

Webster Weekly 5-26-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Memorial Day and long holiday weekend. The end of the school year is always a busy time and this year is no exception. We are simultaneously wrapping up a school year and planning for a new, uncertain one. Thank you to everyone for providing feedback on our Webster survey. This week our SSC and ELAC will compile the data and share the major themes with our parent community. We are working with the district to provide Webster, specific feedback about 2020-21 programming.

As you reflect on this year, it's hard not to be clouded by the last few months. But I encourage you and your children to celebrate the 75% of the year we did spend together. Prior to COVID-19 school closures, we spent valuable time learning grade level curriculum, establishing peer relationships and making lasting memories. That has not changed and cannot be erased. We are all in this together and will become a stronger community because of it.

I hope you ordered a yearbook as a wonderful memory of the school year. I am very excited about the unique ways we plan to celebrate our promoting 5th grades. Let's end this school year, Malibu strong!

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

PTA NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTIONS AND FINAL GENERAL PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR: 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 at 4PM** we will also vote in our 20-21 budget at that meeting and celebrate volunteers and Honorary Service Award winners!

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

You can still be join the PTA and help support Webster next year - board and committee chair positions are still open – more information at: <https://websterpta.com/webster-pta>

SHOPPING AT AMAZON?: Don't forget to shop through Amazon Smile and choose Webster as your charity. Webster has received \$615.73 as of February 20th from Amazon, and every little bit helps. *Go to smile.amazon.com and choose John L Webster Elementary PTA as your charity.*

YEARBOOKS: The deadline has passed for ordering the yearbook with custom pages and dedication ads, but you can still order the yearbook at www.treering.com/validate using code 101568223978555. **KEY TO NOTE:**

1. **If you have ordered a yearbook** – please confirm you have entered your home shipping address (*log in to treering, click on My Orders, click on your order number – and ensure the ship to address is your home address. If not, please edit.*). Otherwise, your yearbook will be shipped to Webster.
2. **Webster PTA is gifting the teachers, school library and office with a yearbook** – Teachers, please note that your yearbooks will be sent to the school. Principal Daruty will distribute.

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

Mondays @ 4:00 p.m. Mom's Support Group with BGCM

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

Password: 377888

Tuesdays @ 1:00-2:00 p.m. Power Hour - Virtual Homework Help with BGCM

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/94937609924?pwd=R05ZNHYrcDh4anhOQmZDRWlxNG5Xdz09>

Password: 319717

Tuesdays @ 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 27th @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 27th @ 3:00 p.m. School Site Council Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 740 600 0734 Password: 884062

Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch hosted by Ms. Davis

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

Meeting ID: 927 7899 3707 Password: 076012

Thursday, May 28th @ 3:00 p.m. ELAC Meeting

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

ID: 740600 0734 Password: 884062

Thursdays, @ 7:30 p.m. BGCM Dad's Support Group

link: <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95917950821?pwd=VWt3bkIxSEtjbEZGN3VIL0pYbWFoUT09>

Password: 427039

Fridays, @12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch hosted by Ms. Davis

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Events for our **promoting FIFTH Graders ONLY** use this [LINK](#) . Be sure to make an appointment.

Thursday, June 4th and **Tuesday, June 9th** teachers will be provided to PREPARATION days to complete report cards. They will provide asynchronous learning to students on these days.

Wednesday, June 10th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATES and INFORMATION

This week the district will email you a survey for feedback on distance learning. Please take the time to submit your input. Webster will begin school on August 20, 2020, no decision has been made regarding the *format of school* programming. Your feedback on our survey below will help us make these important programmatic decisions.

[ENGLISH PARENT SURVEY](#)

[SPANISH PARENT SURVEY](#)

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

CENSUS2020: Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has recently extended the self-response period to October 31. **It is more vital than ever for our communities to be counted as funding the next 10 years are impacted and it's not too late to receive these funds to continue your Census outreach efforts.** Overall Santa Monica-Malibu School District area's self-response reporting numbers are well. Yet, in particular the area of Malibu is far below the California rates. See percentages below as of May 5.

Self-Response Rates:

- California 58.5%
- LA County 53.8%
- Santa Monica 56.8%
- Malibu 32.6%

Schools in our district with low self-response rates:

- Webster Elementary – 31.0% (Census Tract: 8005.04) **WE CAN DO BETTER!**

Did you know the #2020census is required by the U.S. Constitution? It consists of 10 short questions and is used to count every person living in the United States, the five inhabited territories and the District of Columbia? Respond online now www.2020census.gov

Resources for Low Income/ Homeless families:

- A resource about [EBT and P-EBT](#). This could be helpful for our low-income and homeless families.

- NAEHCY has released the recording of their 4 sessions of “*Troubleshooting Services Delivery During the COVID-19 Outbreak*”. Check out [COVID-19 Resources and Guidance](#).
- [Great Ed Source article](#)
- Alliance for Children’s Rights had some [great information](#) about the CalFresh Expansion and childcare.
- [Emergency Dental during COVID-19 for Medi-Cal](#)
- [SchoolHouseConnection.org – FAQs on COVID-19 and Homelessness](#)
- Housing Rights Center is offering [ongoing webinars and support for our families](#).
- Cellphone support for our families – [please see this linked document](#)
- Quick reference list of a directory of services in LA – [please see this link](#)

[California Department of Social Services: Pandemic EBT](#)

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school will get extra food benefits. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits help families in California buy food when schools are closed because of the coronavirus emergency.

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.

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.

Being a Better Listener

ARTICLE FROM THE BGCM

Being a parent is a tough job! In an active family, there are often many things happening at once. It's easy to lose track of paying attention to everything your child is telling you. However, being a good listener is an art that can help your children learn to communicate effectively with you. When children feel heard and validated, they are more likely to open up. Try a few of these tips and techniques when communicating with your children (they also work with partners, friends, and other family members!):

1. Put away your phone or other distractions. We all know the feeling when someone's not really listening. Make sure you're not distracted when a loved one is talking.
2. Mirror your child's feelings as you're seeing them. Examples include: "Wow, this is exciting!" or "You're feeling sad" or "I'm noticing you're quiet." When we mirror someone, we show that we understand what they are feeling.
3. Use body language to show you are listening. Little nods and noises of empathy let the other person know that you are paying attention versus being a blank slate.
4. Don't interrupt. Allow the other person to finish their thought before you interject. Then you can respond to their complete thought.
5. Try not to have an agenda. When a child or loved one shares something challenging, we often want to fix it for them or start offering advice. However, sometimes the other person needs to feel heard first before they can take action steps.
6. Reflect back what you heard. This technique makes sure you're getting it right. An example is "What I'm hearing you say is..." or "Just to make sure I understand..."

Try out some of these tips the next time you need to have an important conversation with a loved one.

To learn more about the services we provide please visit our Wellness Center website at <https://bgcmalibuwellness.org/>

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:

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.

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.