

Webster Weekly 2-3-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Families-

This Friday, February 7th your student(s) will come home with their standards based report card. Teachers spend considerable time preparing these informative reports for your review. Please dedicate time to review your student's report card and comments. The scores you see should not be interpreted as a grade equivalency (i.e: 4 equals A, 3 equals B, etc.). or as an overall measurement of your child's intelligence or even skill level. Our standards based report cards are a measurement of progress towards end of the year standards. Mastery is not expected at this time. For additional guidance on how to interpret your student's report card please visit: <http://www.smmusd.org/edservices/reportcards/ParentGuide/index.html>. As always, if you have any questions please email or coordinate a meeting with your teacher.

Consider these statements when deciding if and how you review the report card with your child. Adapted from an article, "Dear Student, I Don't Expect You to Be Perfect" by Kyle Redford.

1. I was not a perfect student, and I don't expect you to be.
2. We all learn differently.
3. Spelling well and reading fast make learning easier, but they have nothing to do with intelligence. Some of the best thinkers struggled with school skills. Please don't get discouraged if some things are hard for you. (A lot of growth through challenge, praise effort and attitude, develop a growth mindset).
4. I look forward to finding out what gets you up in the morning, what are your dreams inside and outside of school. Let's try to connect them, that is where you find the joy in learning."

At Webster school we value learning, productive struggle and integrity.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

- **COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** Monday @8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria
- **MATH CLUB:** Tuesday @ 8:00 a.m.
- **LATE START WEDNESDAY** is our normal late-start Wednesday, with school starting at 10:00am.
- **LEXIA LAB:** Wednesday @ 9:10-9:45 for *invited 3rd-5th grade students only.*

- **WELLNESS PROGRAM GROUP- Boys Friendship Group** @3:00 for *invited students only*
- **WEBSTER TALENT SHOW:** Rehearsal Wed. @ 3:00/ Performance Thurs. @1:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- **5TH GRADE PARENTS-** Return the Healthy Kids Student Survey Permission Slip to your teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY: An email will be sent out Monday 2/3 regarding this important online survey. Parents please consider providing your important feedback.

NO SCHOOL: In observance of President's Day on Monday February 17th.

PTA SCIENCE NIGHT with Pepperdine. Tuesday, February 18th at 6: 00 p.m.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS: 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. The next meeting will be held February 19, 2020 at 3:15 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 3/18 and 5/20.

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

The District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC) is a state mandated advisory committee. 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. The next meeting is February 10, 2020. Agendas for these meetings will be posted online. Future dates: 3/9, 4/20 and 5/11.

PTA AND COMMUNITY NEWS:

Girl Scouts of America. Interested in starting a Girl Scout troop at Webster school? It takes parents like yourselves to help us start troops so we can bring the benefits of Girl Scouts into our community. Girl Scouts is a place where your daughters will flourish, and in the same note, so will you. It is a positive influence for all girls, helping them to build leadership skills of tomorrow and making new friends. Please contact Mirlet Victorio, to get started today! mvictorio@girlscoutsla.org or 626-677-2335."

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

2020 Student Art Exhibit Submit artwork Monday, January 20 - Wednesday, January 29 from 8 AM - 5 PM at Malibu Bluffs Park, Michael Landon Center. There is a limited amount of gallery space to hang the artwork; therefore, priority will be given to Malibu students. Artwork received after February 3, 2020 will only be accepted based on available gallery space.

SAFETY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

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.

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.

OTHER INFORMATION:

PS ARTS - Rotation 2 will begin the week of January 27th-January 31st. We are also excited to welcome two new teaching artists to the team, George Silva (music) and Billie Vinson (visual arts). Grades 3rd-5th will continue with visual arts curriculum and TK- 2nd will receive music.

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

SUMMER SCHOOL 2020: Will be held June 18 – July 15 at MES. The programs will include IISS and ESY. Invitations will be sent to qualifying students.

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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 310-691-6523.

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>
