

Webster Weekly 5-4-2020

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

**Dear Webster Parents,**

We continue to hold all of you in mind as we navigate and plan through this pandemic. This is not an easy time for anyone, and we acknowledge your patience, flexibility, and contributions. Many of you are wondering when we will be able to safely reopen school? The operation of our school must be in adherence with orders from the County, City, and the LA Department of Health. You can keep informed with [Governor Newsom's plans to lift the Safer at Home mandate](#) and the current recommendations for schools from the [LA County Department of Health](#). The SMMUSD leadership team meets regularly to discuss the possibility and implications of a safe reopen of our schools. As you can imagine, this will involve a coordinated and thoughtful approach with the safety of our students and staff at the center of all decisions. It will involve training of our entire staff on the new health policies and procedures and time to rearrange classrooms, schedules, and curriculum so that we are prepared to care for children physically and social-emotionally. We are aware of public health officials' predictions of a second wave of COVID-19 for the fall, and are planning for that scenario, as well. While I cannot provide you a date for reopen, I can assure you that it is a topic of regular discussion. I am proactively working with the district to consider a variety of options all of which are both flexible and adaptable. I look forward to the day we can welcome Webster students back to our campus and community. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week.** I hope you participate in the festivities our wonderful PTA has coordinated to honor the Webster educators. I am profoundly grateful for the commitment to students our own Webster teachers have demonstrated during school closure. I hope that this week our teachers are encouraged, celebrated and commended for their service to the rewarding and intellectually demanding profession of teaching. Teachers give our students so much. A boost of confidence when we really need one. Extra help when we're having trouble. A welcoming presence when everything else seems out of control. And though we know we can't ever thank them enough, we can take a moment during National Teacher Appreciation Week to share our appreciation for the special educators in our lives.

**Warmly,**

**Ms. Daruty**

## PTA NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Let's make our teachers & staff feel appreciated this week!! Please take a moment THANK our teachers and staff for all they do for our students during the school year! We've been through a lot together over the past few years, and our teachers and staff have been amazing at helping our students (and us) manage through it all!

- You should have received a note from your room parent about the plans, if not – please visit [WebsterPTA.com](http://WebsterPTA.com) for the details.
- Be sure to post your appreciation to our teachers using #WebsterTeacherAppreciation – and feel free to send them individual notes directly this week.



**YEARBOOK:** The deadline is now May 17<sup>th</sup> for orders, your 2 custom pages and dedication ads. A few questions came up, which we'll answer here:

- ***There wasn't an option to ship to my home – how do I request?*** In order to receive free shipping, I will make the switch to home delivery *after* everyone has ordered (on 5/17). At that point, you will be able to add your shipping address (I will send a reminder)
- ***If I miss the deadline of May 17<sup>th</sup>, can I buy a yearbook in the office next year?*** We will not be ordering excess yearbooks this year, so you must order online if you'd like to have one. That said, if you miss the deadline – you'll still be able to order, but will not have the option for the 2 custom pages or free shipping.
- ***How to I order a yearbook?*** Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate) and enter code [101568223978555](http://www.treering.com/validate)

- **What if I have more questions?** There is a help button on the bottom right of the TreeRing site which give you access to a phone number. They are responsive and very helpful.

**RESILIENCY – Getting Through COVID-19 Together – Parent Webinars:** The district is sponsoring a series of Webinars, in English & Spanish, for the next 5 Fridays covering a variety of topics – from communication, to play to safety training. Register for one or for all of them, and get more information on [PeachJar](#) (linked from the Webster site).

### **THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:**

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. Parent Support Group with BGCM**

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/989982944?pwd=aVFjVHZVQ3c2ZVFqY1JDdVJ6VFBpQT09>

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00-2:00 p.m. Power Hour - Virtual Homework Help with BGCM**

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Parent Training on Digital Platforms with Ms. Harrington.**  
Come ask your questions and get support. ( Zoom, google classroom SeeSaw etc.)

<https://zoom.us/j/9543293887> Meeting ID: 954 329 3887 Password: Room142020

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @11:00 a.m. Coffee with the Principal**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81328077790?pwd=UINzTENBSTltenlyOER1QVB3UUNNUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2807 7790 Password: 025881

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @4:00 p.m. School Site Council Meeting**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00-1:00 p.m. TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON @12:00- 1:00 p.m.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**RETURNING TO WEBSTER SURVEY** Believe it or not, it's time to begin thinking about the next school year. This is our annual request for information about your plans for the 2020-2021 academic school year. We need to know if your child will be returning to Webster. It is extremely important that we have the most accurate picture possible for enrollment. Decisions about our staffing depend on your prompt response. In order to assist us in our planning for next school year, please complete this survey (linked above) by Friday, May 8th. We need this information for every TK- 4th grade student enrolled at Webster.

