

**SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dear Webster Whales-

Research has shown that gratitude can enhance our moods, decrease stress and drastically improve our overall level of health and well-being. November is **National Gratitude Month**. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. Remember to practice gratitude!

1. Start your day with this affirmation: "Today is a great day."
2. List 5 reasons you are grateful for your family.
3. Burn a candle or diffuse some oils that have scents that bring you joy.
4. Do 20 Jumping jacks when you wake up; to get your adrenalin pumping.
5. Send a thank you card to someone via mail (Yes, mail)
6. Call a friend today & share why you are grateful for your friendship.
7. Dress up fancy today. Look in the mirror and say "I look like a star".
8. Spend 1 hour doing something to reduce the stress in your life.
9. Cultivate your creativity with a visit to the art museum.
10. Open up your favorite book and enjoy.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

**Do you enjoy podcasts?** I recently stumbled upon NPR's LIFE KIT. NPR's family of podcasts to help make life better — covering everything from exercise to raising kids to making friends. I recently listened to an episode that offered a screen time guide for parents. It answered some of the most pressing questions parents have on everything from getting that first phone to cyberbullying. Anya Kamenetz, a reporter for NPR and the author of a book for parents called "The Art of Screen Time" was joined by Ana Homayoun, an education consultant in Silicon Valley and the author of several books, including "Social Media Wellness." I always say it takes a village to raise children. It takes an online village to help keep them safe. Listen and let me know your thoughts!

**LOST AND FOUND is full.** Please take some time from now until November 27<sup>th</sup> to look through the misplaced and lost items. There are many lunchboxes, water bottles, jackets, shirts and sweatshirts. All unclaimed items will be donated. It is also a good idea to label clothing items and containers with your student's name and to remind students to check the lost and found, regularly.

**PICK UP REMINDERS:** PLEASE, do not arrive prior to 3:00pm for pick up. With a single lane pick up lane it is very important that your student is in the front of the school before your arrival. No student will arrive at the front of the school before our 3:00 dismissal time. If you arrive before 3:00pm, please park and wait in the lower lot or in the OLM lot in order to not slow down the process. Additionally, there is no supervision in the lower lot for students. Please do

not instruct your child to wait for you there, they may wait near the benches in the front of the school.

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

**MINIMUM DAY:** Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> **NO LATE START** (11:45 a.m. Pre-K, TK, TK, 1:15p.m. for 1st-5th) **Office closes early at 3:00 p.m.**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:** Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> **NO SCHOOL**

**ADMISSIONS DAY:** Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> **NO SCHOOL**

**MATH CLUB:** on Tuesday, November 19th @ 8:00 a.m.

5<sup>th</sup> grade in room 20 with Craig Foster.

4<sup>th</sup> grade with Mr. Kiskalt in Room 17.

**SMART GIRLS-** This afterschool opportunity has been cancelled. It will start again after the Thanksgiving Break. Please contact [randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org) with any questions or concerns.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY MEETINGS: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. in the library.** This is a new advisory committee at Webster. Each California Public School from Kindergarten through grade 12, with 21 or more English learners must form a functional English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The ELAC is a committee for parents of English Learners. The purpose of the ELAC is to provide guidance and advice to the principal and staff with regards to the needs of students who are learning English as a second language. In achieving this purpose, the ELAC shall:

1. Assist in the development of the school-wide needs assessment.
2. Assist in ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.
3. Advise the principal in the development of a site plan for English Learners. Submit recommendations to the school site council for consideration of inclusion in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
4. Receive training materials and training, planned in full consultation with committee members, to assist carrying out members in their legal responsibilities.
5. Elect at least one ELAC member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).

