

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Good Morning Webster Families-

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. Anytime we hear of the unexpected loss of someone we love or care for, we understandably feel sad. Today, Angelenos and sports fans around the country are coping with the loss of a Los Angeles sports icon, Kobe Bryant. Yesterday evening all over our country the **energy shifted**. Something really struck me about this response. It speaks to the strength of **one human**. It reminds us that our lives are an **extraordinary opportunity**. We should never forget that. I hope that every Webster student grows to learn, that they too, can leave a legacy.

At Webster, we are prepared to speak to students who may be grieving the passing of Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and the 7 others with them yesterday. Our school psychologist has shared some tools with teachers/staff on how to speak about death/tragedy of this sort with our students if the need should arise. All people will respond differently to the death of a famous person. I have included a short resource to the newsletter for your review.

Warmly,
Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

IMPORTANT Budget meeting for ALL PARENTS OF WEBSTER. Monday, 1/27, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Superintendent, Dr. Drati, SMMUSD District Superintendent, will join us at Webster to discuss the coming budget changes, the impact on the district and our school. We will also be discussing Malibu LEAD, Malibu's education fund, and how it will affect Webster. Childcare will be provided. PTA will fund pizza and drinks.

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*.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Wednesday 1/29 @ 3:15 p.m. The Webster Site Governance Council is a shared decision-making body created to maintain a formal and effective procedure for forming and implementing policies which promote the vision of the school and reflects the District's goals. Please consider attending these public meetings. All meetings take place @3:15 p.m. in the library. You can visit our website at <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/SSC.html> for agendas and notes. Additional meetings will be held 2/19, 3/18 and 5/20.

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.

WEBSTER TALENT SHOW: Parents attending rehearsals- we respectfully ask that you wait until 3:00 p.m. to enter the campus. We will open the campus (near the auditorium) at 3:00 p.m. Please help us reduce unnecessary office traffic. For information and to sign-up please go online

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

REHEARSALS: Thursday, January 30, @3PM, Wednesday, February 5, @3PM MANDATORY DRESS

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

GENERAL PTA MEETING @ 9:00 on January 31st. Please come and learn about all things Webster. Your voice and support are welcomed.

SPIRIT WEAR: Friday 1/31- Favorite Sports Team Day! Wear your favorite sports team t-shirt or jersey.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The purpose of the ELAC is to provide guidance and advice to the principal and staff with regards to the needs of students who are learning English as a second language. In achieving this purpose, parents of English Language Learners are welcome to join the committee. This is a public meeting therefore ALL parents are invited to attend. Our Webster ELAC officers are:

President is Reinaldo Gonzalez.

Vice-President: Rudolf Schinz

Secretary: Edgard Meinhardt.

DELAC Representative: Azucena Luis.

Our next meeting will be held in February 25, 2020 @5:30 p.m. in the library. Dinner and childcare will be provided. You can find more information online at: <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/elac.html>

The District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC) is a state mandated advisory committee. Each district with 51 or more English learners, regardless of language, must form a functioning DELAC. The purpose of the DELAC, is to advise the Board of Education (in person and/or in writing) on programs and services for English learners. The Webster DELAC Representative is Azucena Luis.

All public meetings are held at the Professional Development and Leadership Center (PDLC), 9:00am-11:00am, unless otherwise noted. Agendas for these meetings will be posted online.

Future dates: 1/27, 2/10, 3/9, 4/20 and 5/11.

SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOST AND FOUND: It is full again. Please take a moment to time look through the items in our lost and found. Friday, February 14th it will be collected and donated.

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.

COMMUNITY/PTA NEWS

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.

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

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION:

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>

WELLNESS CENTER NEWS AND INFORMATION: 5 Tips to Cut Down on Screen Time

As your child's school responsibilities begin to ramp up again, the Wellness Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu would like to stress the importance of reducing screen time. **Screen time** is defined as the amount of time spent using a smartphone, computer, television, or video game console. Kids and teens ages 8 - 18 spend an average of 7+ hrs/day looking at screens. The new warning from the AHA recommends parents limit screen time for kids to 2 hrs/day. For younger children, the recommended limit is only 1 hr/day. There are numerous studies that illustrate the **negative side effects** of too much screen time. Some of these side effects include, reduced self-esteem, negative self-image, reduced communication skills, increased anxiety, worsening of eyesight, reduced focus, reduced social functioning, etc.

The following 5 tips are simple and easy methods for you to implement in your home to facilitate your child's wellbeing.

1. Log screen time – use information stored by devices to monitor your child's screen time
2. Remove devices from bedrooms – aids in creating healthy sleep patterns
3. Focus on family during mealtimes – interact with one another without devices
4. Introduce new hobbies – board games, sports, reading, cooking, art, etc.
5. Model healthy electronic use yourself – this will benefit you and your child's wellbeing

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 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 310-691-6523.

The Wellness Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu has temporarily relocated their offices to the Juan Cabrillo School Library. If you have any questions or concerns, our contact information is the same. Please feel free to reach out with any inquiries or stop by for a tour of the new space! We are open 9am-3pm daily.

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.