**ELAC MEETING: Monday, May 11 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**New Student Enrollment:** Spread the word, we are enrolling NOW for the 2020-21 school year. It will be all done electronically. Please read the [Webster Enrollment Process](#) memo or reach out to Michael Ward, [michaele.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michaele.ward@smmusd.org) for more information.

**Device Distribution:** To date, we have provided over 65 students with a chrome book for home use. We are happy to provide this resource to our students. If you still need a hotspot or chrome book email your teacher or Ms. Daruty so we may assist.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee:** We are working on unique and creative ways to shower our exiting 5<sup>th</sup> graders with Webster love before they move on to middle school! Our plans to celebrate them will just need to be modified. If you would like to chair this committee or just offer your help. Please contact the PTA at WebsterPTAmlibu@gmail.com.

**2020-2021 Class Placements:** In the next few weeks, teachers will pioneer a new platform that will assist us with the thoughtful process of class placement.

**Materials Pick-Up Day:** We recognize that students may have personal items in their classroom. Prior to the end of the year we will coordinate a day for your children to retrieve their belongings.

**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.

## **DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATES and INFORMATION**

Superintendent, Dr Drati **created a video message this week** that provides an update on distance learning, family resources, end of year culminating events, summer school, ongoing meal service, technology deployment and community support. Video link and transcript of video in English and Spanish can be found on this page: <https://bit.ly/DratiVideopage050220>

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> you received an email from Dr. Drati alerting you to situation in which a student accessed the Gmail system and was able to send messages to all students for 16 minutes, before it was discovered by our technology team. The system was then disabled so no additional messages could be sent. Some students responded to the string of Gmails that were posted in this time block. The district has determined the originator of this breach and is investigating the situation. **What does this mean for distance learning?** Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Applications and Extensions are still activated. The Gmail application within G Suite for education has been temporarily disabled. Gmail is used for communication between teachers and students. Right now, teachers can use Private Comments within Google Docs Assignments or use the Stream within google classroom for non-private comments as an alternative means of communication. Chromebooks, hotspots and all other digital tools have not been affected. It is

recommended that students/parents sign out of Gmail from iPads/iPhones/Android devices until Monday Morning. Instructions can be found here:

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8154?co=GENIE.Platform%3DiOS&hl=en>

### **How can I receive some technical support with the digital platforms our students are using?**

Parents/students can seek support on the checked out technologies. Mr. Thong Dao is the Webster Elementary Site Technician. Parents may contact him via support email. Please use the following email to request support [webstersupport@smmusd.org](mailto:webstersupport@smmusd.org). The Webster Site Tech will troubleshoot over the phone as much as possible. Should a replacement or swap be needed, we will schedule a swap at Webster. Another option is to visit [www.planetbravo.com/assist](http://www.planetbravo.com/assist). The Planet Bravo team can provide you answers and support for your questions.

### **How will students be graded during remote learning?**

Please consult your teacher regarding their *adapted* grading policy. For example, every assignment will not be graded, *some* assignments will receive feedback, not all assignments will be required to be submitted.

### **Will students receive and end-of-the-year report cards?**

Yes, we will provide feedback on your student's learning progress. However, it will not be the standards based report card used during the first reporting period. The newly designed report will provide wholistic feedback on your child's strengths and areas of growth. *Note: As directed by the CDE students' performance marks will be "held harmless." Meaning teachers will not assign marks/grades lower than what the student was receiving prior to distance learning.*

### **Can you recommend additional virtual learning opportunities or websites?**

Webster students are busy at work with the distance learning plans provided by their teachers. For families who are looking for *additional options and ways to stretch your student*, we compiled some resources. **Webster VIRTUAL OFFERINGS**. Feel free to pick and choose from this list. Webster staff will work to update this document weekly. If you know of a virtual opportunity you wish to be shared or be included, please email Ms. Daruty. You may access this page by visiting the Webster homepage and clicking on "**Distance Learning**" button.

### **Are teachers taking attendance?**

Teachers are recording students' participation in the provided learning opportunities. I have asked that teachers monitor and regularly report their students' virtual presence to the principal. We want ALL Webster students to remain connected to the community and learning. If your student needs additional assistance or resources, please let your teacher or Ms. Daruty know. We are here to support!

[SMMUSD Parent Resource page](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) memo explains the district plan, and answers 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

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

**Security Camera Installation:** Projected for fall 2020-21, cameras will be installed around the perimeter of Webster campus. This will provide additional security measures as we work to keep our students, staff and campus safe.

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/>

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**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!

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2020: This program will still continue but will be provided through a virtual platform.** 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. **Please submit your invite to the district office on or before April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

