

Webster Weekly 5-11-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

It's hard to imagine that we are entering our seventh week of school closure. We haven't seen our students in nine weeks. There are four and ½ weeks left of instruction.

I would have never imagined the year to unfold in this way. I can only hope that given such uncertain times, you, and your family have been able find ways to be grateful. Gratefulness can help us stay present and positive. For every parent who shared the difficulty in balancing working from home and facilitating their child's education; There are parents who have shared how this has been a welcomed challenge and opportunity to grow a deeper relationship with their child. For every student who has expressed sadness that they are missing their friends and classmates with whom they learn from and alongside; There are students who are thriving in a model of school that provides more choice, autonomy and independence they have ever been afforded.

My wish for you this week is to look for the gratefulness in every little thing about this experience. It's there if we look. I really miss our students and community. I hope to see you all sooner than later.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

PTA NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to **KAREN PORAT** for organizing a fabulous Teacher & Staff Appreciation week and to all the parents who participated in the plans! A special thanks to **INGRID CRESPO, TRICIA SILBERKLEIT, CATHERINE BRICKMAN** and **KARIN AL-HARDAN** for helping with the Teacher Lunch Delivery from Malibu Kitchen. The teachers felt appreciated with:

- Thank You collages & Videos from their class
- A Custom Thank You Zoom Background
- A teacher lunch from Malibu Kitchen and gift of a fashionable face mask from Shine Beauty
- Teachers and Staff received a link to select a gift from a gift curation site

Teacher appreciation week may be over, but teacher appreciation should occur year round! Following are some notes from our teachers & staff:

"Thank you so much for including me, it made my day. Very Thankful." Norma Garcia

*"Thank You Webster PTA for making us feel all sorts of special this week! The time, the effort, the sincerity is MUCH appreciated. This gift was a huge surprise and really cool. Thank you!"
Caitlin Harrington*

"Thank you! Webster PTA is the best!" Vincent Lo Greco

*"Thank you so much, Webster PTA – You do an amazing job of supporting the teachers, students and parents of Webster. Thanks so much for the teacher's appreciation gift – so thoughtful!"
Kelly Morris*

"Thank you for the thoughtful Teacher Appreciation Week! I feel very appreciated with the cards, notes, lunch and gifts. Thank you!" Amy Stark

"Thank you for such a yummy Teacher Appreciation lunch today! Taking the time to hand-deliver was an especially delightful treat. Know that your support and dedication, today & throughout the year, is so appreciated! Webster is an extra magical place because of YOU!

<<KAREN: ADD PHOTOS FROM THE LUNCH DROPOFF>>

ELECTIONS: Our nominating committee, chaired by Jessie Muchmore, has submitted nominees for next year's PTA Board (listed below). The elections will be held on Monday, June 15th, we will also vote in our budget at that meeting. You can still be part of the magic of PTA, board and committee chair positions are still open. E-Mail WebsterPTAamalibu@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved!

- President: Heather Campi
- Vice President: Karin Al-Hardan
- Treasurer: Jessie Muchmore
- Communications: Karen Porat
- Historian: Mia Skelton

YEARBOOK: There is one week left to order & customize your yearbook! May 17th is the deadline, and we will apply the free ship to home at that point – so if you ordered a yearbook, you'll need to just confirm your shipping address. If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, please go to: www.treering.com/validate and enter code 101568223978555

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

Monday, May 11th @ 4:00 p.m. Parent Support Group with BGCM

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

Monday, May 11th @ 5:00 p.m. ELAC Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7406000734?pwd=dXYrZC83eU1ud0tFV2YwV2ltQW1adz09>

Meeting ID: 740 600 0734 Password: 884062

Tuesday, May 12th @ 1:00-2:00 p.m. Power Hour - Virtual Homework Help with BGCM

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/97105245052?pwd=Q1hza05XYkZMNEo2SXcvSi9hYlhBdz09> Password 948771

Tuesday, May 12th @ 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 13th @11:00 a.m. Coffee with the Principal

