

Webster Weekly 1-6-20

Principal's Message:

Dear Webster Families-

Happy New Year! I hope that your time away from school was full of time spent with family and friends, rest from normal routines, indulgence in your favorite traditions and memory making! We are excited to welcome everyone back to school ready and rejuvenated for the 2nd semester.

I love the New Year, it is a reminder of infinite possibilities. I enjoy making lists and setting intentions. In the spirit of honesty, I *may not* always keep them but I certainly try. I hope the close of the last decade opens a door of wondrous prosperity for you and your family.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEBSTER TALENT SHOW <https://mailchi.mp/31340cad8483/webster-talent-show-2020>

Information regarding the Talent Show was sent home by email last week including dates of the auditions and rehearsals. The Talent Show will take place here at Webster on **Thursday, February 6th**. I would encourage all of you and your students to attend our talent show. A large number of students will be up on stage performing a variety of acts and they need our support, cheers, laughs, and energy.

REHEARSALS:

Thursday, January 16, @3PM MANDATORY AUDITION

Thursday, January 23, @3PM

Thursday, January 30, @3PM

Wednesday, February 5, @3PM MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL

PLEASE plan your schedules accordingly, as it is IMPOSSIBLE to work around all the different afternoon activities for these four weeks. **Only one of the regular rehearsals can be missed. Dress rehearsal on February 5 is mandatory** Mark these dates in your planners!

PERFORMANCE FOR SCHOOL: Thursday, February 6 @1.00PM.

EVENING PERFORMANCE: Thursday, February 6 @6.00PM.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS: The gate to our lower yard closed at 5:30 p.m. We kindly ask that you do not ask the Boys and Girls Club staff members to open the gate for you. If you need to access the campus please do so from the front gate.

DROP-OFF and PARKING: Student drop-off may only be done through 1) the valet or 2) parking in the lower lot and walking your children to the front gate. DO NOT park or drop-off near the top parking lot. It is unsafe for students and causes congestion for our staff trying to park. You may not park in the RED ZONE. The Lost Hills Sheriff Department patrols regularly (and will ticket) in an effort to keep our students and staff safe.

EXITING CAMPUS: When you are exiting campus during school hours you must check-out through the front office. Please do not exit through any other gate.

TARDIES/ATTENDANCE: Please include reducing tardiness and absences as part of your New Year's resolutions! Overall, our tardy and attendance rates could improve! School is not optional, and arriving late is can be disruptive to the class and your child's routine. Let's encourage positive habits for success and be at school on time ready to learn! Please, set a goal to be here and to be on time in 2020! We have already lost too many school days due to the fires and weather conditions.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS: It is extremely important to notify the attendance office of the reason for an absence on the day of the absence or immediately upon return. You can do so by phone (310-456-6494 ext. 69302), email (michaele.ward@smmusd.org) or by note. Please ask your doctor, dentist, etc. for a note to provide to school upon return.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PRACTICE: Please know we are supportive of our families' decisions to pursue educational opportunities they feel are appropriate for their children. **However, as a district we are respectfully declining to write letters of recommendation for students applying to private schools.** We want to best use our limited time and resources for activities that impact all of our students in our schools. If you are applying to a private school for your child, we will send in a form letter to the school explaining our reasoning, and that the district's lack of recommendation letter in no way suggests a negative reflection of your child. Teachers will not be completing recommendation letters NOR will they be completing any checklists. Please be respectful of their roles, and do not ask them to do it even "as a favor." We can provide report cards, and any information already in your child's file, however, teachers will not create any new information for private schools. We believe students who have attended Webster are well positioned to be a positive addition to any school community they attend.

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

MATH CLUB: Tuesdays @ 8:00 a.m.

5th grade in room 20 with Craig Foster.

4th grade with Mr. Kiskalt in Room 17.

LEXIA LAB: In the computer lab from 9:10-9:45 for invited students only.

WINTER BREAK: Friday, December 20th is a minimum day. (11:45 a.m. Pre-K, TK, TK, 1:15p.m. for 1st-5th) dismissal. Webster and all SMMUSD schools will then be closed for the Winter Break from Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd with school resuming on Monday, January 6th. Monday, January 6th is a school day for ELEMENTARY students. It is a pupil free day at the secondary level, which leads to some confusion.

SPIRIT WEAR: This Friday come dressed in your favorite DISCO gear!

Please join us in a **Webster Parenting Workshop Series**. It will be held Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. at the Malibu Boys and Girls Clubhouse. The first session will be held this Tuesday, January 7th. (see attached flier) The series will be led by Randi Goodman, Director of the Wellness Center, LMFT, MA, MS. She is a licensed therapist and certified elementary school teacher for over 35 years, and is a mother of two grown daughters. She has taught in the public schools in New York and trained teachers in all areas of Early Childhood Development. Her creativity and passion led her to the Children's Museum of Long Island where she developed an early childhood play space and parenting resource center. She moved to California over 15 years ago and she has been in private practice, and specialized in children and families. She is very excited to be working as the Director of the Wellness Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu and continuing to grow the programs, supervise the interns, collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club and be a support to the Malibu Public Schools. Feel free to email Randi Goodman at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 818-312-7107 to suggest workshop topics!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Volunteer Training: Monday January, 13 @ 8:45 a.m. TBD. This is for new or renewing volunteers (if you attended a volunteer training last year, you do not need to renew this year). Moving forward, level one volunteer clearance will be valid for four years. The office staff is in process of publishing a current volunteer list and will provide teachers this information. Teachers check this list before confirming your volunteer opportunity. Please contact the office if you have additional questions or need clarification on whether you due for a renewal.

Multi-Cultural and PS FAMILY ART NIGHT: Tuesday, January 14th @5:00 p.m. This will be a very fun event with lots of creativity on display. We have combined this event with the International Potluck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish from your family heritage, eat and then do art. This event starts at 5:30pm.

PSARTS INFORMANCES: Your local support helps fund our visual arts, theater arts, and music PSArts programming. What is an Open Class Informance? Informances are student-centered classes created to:

- Showcase academic progress in the arts
- Demonstrate the process of how students learn
- Demonstrate what the students have learned or discovered
- Lessen

performance-related stress on students by showcasing them in a familiar environment •
Provide students with an opportunity to take ownership of their learning • Provide students
with leadership opportunities
Parents are invited to PS Arts class we hope you will join!

TK- 2nd grades. Ms. Bradshaw in room 4 Visual Arts

Monday, Jan 13, 2020

9:00 am Hernandez

11:00 am Papale

12:45 pm Cronrod

1:40 pm Stark

Thursday, January 16, 2020

9:05 am Murdock

10:25 am Berman

12:45 pm Harris

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS: 1/29, 2/19, 3/18 and 5/20 @3:15 p.m. in the library. You can visit our website at <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/SSC.html> for agendas and notes.

NO SCHOOL- Monday, January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

TK-KINDER ROUNDUP @9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 30th This event opens enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Please help spread the word with neighbors, friends, and colleagues that we are now enrolling for PreK-grade 5, starting 1/30. This will be the first day to pick-up student enrollment packets. Another major event and chance to highlight our school is Open House! Mark your calendars, Open House will be Thursday, April 2nd with a minimum day for all students.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL: Monday, February 3, 2020 @ 9:0 a.m. Parents and community members are invited to come to Webster, to fill up on a warm cup of coffee, and receive the latest news and events on campus. Coffee with the Principal is also a time for parents to hear about the instructional program, gain strategies to assist their children, ask questions and/or share concerns that will positively impact student academic achievement. Each session is specifically designed for parents to hear directly from the Principal. It's also a great time to meet other parents and share in celebrating the school's progress. All parents and community members are welcome!

COMMUNITY/PTA NEWS

The SMMUSD Mariachi teams are thrilled to invite you to the first collaboration of the elementary and middle school mariachi groups. Feel free to share the attached flyer with family and friends! Date: January 21st, 2020 Location: Edison Language Academy, 2402 Virginia Ave,

Santa Monica Concert Time: 6:00pm. We hope to see you and your friends and families there. It will be a wonderful evening celebrating the hard work that all the students and teachers have put in over the past semester.

The City of Malibu Student ART EXHIBIT. One artwork per child is due the week of Jan 20-29, along with *the attached application form*. On Friday, Feb 7, the City hosts an opening at City Hall for all the artwork.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Congratulations to the following Webster parents for their election to this important committee for the 2019-20 school year. Parents of English Language Learners are welcome to join our meetings and the committee. Please consider attending our next meeting in January. You can find more information online at: <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/elac.html>

President: Reinaldo Gonzalez

Vice-President: Rudolf Schinz

Secretary: Edgard Meinhardt

DLAC Representative: Azucena Luis

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Looking for Board Members for Malibu LEAD! Malibu LEAD is looking for individuals to serve on their board! If you know of anyone who would make a great addition to the Malibu LEAD leadership team, please direct them to Gardia Fox at gardia@mac.com. Thank you!

THE MALIBU SPECIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION: An evening of Support and Advocacy
Held in a relaxing home environment, we offer support for parents of children with special needs who struggle with figuring out the special education system, finding developmentally appropriate support for their child, and how best to function at home and at school. Bring your questions and answers. Dinner and drinks are provided. The meetings will be held at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. Please RSVP to Suzy Forman at msefbu@gmail.com

Consider joining FIDA! FIDA stands for Families for Inclusion, Diversity and Access. Learn more about the program at <https://www.just-communities.org/fida> Thank you to Webster parents who attended the 1st meeting last week! The FIDA sessions are scheduled from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On the following dates:

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020

Friday, February 21, 2020

Friday, February 28, 2020

LCAP Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC). Interested in representing Webster? Please email principal Daruty! The meetings are scheduled for the following dates: 2/13, 4/30, 5/7, 5/28. Meetings take place from 4- 6 pm in the district office boardroom.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION:

PLANET BRAVO: Webster students participated in the “Hour of Code” (and more specifically code.org) last week. For those of you who aren’t familiar, Computer Science Education Week is held annually to coincide with the birthday of computer programmer Grace Murray Hopper - Dec. 9, 1906). Celebrities and founders of huge website/software companies continue to back this movement, and our own Planet Bravo computer program couldn’t agree more. That’s why the Planet Bravo curriculum we teach all year has regular programming units as early as 1st grade (using the tool called Scratch). Older students use graphical coding tools such as Fusion and Construct, with actual coding languages being taught (Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript). Students participated in several Hour of Code activities last week during their regularly scheduled classes. Some of the activities can be seen here: www.code.org/learn. Check out the video for more information <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKlu9yen5nc>

VISITORS: During school hours, school access is through the main office. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. All volunteers, parents attending pre-arranged conferences, meeting/events during the school day, deliveries, checking in/out students, must sign in and sign out the main office. We have started using our NEW Visitor Management System. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the identification is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor’s badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item at the front gate. Regular, level I volunteers will be pre-loaded into the system and will not be required to show identification each time they volunteer. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school safety and security measures.

HELP PROMOTE CLEAN BEACHES

Hey 3rd - 5th Graders,

Enter the Clean Beach Poster Contest!

Did you know that no matter where we live in LA County our trash may end up polluting our beaches and ocean? Yuck! That is why we are calling on young ocean heroes to help us spread the message that ocean pollution begins at home. We need your help! Invite 3rd - 5th graders to submit a drawing with a message to others about how we can keep our beaches and ocean pollution free! Winning artwork will be featured on LA County beach trash barrels next summer! But hurry, this year's deadline is **January 12, 2020**. Please send your questions to

postercontest@bh.lacounty.gov.

FLYER DISTRIBUTION UPDATE: Our school district is going green with @Peachjar! Parents will now receive flyers digitally. This transition will save our schools time and money while ensuring information makes it home to parents. Visit <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58472>

The Wellness Center, is a program by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu. We provided the students at Malibu Middle and High School information on Suicide Prevention to close off the month of November. The staff focused on discussing each individuals' uniqueness by creating an activity that allows students to express themselves and their greatest trait. Students flocked to the human cut out and wrote what they love about themselves and what they are proud of. It was great to see the students come together and share something in common and boost their self-esteem.

The holidays are here and spending time with your family is such a gift. During this holiday season we encourage you to spend time together as a family. Enjoy holiday movie nights, charades, walking in nature and cooking your favorite meals. Put away the cell phones and enjoy a stress-free night. Children do better when they feel connected and understood and as parents we can make that happen.

The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is located in four public schools in the area, and is always available to provide support services that help promote healthy social and emotional support to all students in the Malibu Public School District. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 818-312-7107.

Webster achieved U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR certification signifying superior energy performance for 2018! ENERGY STAR is the only environmental program in the United States that certifies energy efficiency based on actual, verified energy performance and objective measures of performance. This is a significant achievement with regards to the District's sustainability and climate protection goals. Please continue to educate about the importance of energy conservation by shutting off and shutting down throughout campus.

What is ENERGY STAR?

- For more than 20 years, the US Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program has identified the most energy-efficient products, buildings, plants, and new homes – all based on the latest government-backed standards.
- Every ENERGY STAR label is verified by a rigorous third-party certification process.
- ENERGY STAR certified buildings are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy performance and many other metrics, including occupancy, hours of operation, and more.

ENERGY STAR certified buildings use an average 35 percent less energy, cause an average 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers, and they also meet strict requirements regarding occupant comfort.