**Comité Asesor de Estudiantes de Inglés (ELAC)**

Cada Escuela Pública de California de Kindergarten hasta el grado 12, con 21 o más estudiantes de inglés debe formar un Comité Asesor de Estudiantes de Inglés (ELAC). El ELAC es un comité para padres de estudiantes de inglés. El ELAC debe asesorar y asistir a la escuela en todo lo relacionado con los siguientes, de acuerdo al plan Único para el Logro Estudiantil (SPSA, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Título III. (Código 62002.5)

1. Ayudar en el desarrollo de la evaluación de necesidades en toda la escuela.
2. Ayudar en las maneras de hacer que los padres estén consientes en la importancia de la asistencia regular a la escuela.
3. Asesorar al director en el desarrollo de un plan para los Estudiantes del Inglés. Presentar recomendaciones al concilio escolar para considerar su inclusión en el Plan Único para el Logro Estudiantil (SPSA).
4. Recibir materiales de capacitación, planeados en plena consulta con los miembros del comité, para asistir a los miembros en el desempeño de sus responsabilidades legales.
5. Elegir representante(s) para el Comité Asesor de Estudiantes de Inglés del Distrito (District English Learners Advisory Committee -DELAC).

**COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** Monday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 a.m. in room 4. Parents and community members are invited to come to Webster, to fill up on a warm cup of coffee, and receive the latest news and events on campus. Coffee with the Principal is also a time for parents to hear about the instructional program, gain strategies to assist their children, ask questions and/or share concerns that will positively impact student academic achievement. Each session is specifically designed for parents to hear directly from the Principal. It's also a great time to meet other parents and share in celebrating the school's progress. All parents and community members are welcome!

**HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK:** The week of **December 16<sup>th</sup>-December 20<sup>th</sup>** will be Holiday Spirit Dress Up days.

*Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Wear*

*Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Whiteout: Wear White!*

*Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Headwear*

*Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Fuzzy Flannel and Socks*

*Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: Cozy PJ's*

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade WINTER MUSIC CONCERT** Tuesday 12/17. 4<sup>th</sup> grade performs at 6:30pm, 5<sup>th</sup> grade performs at 7:30pm. It will be held at Malibu Elementary School.

**WINTER CHORAL CONCERT (TK-5)** Wednesday 12/18 @ 10:00 a.m. in the cafetorium

**WINTER BREAK:** Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day. (11:45 a.m. Pre-K, TK, TK, 1:15p.m. for 1st-5th) dismissal. Webster and all SMMUSD schools will then be closed for the Winter Break from Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> with school resuming on Monday,

January 6<sup>th</sup>. Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> is a school day for ELEMENTARY students. It is a pupil free day at the secondary level, which leads to some confusion.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 1/29, 2/9, 3/18 and 5/20 @3:15 p.m. in the library. You can visit our website at <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/SSC.html> for agendas and notes.

**Volunteer Training:** Monday January, 13 @ 8:45 a.m. TBD. This is for new or renewing volunteers (if you attended a volunteer training last year, you do not need to renew this year). Moving forward, level one volunteer clearance will be valid for four years. The office staff is in process of publishing a current volunteer list and will provide teachers this information. Teachers check this list before confirming your volunteer opportunity. Please contact the office if you have additional questions or need clarification on whether you due for a renewal.

### **COMMUNITY/PTA NEWS**

**PTA HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:** December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lumberyard. Local vendors available for your last-minute holiday shopping - and the Lumberyard is graciously hosting our boutique! Stop by, shop and catch up with friends. 20% of sales benefit Webster.

**Official Malibu LEAD Logo and Mission Statement:** Malibu LEAD has a new, finalized logo and mission statement! See attachment to this email.

**Consider joining FIDA!** FIDA stands for Families for Inclusion, Diversity and Access. Learn more about the program at <https://www.just-communities.org/fida>

### **THE MALIBU SPECIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION: An evening of Support and Advocacy**

Held in a relaxing home environment, we offer support for parents of children with special needs who struggle with figuring out the special education system, finding developmentally appropriate support for their child, and how best to function at home and at school. Bring your questions and answers. Dinner and drinks are provided. The meetings will be held at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Please RSVP to Suzy Forman at [msefbu@gmail.com](mailto:msefbu@gmail.com)**

**LCAP Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC).** Interested in representing Webster? Please email principal Daruty! The meetings are scheduled for the following dates: 12/5, 2/13, 4/30, 5/7, 5/28. Meetings take place from 4- 6 pm in the boardroom.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WEBSTER CLUBHOUSE:** We love having the Boys and Girls Club Webster Clubhouse on our campus! The Boys and Girls Club is an integral part of the Malibu community whose programs and staff have benefited many Malibu students for many years. Take advantage of all the BGCM has to offer your elementary age children! To learn more about their programs and services or to find contact information, visit <http://bgcmalibu.org/>.

