2002 and was reelected in November 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. The Board of Education will undergo the appointment process to bring a new member on board to serve out the remainder of de la Torre's term, which expires in December 2022. The person selected for this appointment can, if s/he chooses and continues to meet eligibility requirements, run for the full four-year open seat in the November 2022 election. To be eligible to serve on the board, a person must be (as per Education Code 35107):

- 18 years of age or older
- A citizen of the state
- A resident of the school district
- A registered voter

Not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office. Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California law or the law of another state, the United States, or another country, is not eligible to be a Board member except when he/she has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. Eligibility is determined regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information, the perception of one or more of such characteristics, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Applications can be found at <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/6279>. Completed applications can be submitted to the Superintendent's Office (emailed to [swahrenbrock@smmusd.org](mailto:swahrenbrock@smmusd.org)). The Superintendent's office will receive completed applications until 4:30 p.m. on December 17, 2020.

During winter break, a subcommittee of the Board of Education – consisting of no more than three seated board members – will review the applications for eligibility (based on Education Code 35107 and Government Code 1770). When the second semester begins in January 2021, the board subcommittee will inform the Superintendent's office which applicants meet the eligibility criteria. The Superintendent's office will invite those applicants to participate in the interview process, which will take place at the regularly scheduled board meeting on January 14, 2021.

The interview process, deliberations, and final appointment will all occur during open session at the January 14, 2021, board meeting, which will be held via Zoom. The agenda for this regular meeting will be posted online by January 8, 2021, at <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>.





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Members of the public with questions regarding this appointment process are encouraged to contact the Superintendent's office at [swahrenbrock@smmusd.org](mailto:swahrenbrock@smmusd.org).

### WEBSTER LIBRARY:

**Now you can check out Ebooks online!** Please follow these steps:

1. Username is your Google K12 email (Example: [psw@smmK12.org](mailto:psw@smmK12.org))
2. Password= Your school ID# (child's lunch number) New Families who need their student ID can email [MichaelWard@smmusd.org](mailto: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- Friday**. 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](mailto:webstersupport@smmusd.org) technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)[michael.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michael.ward@smmusd.org) for enrollment and attendance. [iterry@smmusd.org](mailto:iterry@smmusd.org) for general office related questions. [khouseman@smmusd.org](mailto:khouseman@smmusd.org) and [yhernandez@smmusd.org](mailto: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.

**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.

### 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 Every Thursday 3:30PM** An ongoing virtual workshop dedicated to helping girls develop higher self-esteem, effective communication skills, stronger relationships, and better knowledge of personal health. Students are welcome to join at any time. Email Director of Educational Wellness, Randi Goodman, LMFT#52964 for zoom info [randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org)
- **Power Hour "Homework Help" & Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 3-4PM)**  
<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95808140175?pwd=MzhsQlR6MmNBaVN4cmdLNjByYzBCUT09>  
Passcode: 402635
- **Happy Holidays!** Learn more about BGCM's ongoing efforts throughout this pandemic & how you can make a difference by giving back this holiday season, [HERE!](#) THANK YOU!
- **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!](#)





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\*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>.

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