



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

WEBSTER WEEKLY

Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Jan 17, 2022

Dear Webster Families,

I hope you all are enjoying the long weekend and are able to take a few moments to reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **This week our weekly PCR testing will occur on Wednesday, January 19th.**

I have also attached two other important files for your review: An updated flow chart of who may or may not need to quarantine and directions on how to administer the State-provided antigen tests to your child. Thank you for your patience and partnership while we continue to navigate the ever-changing guidelines from the health department.

I cannot thank the Webster staff and families enough for your continued flexibility as we continue to offer our students in-person school. **I am happy to report that we have successfully piloted the shortened quarantine protocol at Webster.** Today, we will welcome back six classes with an option to return on the 5day quarantine. If your child is a student in one of these classes, please plan a little extra time in the morning. You will need to provide the negative antigen test, a picture or a hard copy to show our staff for readmittance and proceed to the front office. Staff will be outside to support. Bus riders were emailed about your process for re-entry.

Please be sure you [read Dr. Drati's message from 1/17/22](#) regarding the updated protocols. Some important items to note:

1. Moving forward, in order to facilitate the **shortened isolation of asymptomatic COVID-positive staff and students to return to school after day five of isolation**, we are providing two antigen testing hubs for students and staff to access in order to get an antigen test on day five or later. Students and staff on isolation for a COVID infection must submit the antigen result from the hub testing via email to their school site nurses and await official clearance from the nurse to qualify for the shortened isolation. Antigen tests from a testing facility, medical clinic, or health care facility will also be accepted. Home tests will not be accepted. Hubs in Malibu are at [Malibu Elementary School \(for Malibu staff and students\)](#): Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Please do not enter the school office. Testing is in the parking lot.





Registration is on-site. **We will no longer accept the antigen test kits provided from school for COVID-19 positive students returning from isolation.**

2. **NEW:** Students or staff who are exposed, asymptomatic and have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in the past 90 days may now bring in their report from a medical provider (laboratory report such as a PCR test, or a physician's note as proof of previous infection) and stay in school, unless it is determined that the subject has a new COVID infection through a positive antigen test. For now, we will continue to PCR test everyone on a weekly basis, but principals and health staff will know who tested positive within the last 90 days and will not isolate these students or staff members. We recognize a PCR test may reflect a positive result.
3. **Absence Grace Period is Now Over.** Out of an abundance of caution, some families have kept their children home since the winter break. We have excused all absences from January 3 – 14. Please be aware that beginning Tuesday, January 18, all students who are absent voluntarily will have their absence marked as unexcused. If your child has not returned to school since winter break, you must provide a negative PCR COVID test prior to he/she/them returning to campus.
4. **Masking.** All staff will now be required to wear medical-grade masks (surgical or KN 95). The District is providing a supply of these masks. Students: The LACDPH highly recommends that all students do so as well, as these higher quality masks can greatly reduce risk of transmission. LACDPH masking information: [English](#) / [Spanish](#).
5. **Dashboard:** Our COVID Dashboard is now live. We are updating weekly by Sunday evening with data from the prior week. www.smmusd.org/Dashboard. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring the health and safety of all of the members of our community and for your patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. As always, please contact your school administrator or nurse if you have any questions.

Given the developing circumstances with Omicron, I welcome families to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I know this is a lot of information to digest. Please know that we have been successful in preventing the spread of the virus at school since April of last school year. We are confident that the measures we have in place will allow us to continue to operate safely and productively.

- ***If possible, please send your child to school wearing a KN95 mask*** (or double-mask).
- ***Dress your child in warm clothing as doors and windows will be open*** and some instruction may occur outside.



- **Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any symptoms whatsoever.** Students who experience symptoms at school will be asked to visit the health office immediately. At this point, families will be asked to pick their child up.
- We will continue with our regular PCR testing on Mondays. **If your child is absent from school on Monday, 1/3/22 or 1/10/22 you are REQUIRED to provide proof of a negative PCR test upon return to school. Please email the results to our Webster Nurse: Helia Dabiran-Zohori @hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org.**
- To help us in this effort and to minimize any potential student or class quarantine we are asking you to provide us with your child's proof of COVID vaccination by emailing proof of vaccination to the Webster health office team. *All vaccination information will be cross-referenced with the State of California's information registry (CAIR) by our health office staff. Please email:
 - **Nurse:** Helia Dabiran-Zohori @hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org
 - **Health Office: Assistant:** Yoliee Hernandez @ yhernandez@smmusd.org

Webster will implement the following procedure moving forward if your child tests positive or is exposed to a positive student in their classroom.

