

Webster Weekly 6-1-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope this finds you and your children well. I'd be remiss to not acknowledge we are living in very challenging and uncertain times. Perhaps similar to many of you, I ride an emotional rollercoaster experiencing moments of optimism and hope and then frustration and despair. This weekend I felt a moment of triumph and a welcomed reminder of America's global impact in science, technological innovation and private enterprise by the SpaceX launch. Yet in the same weekend, I felt disheartened that as a country we are still struggling to recognize and address the issue of systematic racism. All while being in the middle of a pandemic. So much is changing in our communities and across the country right, I understand and empathize with feelings of stress. During this time, I see more clearly how Webster school is a micro version of our greater macro society. Remote learning has thrown us into exploring and innovating. And at the center of this work we are called to address the arising issues of equity and engagement for all. The remote learning model has been an adjustment for everyone. I find comfort in knowing that we are all in this together and that only through our connectedness will we find solutions.

I wish I could paint an accurate picture of what our programming will look like in the 2020-21 school year, but too much is still uncertain. I can assure you that the district is working on three different models, two of those will include physical attendance at school with increased health and safety precautions at the elementary level. As I learn more, (hopefully before we leave for summer) I will provide parents more guidance. I know you are eager to make plans for childcare and the upcoming school year.

I hope you have a wonderful week ahead. Enjoy the outdoors, play and have fun learning in nature. Malibu is full of those types of opportunities.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

PTA NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS from the past school year and congratulations to our Honorary Service Award Recipients! We typically hold a breakfast and award ceremony to give our thanks, but this year will be digital.

Look out for a special email later this week dedicated to our volunteers and Webster PTA's 2020 Honorary Service Award Recipients! Congratulations to:

- Malibu Special Education Foundation - Honorary Service Award

- Tatiana Jacobs - Honorary Service Award
- Jessie Muchmore - Continuing Service Award
- Amy Stark - Outstanding Teacher Award
- Mia Skelton - Very Special Person Award
- Catherine Brickman - Very Special Person Award
- Zoe Shapiro - Very Special Person Award

YEARBOOK:

- If you ordered one, please be sure you have updated to include your shipping address for the summer.
- If you haven't ordered one, you still can - it's just too late for the 2 free pages and dedication ads (www.treering.com/validate & enter code 101568223978555)

REMINDERS:

- PTA BOARD ELECTIONS AND THE FINAL GENERAL PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR will be held on **Monday, June 15th at 4PM**. Nominees are:
 - President: Heather Campi
 - Vice President: Karin Al-Hardan
 - Treasurer: Jessie Muchmore
 - Secretary: Karen Porat
 - Historian: Mia Skelton
- SHOPPING AT AMAZON?: Shop through Amazon Smile and choose Webster as your charity. Go to smile.amazon.com and choose *John L Webster Elementary PTA* as your charity.

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, June 3rd @1:00 p.m. Coffee with the Principal

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81328077790?pwd=UINzTENBSTIttenlyOER1QVB3UUNNUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2807 7790 Password: 025881

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92778993707?pwd=a2x1QTQ2cU1XYnRhMklFYIV6QzRnQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 7899 3707 Password: 076012

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

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95917950821?pwd=VWt3bkIxSEtjbEZGN3VIL0pYbWFOU09>

Password: 427039

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92778993707?pwd=a2x1QTQ2cU1XYnRhMklFYIV6QzRnQT09>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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. Families who have confirmed their attendance in our district summer programs will receive an information letter shortly notifying them as to the specific format of our district summer programs.

UPCOMING FIFTH GRADE ONLY EVENTS:

5th Grade Essential Supplies Drop-Off and Pick-Up Day Monday, June 8th, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 5th grade students are invited to campus for an Essential Supplies Drop-off/Pick-Up. This will be an opportunity for exiting 5th graders to drop-off and pick-up items. Partnering with this "essential activity", we will use it as an occasion to celebrate our 5th graders in a fun, Webster Way! Students can wave farewell and see their teachers and campus one last time before promoting to middle school. We encourage you to decorate your car! The exterior of the Webster office and the fence along the yard will be decorated with congratulatory signs. A DJ will spin music while our teachers cheer for our students as they drive-by the campus. Don't forget to catch your child's name "in lights" on the marquee. Our hope is that this unique opportunity will show our pride for our fifth graders.

What do students need to return?

1. 5th graders who are leaving our district, will need to return their rented musical instruments and Chromebook.
2. Students matriculating to 6th grade at MMS, may keep their Chromebook and instrument for next year.
3. Hardcover textbooks
4. Outstanding library fines and books

What will they need to pick-up?

