

Webster Weekly 3-30-2020

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

**Dear Webster Parents,**

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and weathering this crisis as best as you can. We miss our students, parents and community very much during these times. I look forward to when we can all be together at Webster. I recognize many adjustments have occurred within your household over the past few weeks. Please be gentle on your yourself and your expectations for your children as *everyone* adjusts to this new normal. Right now, I ask that you prioritize two things: **ENAGEMENT** and **ROUTINE**.

**Engagement:** Work on keeping your child engaged in the learning process. Participate in the Zoom or google hangouts hosted by your teachers. Help students see that learning is still occurring even though school is closed. Help them feel connected to their assignments, teacher, classmates as much as possible.

**Routine:** Set a schedule that works for your family. Try to stick to it! Schedules create consistency and the feeling of normalcy in such uncertain times. Use breakfast, lunchtime, dinnertime as the skeleton schedule with which you build everything else around.

**Spring Break begins** next week April 6<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> . During this time distance learning will pause. Teachers *will not* be expected to respond to emails or provide lessons. Distance learning will resume on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Be safe out in the community and take care of one another. I am available during normal school hours. Please email me if you any questions or concerns. I am here to support!

**Warmly,**

**Ms. Daruty**

**THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:**

**School Closure:** With regard to the status of school closures, we are following directives of Governor Newsom, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). *We will remain closed until further notice, with distance learning continuing.* We had originally stated that we would be closed until April 20<sup>th</sup>, but this is likely not possible. We will monitor the status of the situation carefully and will reopen as directed by Governor Newsom, LACDPH and LACOE. The Webster School field and playground are also closed. This includes after normal school hours and weekends.

**Device Distribution:** 9:00- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you completed the online device survey, and requested a computer Ms. Daruty emailed you a link. Use this to sign-up for a time to pick-up the laptop. Please be on time. Remain in the car. Staff will place the laptop in your trunk or backseat.

**School Board Meeting. Wednesday, April 1, 2020.** Agenda is attached.

**Meal service:** Children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program will be able to pick up free breakfast and lunch from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. at the following schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. SMMUSD families may go to any of these schools even if not enrolled there. All students under the age of 18 will be served. A parent or guardian must be present, except high school students may participate on their own. We are providing grab-and-go bagged meals. If you or your child are sick, do not come to school.

**Distance Learning Plan Update:** Our dedicated educational services team, under the leadership of Dr. Jacqueline Mora, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, along with her directors, coordinators and staff, have created a **Frequently Asked Questions** document that explains our plans, and answer questions relative to distance learning, various testing including SATs and ACTs, grading, expectations, graduation and other school-related activities that have been put on hold or cancelled. English: <https://bit.ly/3ajw2jD> Spanish: <https://bit.ly/2QHQB2>

**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System and English Language Proficiency Assessments of California (ELPAC)** Due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), The California Department of Education (CDE) is doing the following:

- Suspending all CAASPP testing
- Suspending Summative ELPAC testing
- Placing the Physical Fitness Test on hold until students return to school

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Spring Break:** April 6<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> . No distance learning during this time. It will resume on April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **PTA NEWS:**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Visit the SMMSUD [Family Resources](#) website that contains instructional materials by grade span in all core subjects that will continue to be updated with additional resources and materials to support parents who are supporting students at home during this extended closure. Visit the Distance Learning, Instructional Resources or Community Resource pages in the link above for important and helpful information.

### **Mental Health Advice from MBGC**

We are thrilled that 98% of Wellness Center clients have transitioned to virtual counseling within the first week of school closure and that MBGC (Malibu Boys and Girls Club) can continue to be of service to so many Malibu public school children and families during this time of crisis.

#### **Promoting Mental Health in Times of Crisis**

During times of crisis, it is important for parents to maintain a sense of calm and control within the home. Stress and anxiety are running high due to extensive media coverage of COVID-19. Children respond to the energy given off by their parents; therefore, parents should do their best to remain calm right now. Social distancing and self-quarantine can be beneficial for bringing the family closer if everyone can work together to ensure safety and strong mental health.

The following 6 suggestions are tips to reduce anxiety in parents:

- Take a break
- Maintain connections with loved ones
- Teach your child to value community
- Create celebrations or events to look forward to
- Give yourself a time out when feeling overwhelmed
- View this as a gift and slow down

The following 5 suggestions are tips to reduce anxiety in children:

- Remain calm and reassuring
- Make yourself available for discussions/worries
- Avoid excessive blaming of others
- Monitor television and social media viewing
- Try and maintain a consistent routine

**The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu** is located in four public schools in the area and is now available online via TeleHealth to provide services that help promote healthy social and emotional support to all students and parents in the Malibu Public School District. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at [randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org) or at 310-691-6523. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out with any inquiries, we are open 9am-3pm daily. We are offering free 15-minute online consultations to address any of your concerns.

**The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu** has provided a “Wellness Together Booklet” attached handbook provided. It is in both English and Spanish.