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

Meeting ID: 813 2807 7790 Password: 025881

Friday, May 15th Lunch Bunch hosted by Ms. Davis

<https://zoom.us/j/92778993707?pwd=a2x1QTQ2cU1XYnRhMkIFYIV6QzRnQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 7899 3707 Password: 076012

CLASS CONFIGURATIONS for 2020-21. Given changes within our District, I am happy to share that enrollment projections at Webster will allow us to *retain all of our* teaching positions. Additionally, class configurations will *remain the same* for the next year. Our plan will include the following classes: (1) Seaside Pre-K (1) TK, (2) K, (2) 1st, (2) 2nd, (2) 3rd (1) 4th, (1) 5th and (1) 4/5 combination class.

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.

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 for more information.

5th Grade Celebration Committee: Our 5th grade celebration committee is hard at work planning a number of ways to honor our exiting students. We are trying to be creative and flexible as we all agree they deserve to be showered with Webster love before they move on to middle school! As we solidify our plans information will be shared to all 5th grade families.

Materials Pick-Up Day: 5th grade students will have an opportunity on Monday, June 8th to retrieve the personal items they left in their classroom. This will be done by sign-up and more information will be forthcoming. At this time, any student who plans to attend Webster in the fall, can retrieve their belongings once they return.

DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATES and INFORMATION

On May 8th our Superintendent, Dr. Drati [LINK HERE](#) sent families a message regarding GRADING. It explains the district's plan to provide feedback to families at the end of the school year. Included in this message was also information about summer school and the projected start day for the 20-21 school year.

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>

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. 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. The Planet Bravo team can provide you answers and support for your questions.

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.

[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.

PTA NEWS:

COMMUNITY NEWS:

District Announcements <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58471> SMMUSD posts information on the MES homepage with information parents may find valuable. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

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.

FROM BGCM

Homeschooling is challenging enough on its own, but in addition to the stress of the quarantine, working from home yourself, and managing everybody at home, the task feels overwhelming and daunting to many parents. If you're feeling over worked and overwhelmed, try some of these simple tips to make the homeschooling experience flow more smoothly:

1. Know your child's learning style. Some kids will do better doing a zoom session with peers, others do better privately. Focus on your child's strengths – if they are an experiential learner, you may have to step in more often to help with learning activities.
2. Set up a designated space and time for learning. Have your kids put their tools in a basket or backpack to put away when done. Shoot for two to four good academic hours at a time instead of all day. And don't forget to get outside — learning happens outdoors too.
3. Let children pursue topics and projects they feel passionate about. Learning can happen anywhere with anything. Cooking, sports, and art are all avenues for learning things such as science, math, and spatial skills.
4. Be forgiving of yourself and them. This is a stressful time. It's ok to let kids sleep in a little later or have a day off. You don't have to do school if it's really going to cause severe emotional distress for everyone involved.
5. It's ok to use positive reinforcement. Sometimes parents are afraid of "bribing," their children, but think of it as building incentive. For example, "you need to finish homework before you can have screen time."

SAFETY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

As the public health situation around Coronavirus evolves, we would like to provide you with some important information.

SYMPTOM UPDATE: A wide range of symptoms from mild to severe may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and now include: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, *chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.* Call your doctor if you experience these symptoms.

HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

- **Isolate at Home orders ([updated](#)):**

At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

AND

At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

- **No “play dates” or gatherings ([including in cars](#)).**
- [FAQs](#)

RECOVERY

- [LA’s Roadmap to Recovery](#)

Schools still remain closed except for essential business or services. To access a campus for **essential business**, an appointment must be approved by the site administrator. [Meal service](#) at designated school sites continues without appointment.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS:

- **Testing**
 1. Free testing is now available. To schedule, click [here](#).
- **Face Mask**
 1. Required for everyone older than 8 years when in public.
 2. Children 2-8 should wear them with adult supervision.
 3. Click here for [more information](#) and [how to make a mask](#)

Social/Physical Distancing:

- Maintain 6 ft. distance when in public

Hand Hygiene:

- Wash hands or use Hand Sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol)

Additional resources and information can be found at

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

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

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. 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 24th.**