1. Prescription medication stored in the health office.
2. Personal belongings left inside their classroom.
3. This will be prepared by their teacher.
4. A Promotion Certificate
5. A Special 5th grade GIFT

Covid-19 Safety Assurances This will be a "contact-less" experience. To support with this process, parents will use this [LINK](#) to sign-up for a specific time-slot, 5 minutes between each appointment. As cars drive-up, no more than 10 teachers (wearing masks and gloves) will stand at least 6 feet apart alongside the curbside valet. Cones will mark out their standing locations. No parent volunteers will be permitted. No students should exit their vehicle. Accompanying parents and family members will remain inside the car, cheering. We ask that everyone in the car, also wears masks.

Contactless Procedures:

- **No one should get out of their car to pick up their materials.**
- Driver Pops open trunk (driver stays in car)
- Staff member places items in trunk without touching inside of trunk.
- Staff member uses elbow to close trunk or driver pulls away and closes their own trunk so there is no physical contact.
- Staff member applies hand sanitizer in between each item pick-up.
- Maintain 6 ft social distance from anyone 100% of the time.
- No physical handing off of any items.
- Consider leaving the items you've picked-up in your car for up to 3 days.

Staff Member Expectations: Employees will have access to PPE, hand sanitizer and handwashing breaks. Screenings: no one who feels even slightly ill will be on campus. Items for pick-up will be prepared by teachers or volunteers wearing gloves and masks. Additionally, the prepared items will have been untouched for 48 hours before pick-up.

5th Grade ONLY **Staggered Schedule:** [Please use this LINK to sign-up for an appointment:](#)

Students with last names A-F (13)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Students with last names G-K (12)

11:05 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Students with last names M-W (11)

12:05 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

5th Grade Video Premiere Celebration Party

Dear 5th Grade Webster Family and Friends,

You are invited to attend a **5th Grade Video Premiere Celebration Party**. This event will take place on **Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m.** via zoom. Feel free to invite friends and family of your honored fifth grader. This virtual event will be an opportunity to view the phenomenal 5th grade video and celebrate our outstanding students before they leave for middle school. These are unprecedented times and my hope is that this will sprinkle some needed JOY on the special **Webster Whales Class of 2020**.

We hope to see you there-

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

Meeting ID: 740 600 0734

Password: 884062

Summer Reading: We are asking in-coming 6th graders to read at least one book of their choice over the summer. The kids can read a book they have at home, they can buy books, or they can use SORA, which is a free library via Overdrive with plenty of books for the kids to choose from. There are no written assignments this summer, just read at least one book. Webster students have been uploaded into SORA. Please visit the Malibu Middle School Library page for instructions and the link to SORA (they login with their school ids). Here is the link: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5928>

DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATES and INFORMATION

School closure survey for parents and staff: Santa Monica-Malibu USD is gathering feedback from families and staff members regarding the successes and challenges of distance learning due to the COVID-19 school closures. Your responses will help us understand your needs so we can best serve you in the future. Please take this 10-minute survey: <https://bit.ly/LearningSurvey20>

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:

The agenda for the regular Board of Ed meeting on 6/4 has been posted [online](#). Please note that the meeting will be via Zoom and the public comments instructions are similar to that of 5/21.

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 : [Things to do over the summer](#)

Quarantine has changed all of our life plans. But that doesn't mean it has to ruin your summer plans! Take some of these ideas and make them your own:

1. Create a "Mystery Adventure." Someone closes his or her eyes and points to a spot on a map, and wherever the finger lands, that's where you go the next morning.

You can set the radius of your adventure to whatever distance seems doable to you, depending on whether you're driving or walking.

2. Host the DIY Olympics. The first step is to stage an opening ceremony complete with music and a "torch." You can use candles or flashlights as the torch. Many Olympic feats can safely be shrunk down to apartment or backyard size ambitions. Hurdle jumping might be the easiest one: just keep stacking empty Amazon boxes or Lysol cans. Try fencing with pool noodles, or archery with rubber bands attached to popsicle sticks. You can also try "synchronized swimming" if you have a pool or large bathtub.

3. Have a "kids are parents" night. No school or camp in the morning? Take advantage. Here are the rules: Kids make dinner, put their parents to bed, and stay up as late as they want.

4. Go backyard camping. Sleeping outdoors can be magical and gritty, even if you're just pitching a tent in your own backyard. Pitch a tent, or build a fort outside with sheets. Use headlamps and make s'mores with marshmallows and nutella!

5. Make a homespun water park. There are many versions to do this – you can hang water balloon piñatas from trees or bushes, or buy a cheap plastic slide or Slip N' Slide and run the hose over it. You can poke holes in pool noodles and stick a water hose inside to make a fun "sprinkler." Make it your own!

6. Go on a little road trip. Drive up or down the coast and bring a picnic. Bring masks and hand sanitizer and park somewhere with a beautiful view. You don't have to even leave the car if you don't want to, or you can take a little hike while maintaining social distance.

For more road trip ideas, check out these links!

<https://www.latimes.com/travel/story/2020-05-22/quarantine-travel-california-bingo>

<https://goop.com/travel/experiences/goop-editors-dream-vacations>

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!