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](mailto:emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org) MBGC is also offering counseling: [Link](#)

The **BGCM and Waveside Church** have partnered to meet the needs of our Senior Citizens and most vulnerable families. We have made the following **essential** services available in our community to our Senior Citizens and most vulnerable families. Please find the updated info for BGCM EMERGENCY RELIEF FOOD PANTRY. Learn more about this using the following link. <https://conta.cc/2QO213N>

### **SAFETY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:**

We published a community and mental health resources guide that may be helpful to you and your loved ones: English: <https://bit.ly/2Qu2xn8> Spanish: <https://bit.ly/3bdqQO7>. Our district nursing team continues to provide guidance for stopping the spread, staying home and maintaining good health.

For the latest **COVID-19 information and news from SMMUSD** please visit the link: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5437>

**Governor Gavin Newsome issued a “Stay at Home” order on March 19<sup>th</sup> for all California residents, to address the Covid-19 pandemic.** We understand that this is a new and challenging situation with many uncertainties. The Health Services team at SMMUSD is in regular contact with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). At this time, there is substantial community spread and everyone must consider themselves exposed. <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/>

**Contact: Susan Bronstein, [sbronstein@smmusd.org](mailto:sbronstein@smmusd.org) or your school site nurse**

There is now significant community spread of Covid-19 and everyone must consider themselves exposed. Please ensure that you and your family follow the new orders from the County Health Officer:

### **What to do if you have symptoms:**

- **Call your doctor:** for fever, cough or shortness of breath
- **Call 911:** if you experience **difficulty breathing.**

- **Isolate at Home orders-** for 72 hours after fever/symptoms or 7 days whichever is longer.
- **Stay at Home orders-** Household contacts must quarantine at home.

Please adhere to the following to keep yourself and others safe:

**Social Distancing:** Maintain 6 ft. distance when outside of the home

### **Hand Hygiene**

Wash hands or use Hand Sanitizer frequently

Don't touch your face

Cough/sneeze in elbow (Cover your cough and sneeze/preferably use tissue)

### **Clean and disinfect high touch areas**

**Symptoms** 2-14 days after exposure range from

**MILD** (which helps it spread easily) to **severe** and **fatal**.

**Call your doctor:** if you experience fever, cough or shortness of breath.

**Call 911:** if you experience **difficulty breathing**.

**Stay Home-** *If anyone in your household has symptoms, everyone needs to stay home for 7 days or 72 hours after fever, whichever is longer.*

*Limit ALL contact within your household.*

**Please inform your principal or site nurse via email for concerns regarding any respiratory illness, exposure or potential exposure to Covid-19.** District nurses will follow all directives from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Due to HIPPA compliance, nursing staff will not report test results or share confidential health information unless directed by the LACDPH. At this time, we have not received reports of any positive cases of Covid-19 in our schools.

**If you need assistance finding a medical provider or for mental health services, call 211.**

**Please see below for contact information for local health providers.**

Providence Saint Johns -Call your provider or schedule a [Virtual Visit](#).

Kaiser Permanente-Call 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) or to schedule an [e-visit](#).

UCLA-Contact your provider or go [myUCLAHealth](#) to schedule.

Venice Family Clinic- 310-392-8636

Additional community and mental health resources: <https://bit.ly/2Qu2xn8>

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip has been cancelled.** Please contact Jessie Muchmore, Webster PTA treasure to receive your refund [jessiemuchmore@gmail.com](mailto:jessiemuchmore@gmail.com). If you paid through Parent Square the charge will be refunded to your card. If you paid by check please provide your mailing address in your email. A check will be mailed home. Any student who submitted spending cash for the store, will receive a check via mail. Please allow us 2-3 weeks to process and provide refunds. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Daruty.

**COMMUNICATION:** Are you receiving emails, blackboard messaging and school updates? 1) Please stop by the office to make sure you are on school our notification list and that your contact information is correct. 2) The PTA sends out the weekly newsletter from the Membership Toolkit Platform. You will need to enter/update your information in the toolkit in order to receive the newsletter. You can sign up here: [websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com). 3) Consider downloading the SMMUSD application to your smartphone. Search SMMUSD and download today!

**LOST AND FOUND:** Items were brought inside and placed on the stage in the auditorium. They will remain there until we safely return to school.

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2020: Please be on the lookout for invitations** for your child to participate in the 2020 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Intensive Intervention Summer School (IISS). They were sent out Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. IISS is a four-week summer school program designed to stretch students who may need additional academic support in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The curriculum for the IISS program is focused, rigorous and engaging. The IISS elementary program is for students who are currently in grades 1st- 4th grade. Students qualify for participation in IISS based on their district assessment scores. Current 5th graders who qualify will receive an invitation to the middle school program. There is no cost for your child's participation in IISS. IISS will take place: Thursday, June 18 – Wednesday, July 15 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm each day. Note that Friday, July 3rd is a holiday. Location: Malibu Elementary School 6955 Fernhill Drive Malibu, CA 90265 (for students attending Malibu schools).