- You will be informed if your child tests positive by both Malibu Medical and the Webster nurse.
- You will be informed by Webster school if your child was exposed to a positive student in their classroom.
- Vaccinated students may remain attending school in-person.
- Unvaccinated students will be quarantined and provided *limited* zoom instruction during their quarantine period by their classroom teacher.
- Unvaccinated students will be quarantined for 10 Days or 5 Days if Negative Antigen Test on Day 5 and no symptoms and fever free for 24 hours to return on Day 6 (requires Nurse Clearance). Day 0 is the Date of the Positive Test. A negative antigen test allows your child to reduce their isolation/quarantine to 5 days with re-admittance to school on Day 6 (or the next school day if day 6 is the weekend). Webster will supply any **exposed students** an antigen test kit for students experiencing **NO SYMPTOMS**. Please administer this test at home and bring a hard copy, timestamped photograph of the negative test to school. If parents do not provide a negative antigen test, unvaccinated children will remain on their 10 day quarantine.



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- Students who test positive to COVID-19, who elect to return early on the 5 day quarantine, will need to provide a lab verified, negative antigen test. Please refer to the information above regarding a testing HUB in Malibu.
- If your child was not exposed to the positive student in their class, (i.e. they were absent) there is no need to take an antigen test, they will remain in school.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe while in-person learning.

In partnership,

Principal Daruty

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 1/18

4th/5th grade math club. Reminder: Please be advised that we do not open the gates to allow students in until 7:45 a.m. Please stay with your children and do not drop your children off early, as there is no one to supervise them before school. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

WEDNESDAY 1/19

REGULAR COVID PCR TESTING WEDNESDAY: Test results are received within 48 hours. You will only be notified if your child tests positive for COVID-19. The testing is intended to keep our community safe by identifying students and staff who are COVID-positive. Thank you to everyone for either 1) registering to test every week or 2) electing to submit outside PCR tests each week. Regular testing by all staff and students is required to attend school in -person. If you are not registered to test for free, at school, please submit your child's negative PCR test results by **Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.** If we do not have your child's negative results, they will not be able to attend school. The test should be dated between Tuesday and Sunday of each week. **USE THIS SURVEY TO SUBMIT AN OUTSIDE PCR TEST:** <https://forms.gle/QgH6cHhcyYkGCpRe9>.

THURSDAY 1/20

School Site Council Meeting @3: 30 p.m. [via zoom](#)



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOWER PARKING LOT: Parents MAY NOT USE the bus lane to drop off their children. This area is for the bus only. Please park in a spot and walk your children to the gate. We will place cones to block the traffic, please help us keep our students safe.

ADULT MASKING: Please do your part to follow our district's masking policy. All students, parents and staff must be masked when on school premises, regardless of whether outdoors or your vaccination status. We ask that you model this policy for our students and support keeping our students safe and in school. **This includes during drop-off and pick-up when you may be near other children.**

CHARACTER COUNTS ASSEMBLIES: Once a month we will host a school-wide assembly to honor individual, Webster Whales for demonstrating outstanding character! The Six Pillars of Character are the core ethical values of the CHARACTER COUNTS program we use at Webster Elementary. The Six Pillars of Character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Each of the Six Pillars of Character help instill a positive school climate and a culture of kindness, making Webster School a safe environment for students to learn. While we encourage these values in all of our students, these assemblies will honor students who have gone above and beyond. The school-wide awards assembly will be held outdoors on our blacktop. If your child has been selected to receive this award you will be emailed by Principal Daruty. Awardees are nominated by a Webster staff member and will not know they are receiving an award. We would like to keep this a surprise. The exciting details about their selection will be shared at the ceremony.

SCHOOL SAFETY: In light of the tragedy at the high school in Michigan there is no time like the present to remind students, and parents: "If you SEE something, SAY something."

There are warning signs before an act of targeted school violence occurs.

