

March 18, 2020

Dear Webster Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. I miss seeing our students and parents, and think of you often throughout the day. Today I participated alongside students in distance learning. I connected with two different classes using a digital platform. I enjoyed listening to a student read to his friends and chatting with other students just to say, "Hello." I applaud our teachers and students for exploring new methods for connection.

School Closure:

The Board of Education approved an emergency resolution approving the closure of all Santa Monica and Malibu schools, Child Development Services and Adult School for five weeks, with the planned return of April 20, 2020. This closure includes three weeks of regular session and two previously scheduled weeks of spring break. We will be evaluating during this closure to determine whether an extension is recommended, or we may safely return to school on April 20th.

The Webster campus, field and playground are closed. This includes after normal school hours and weekends. This will allow for the District to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the campus.

Distance Learning Plans:

Webster teachers have demonstrated professionalism and dedication in the development of their Distance Learning plans. Thank you to our parents and families who have embraced this new learning in an effort to build and maintain our classroom learning community.

If you were unable to come to campus Monday to pick up your student's paper-based curriculum, the materials were left in a box located on the outside steps of our school office.

Please stay in touch with our teachers. In addition to email, teachers are setting up their own way of interacting virtually either through SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Google Hangout, Google Meet, Zoom, and other platforms. We are all available via email if you need anything or have questions. We are all figuring this out together, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Now is a great time to talk to your student about appropriate use of digital tools.

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>

Community Resources:

While our school facilities are closed, children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program will be able to pick up free breakfast and lunch at **Webster Elementary**. Distribution is from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Monday- Friday.

The BGCM is actively preparing FREE grab and go pantry bags which can be picked up at the Teen Center Mon-Thur from 10am - 1pm. They are also providing FREE shopping services and groceries for seniors and our most vulnerable families. This FREE service is being provided by BGCM staff and generous community donations. If you know of a family or senior in need, please have them reach out today. (310-457-2582 or emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org MBGC is also offering counseling: [Link](#)

I will continue to communicate updates and information. My primary goal is to ensure your children are safe and are provided with an appropriate continuity of learning. The Webster community is strong. Please take care of each other, and stay in touch.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

Stay home & Practice Social Distancing (6ft)

Stop the Spread- Wash or use hand sanitizer frequently. Cough & sneeze in your elbow.

For accurate and up-to-date information refer to
<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus>