

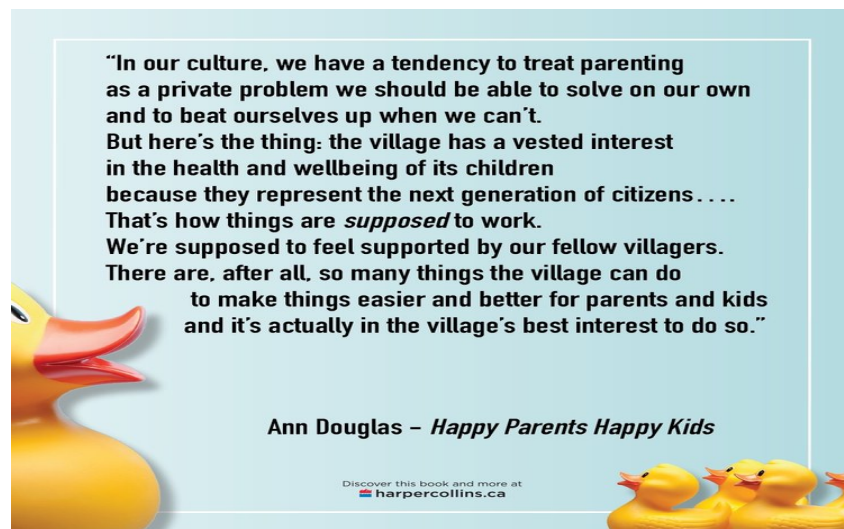
Webster Weekly 1-13-20

Principal's Message:

"It takes a village to raise a child" is a widely known African proverb that means that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. Ongoing research shows that family engagement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior. This week affords several opportunities to engage in your child's school experience in a meaningful way! We would love to see you at Webster.

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

Would you like to strengthen that village and learn alongside other parents in the Webster community? Please consider attending the Webster Parenting Workshop Series. It will be held every Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Clubhouse. This free service is available to ALL Webster families through our partnership with the Malibu Boys and Girls Club. Topics will include: Child Development, Positive Discipline, Setting Boundaries, Communication, Developing Self-Esteem, Establish Family Routines, Communicating with Teachers and Helping children navigate friendships. (see 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. Feel free to email Randi Goodman at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 818-312-7107 to suggest workshop topics!

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 5:00pm.

Volunteer Training: Monday January, 13 @ 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. 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.

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

Malibu Pathway Principals and Innovate Ed. will be visiting Webster on Tuesday, January 14th to notice and celebrate the amazing work of our students. We look forward to showcasing our accomplishments with our partner schools.

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

5th grade in room 20 with Craig Foster.

4th grade with Mr. Kisskalt in Room 17.

LEXIA LAB: In the computer lab from 9:10-9:45 for *invited 3rd-5th grade students only*.

LOOKING FOR TALENTED PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

I would like to create a “sizzle reel” highlighting the dynamic students, teachers and staff of our beloved Webster School. This short 5-7 minute video would be used at our prospective parent tours and upcoming TK/K Round-Up. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping us film and edit this, please email me!

Do you know anyone looking to work at a FABULOUS elementary school? I am looking to hire for the position of **Campus Monitor**. The hours would be from 11:45-1:00 Monday – Friday. If you know of a dynamic, dedicated person who enjoys children, tell them to apply! They should be strong-willed and adept at setting boundaries and managing large groups of students.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/smmusd/jobs/2506408/campus-monitor?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

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 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

PERFORMANCES: Thursday, February 6 @1.00PM. AND @6.00PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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.

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 @ 9:00 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!

REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

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.

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.

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
Monday, March 23, 2020 Culminating Event

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:

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

6 ways to help with the post-holiday blues:

A marathon of holidays, beginning with Halloween and ending with New Year's, means a flurry of festivities, leisure time, late nights, and loads of sweets. But what goes up must come down, and after having lots of fun and leisure time with family, kids may feel sad returning to their pre-holiday life. The decrease in celebrations and excitement can affect kids' moods, causing disappointment and even more serious melancholy feelings. Here are six ways to help kids cope with symptoms of the post-holiday blues or avoid them altogether.

- Listen to your kids closely
- Keep the connection
- Stay with the structure
- Create New traditions
- Plan activities and trips for spring
- Exercise in nature
- Volunteer together in your community

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.

Starting January 10th, 2020, the Wellness Center run by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, will be temporarily relocating **their offices** to the Juan Cabrillo School Library as the District conducts some necessary facility repairs. If you have any questions or concerns, our contact information has remained the same. Please feel free to reach out with any inquiries.

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.