In all incidents of targeted school violence—100 percent—there were warning signs that caused others to be concerned. In 77 percent of incidents, other people were aware of the shooter's plans in advance.⁵

It is a wonderful reminder to inform you that students and parents can and should report concerns using **WE TIP. 1-800-78-CRIME**. It is an excellent anonymous platform for parents and students to report their concerns. **We Tip [parent letter in English](#) We Tip [parent letter in Spanish](#)**

We Tip can be used to report:





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- Bullying/ Threats
- Property Destruction
- Violent Crimes
- Unsafe Conditions/ Safety Violations
- Workers Compensation/ Insurance Fraud
- Drugs/ Illegal Substance/ Alcohol Abuse
- Theft/ Robbery/ Burglary
- Discrimination/ Harassment
- Arson/ Terrorism/ Bombs

[Annual 5th grade Contest](#) Malibu Women's Club Malibu Woman's Club was established over 60 years ago with its Mission Statement "Nurturing Leaders of Tomorrow." We provide awards and scholarships to deserving students and promote and reward academic achievement and creativity. We are notifying you early to allow ample time for your students to plan a creative way to address the 2022 challenge:

**"CREATE A WATER CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN
USING AN ORIGINAL LOGO"**

Our prompt aligns with the California 5th Grade standards for English Language Arts, Science, and Visual and Performing Arts and gives students broad choices in which to express their ideas. The results will be different, depending on each student's focus and experience. As ever we want the children's unique work, not the work of parents or friends, with one exception: if the student needs help recording a video, a family member may assist. Please submit work and this [Permission Slip](#) to your teacher. Do not attempt to request access to the permission slip. You must download the permission slip and print it out for submission.

Calendar of Events

[SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#)

Tues.	1/18	4th and 5th Math Club @ 7:50 a.m.
Thurs.	1/20	School Site Council Meeting @ 3: 30 p.m. <u>zoom link</u>
Tues.	1/25	PTA Exec Board Mtg @ 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	1/27	Transitional/Kindergarten Roundup @9:00 a.m. (NEW TIME) and it will be VIA ZOOM
Tues	2/8	General PTA Mtg @3:30 p.m.
Tues	2/22	PTA Exec Board Mtg @ 3:30 p.m.





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Wed.	02/23	City of Malibu sponsored family Hike @ 5:15pm
Mon.	2/21	President's Day: No School
Mon.	4/4-4/15	Spring Break: No school
Mon.	5/30	Memorial Day: No school
Wed.	6/8	Minimum Day (Preschool-K 12:30 dismissal/ 1st -5th @1:15 p.m.)
Thurs.	6/9	Last Day of school: Minimum Day (Preschool-K 12:30 dismissal/ 1st -5th @1:15 p.m.)

COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Metro's Fareless System Initiative (FSI) is a pilot program offering free public transit rides for K-12 students. Through this program, SMMUSD purchased TAP cards for every K-12 student (TK not included). Students can use these TAP cards for free, unlimited rides on all Metro services and participating transit agencies during the week, after school, and on the weekends through June 30, 2022. **TAP cards and informational flyers will be SENT HOME with your child.** For more information and FAQs, visit <https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/students-k-12/gopass/>

Participating transit agencies that students can ride for free include:

- Santa Monica Big Blue Bus
- LA Metro
- Culver CityBus
- City of Commerce
- LADOT Dash
- Montebello Bus
- Norwalk Transit

Organic WasterRecycling is coming to [Malibu learn more about it HERE](#). As they work on outreach for SB 1383, you should visit the [organics webpage](#) for additional information and resources. You can sign up for Malibu [Environmental Programs](#) or [Environmental Calendar](#) messages through the City's Notify Me system and follow us on [Facebook](#), Twitter [@MalibuEnviroDpt](#), or Instagram [KeepItCleanMalibu](#).

K-12 Coastal Art and Poetry Contest

- California students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to submit artwork or poetry with a California coastal or marine theme to the Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. Entries can be submitted online until midnight **January 31st, 2022**.
- For rules, contest flier, entry form (and helpful links for teachers and students), please visit www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry. The instructions, flier, and entry form are also available in [Spanish](#). (If you need the flier emailed instead, please let me know.) Alternatives to online entry are available if needed.





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- Up to ten winners will be selected to win \$100 gift certificates to an art supply store (for artists) or bookstore (for poets). Each winner's sponsoring teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate for educational supplies, courtesy of [Acorn Naturalists](#). Students may have their work featured on Commission web pages and materials, and winners and honorable mentions will be exhibited throughout the state, as conditions allow.