## HELP PROMOTE CLEAN BEACHES

*Hey 3rd - 5th Graders,*

*Enter the Clean Beach Poster Contest!*



Did you know that no matter where we live in LA County our trash may end up polluting our beaches and ocean? Yuck!

That is why we are calling on young ocean heroes to help us spread the message that ocean pollution begins at home.

We need your help! Invite 3rd - 5th graders to submit a drawing with a message to others about how we can keep our beaches and ocean pollution free! Winning artwork will be featured on LA County beach trash barrels next summer! **But hurry, this year's deadline is January 12, 2020.**

Please send your questions to [postercontest@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:postercontest@bh.lacounty.gov).

**Enter Now!**

### **OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION:**

**FLYER DISTRIBUTION UPDATE:** Our school district is going green with @Peachjar! Parents will now receive flyers digitally. This transition will save our schools time and money while ensuring information makes it home to parents. Visit <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58472>

**The Wellness Center:** Please join us in a Webster Parenting Workshop Series in **January 2020**. It will be held Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. at the Malibu Boys and Girls Clubhouse. The series will be led by Randi Goodman, Director of the Wellness Center, LMFT, MA, MS. She is a licensed therapist and certified elementary school teacher for over 35 years, and is a mother of two grown daughters. She has taught in the public schools in New York and trained teachers in all areas of Early Childhood Development. Her creativity and passion led her to the Children's Museum of Long Island where she developed an early childhood play space and parenting resource center. She moved to California over 15 years ago and she has been in private practice, and specialized in children and families. She is very excited to be working as the Director of the Wellness Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu and continuing to grow the programs, supervise the interns, collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club and be a support to the Malibu Public Schools. Feel free to email Randi Goodman at [randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org) or at 818-312-7107 to suggest workshop topics!

**The Wellness Center**, a program and service of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, has conducted seminars on the anniversary of the Woolsey Fires at the elementary school. These seminars allow the students to express their feelings and experiences. We let them know that their schools and their parents have a safety plan in place and that the Wellness Center is here for them if they ever need to talk to someone.

**The Wellness Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu** is located in the four public schools, and is always available to provide support services that help promote healthy social and emotional intelligence to all public school students in the Malibu district. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at [randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org) or at 818-312-7107.

**Webster achieved U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR certification signifying superior energy performance for 2018!** ENERGY STAR is the only environmental program in the United States that certifies energy efficiency based on actual, verified energy performance and objective measures of performance. This is a significant achievement with regards to the District's sustainability and climate protection goals. Please continue to educate about the importance of energy conservation by shutting off and shutting down throughout campus.

#### What is ENERGY STAR?

- For more than 20 years, the US Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program has identified the most energy-efficient products, buildings, plants, and new homes – all based on the latest government-backed standards.
- Every ENERGY STAR label is verified by a rigorous third-party certification process.
- ENERGY STAR certified buildings are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy performance and many other metrics, including occupancy, hours of operation, and more.

ENERGY STAR certified buildings use an average 35 percent less energy, cause an average 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers, and they also meet strict requirements regarding occupant comfort.

The graphic features a blue header with the text "We earned the ENERGY STAR®!". Below this, on the left, is a white box with blue text stating: "This building is recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for superior energy performance. On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings use 35% less energy and cause 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than typical buildings." To the right of this text is a large, semi-transparent ENERGY STAR logo. At the bottom of the graphic, there are three logos: the EPA logo with the text "LEARN MORE AT energystar.gov", a small text block stating "ENERGY STAR® is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, EPA's ENERGY STAR program has been America's resource for saving energy and protecting the environment. Join the millions making a difference at energystar.gov.", and the SMMUSD logo for Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

**VISITORS:** During school hours, school access is through the main office. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. All volunteers, parents attending pre-arranged conferences, meeting/events during the school day, deliveries, checking in/out students, must sign in and sign out the main office. We have started using our NEW Visitor Management System. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the identification is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item at the front gate. Regular, level I volunteers will be pre-loaded into the system and will not be required to show identification each time they volunteer. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school safety and security measures.