

Webster Weekly 4-20-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and happy. I hope you enjoyed your Spring Break. I really wish I was welcoming our students back to campus tomorrow. Instead, I hope to see many of them virtually this week. Prior to Spring Break, I sent families a letter about the Distance Learning Plan at Webster. Please reread this [memo for your reference](#).

For many of us, all we can think about is COVID-19. It is affecting almost every part of our daily lives. Someday, though, this will all be a memory – something that happened in the past that we all got through, together. During Spring Break, I took time to create a video of my home-schooling efforts. Nothing fancy, I just used “clips” on my iPhone. I was feeling inspired and had time to memorialize this moment in time for my family. I encourage you to find ways to do the same! How will you capture this moment in time?

More ideas:

1. **Time Capsule.** Gather everything, put the items in a box, and then bury it or stick it in the back of a closet to be forgotten. Years from now, you'll have an amazing discovery to share with your family. Some potential items to include:
 - A couple squares of toilet paper
 - Recipe for a dish you made using creative substitutions
 - Evidence of games or activities you did as a family, like a Yahtzee score card
 - Handprint tracing of everyone in the family
 - Description of the craziest or most out-of-the-box game or activity you created together
2. **Write a family letter.** It was a (ADJECTIVE) day in March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic really started making the news. My family stayed inside for (NUMBER) days. We practiced social distancing responsibly and didn't come within (NUMBER) (UNIT OF MEASUREMENT) (DISTANCE/LENGTH) of other people. Some people were concerned about running out of toilet paper, but we were prepared to use our (ITEM OF CLOTHING) if we ran out. Our favorite snack was (COLOR) (FOOD) which we would eat after we (TYPE OF EXERCISE) safely in our living rooms. Instead of visiting friends, we watched (ANIMAL) outside of our windows.

Even though we aren't “at” school, we are still “in” school. Teachers will send you their week-at-glance plans on or before Monday morning. Many of you have emailed to share your appreciation for how our teachers have shifted into this new learning model. Thank you for your support. I am available during normal school hours should you have any concerns or questions. Please stay safe out in the community and take care of one another.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

Device Distribution: I am offering another opportunity to receive a chrome book for student use at home. Please complete this survey or contact your teacher <https://bit.ly/SMM0420>. We understand that families who have devices may be strained to share between students and parents working from home, and we will also accommodate devices under this circumstance. We are working on obtaining hotspots for families unable to secure internet service and we have listed offers of free internet service on our [community resource](#) website. **Once you complete the survey, Ms. Daruty will email you with a pick-up day and time THIS WEEK.**

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>

THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, 4/21** Teacher Plan Day (No teacher led virtual meetings required today)
- **Wednesday, 4/22** Earth Day
- **Friday, 4/24** PTA General Meeting @4:00 p.m. via Zoom

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Closure: With regard to the status of school closures, we are following the directives from 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.* Webster School field and playground are also closed. This includes after normal school hours and weekends.

Over Spring Break construction started for our **HVAC installation!** In the absence of students on campus, the crew has been able to start earlier. We are excited to have this project ready for our students for the 2020-21 school year.

PTA NEWS:

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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.

CENSUS2020: April 1 was Census Day; although, COVID-19 has forced a change in strategies, and this-once-in-a- decade count must continue. The U.S. Census Bureau has extended the self-response date to August 14. This means that our communities may complete the Census form in the safety of their home, either [online](#), by [phone](#), or by mail.

Response Rates as of 4/6/2020

- National 45.7%
- State 45.5%
- LA County 41.4%

We can do better! LACOE encourages you to continue to promote the completion of the Census 2020 questionnaire for the rest of your school year.

Visit the SMMUSD [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.

The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu The Wellness Center continues to offer and provide much needed counseling to all Malibu public school children and their families via video conference during this time. If you would like to request and schedule a video conference therapy session with one of our clinicians, please call or email:

Wellness Center Director
Randi Goodman, LMFT#52964
[310-691-6523](tel:310-691-6523)
wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org

Weekly Sessions Available: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday @10:00am to 3:00pm.

Upon scheduling your appointment, you will receive an email with a link to Zoom conferencing and details on how to initiate your scheduled session. Please take advantage of these 15-20 minute consultations to take care of your mental health. We encourage these sessions as a great opportunity to spend some quality family time together.

THE BGCM 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 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 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 BGC

M 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.

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 BGC

M 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 19th 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 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.

OTHER INFORMATION:

5th Grade Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip has been cancelled. Please contact Jessie Muchmore, Webster PTA treasure to receive your refund jessiemuchmore@gmail.com. You must submit a refund form prior to returning the funds. This was emailed to 5th grade families by the room parent. Ms. Daruty refunded everyone (by check or Venmo) for cash that was submitted for the student store. Please allow us 2-3 weeks to process and provide refunds. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Daruty or Jessie Muchmore.

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

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. 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: Invitations for your child to participate in the 2020 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Intensive Intervention Summer School (IISS), were sent out Friday, March 6th. 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). **Please submit your invite to the district office on or before April 24th.**