The City of Malibu Community Services Department launched the *#PlayLikeAGirlMalibu* campaign and invites individuals in the Malibu community to share their epic girls' sports moments by incorporating the hashtag into their online posts. Pre-registration is required at MalibuCity.org/Register. The campaign aims to encourage girls of all ages not only to participate in the City's wide offerings of youth sports classes, but to also provide a platform for girls' sports programs to be highlighted in the community. The Department's goal is to improve the representation of females in positions of leadership in sport and recreation. Additional **City of Malibu Events for children:**

[Webster Elementary Family Hike](#)

[Girls Skateboarding Clinic](#)

Afterschool [Winter Programs](#)

[Winter Day Camps](#)

PTA INFORMATION:

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to help us share your parent perspective during our [Prospective Parent Tours](#)? We need your help. Ms. Daruty will provide you with a "cheat sheet" about specifics. So you'll be prepared for any question. Please consider volunteering to be a Parent Ambassador! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caeac2fa5fc1-campus>

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 Whale Fund Donors:

Al-Hardan Family, Abeyta Family, Anderson Family, Bator Family, Bauer Family, Begin Family, Behzaki Family, Berman Family, Board Family, Bogart Family, Bolan Family, Braun Family, Brisinger Family, Buchanan Family, Buckman Family, Bunn Family, Emily Butler, Butler Bell Family, Carlsen Family, Carpenter Family, Castro Family, Childress Family, Clarkson Family, Cohen Family, Dempsey Family, Diana Family, Diener Family, Donovan Family, Earnest Family, Ebeling Family, Eggers Family, Epstein Family, Ezra Family, Farrell Family, Firemark Family, Fisher Family, Flores Family, Garnero Family, Geraghty Family, Goldberg Family, Goldshmidt Family, Green Family, Greenberg Family, Hahn Family, Hasselbring Family, Hudson Family, Ifft Family, Jackson Family, Jacobs Family, Jacobsen Family, Kamins





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Room Sponsors

The Ifft Family, The Bush-Hahn & Earnest Families, Mrs. London's 5th Grade Class, Biofield Tuning and Heath & Fitness by Mark Sainz, marksainz.com, The Begin Family, The Parris Family, The Ezra Family, Malibu Pacific Church, The Dunn Family, SweetBu Candy, The Donovan Family, The Sadigov Family, The Abeyta Family, The Bogart Family, The Marques Family, The Nabavi Family, The Luteman Family, The Lockton Family, The VandeVoort-McWhinnie Family, The Hudson Family, The Newman Family, The Karsh Family

Please see all the important fundraising and children's events that are coming up! Webster is a great school but we cannot be an AMAZING school without Parent Involvement. Please [join the PTA](#) and please support the [Annual Giving Campaign](#). Membership is just \$15 and allows you to vote at meetings, but more importantly is a symbol of unity between teachers and parents. The Annual Giving Campaign website will show you where your voluntary donation goes. The services on this list are so important and allow our school to move from good to great. Thank you for your consideration! Lastly, the PTA website lists many local parent and child resources they have gathered. I cannot thank the PTA strongly enough. Our PTA is helping all of us stay connected and helping our school to be great.

For the latest PTA news from Webster, follow us on twitter, Facebook and Instagram @ptawebster.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU

Email: sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering:

· **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022, ENROLL NOW at BGMALIBU.ORG** BGCM is committed to providing a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences. Programs include: STEM based projects, arts & crafts, cooking/gardening, social emotional wellness, reading sessions with Malibu Library, and more!





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· **City of Malibu Enrichment Programs**, For grades TK-5th, sessions offering science, karate, and yoga. Visit malibucity.org/register to register. Enrollment is open with classes beginning in January 2022. One-day workshops offering gardening and hip hop dance are available for free to BGCM members. Please contact Director of Elementary Programs sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org

· **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and **also in-person** to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs) Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)

Health and Safety Measures: Layers of Mitigation

Check your email every night. Please check your email daily, including each night and each morning before coming to school, to see if a positive COVID-19 case has been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to be quarantined. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing.

LINTELO HEALTH SCREENING TOOL - USE EVERY DAY. It is provided to SMMUSD through a company called Company Nurse. It is easy to use and it is now ready to use! If your account is on hold or you have questions about the app, please reach out to the school office!

Students can start now registering as users via the following link:
<https://smmusdstudentcovidscreen.lintelio.com/>





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Staff can now start registering as users via the following link:

<https://smmusdStaffcovidscreen.lintelio.com>

District Covid Information Website: <https://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus>

Illness Reporting: If your child is ill, please take the following actions. Keep your child home, report the absence and symptoms to Health Office Specialist Yoliee Hernandez yhernandez@smmusd.org. Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Michaele Ward michaele.ward@smmusd.org

ADULT MASKING: Please do your part to follow our district's masking policy. All students, parents and staff must be masked when on school premises, regardless of whether outdoors or your vaccination status. We ask that you model this policy for our students and support keeping our students safe and in school.

The California Department of Public Health issued new [Guidance for K-12 Schools on July 12, 2021](#). The new guidance applies to the 2021-22 school year. Since the beginning of the pandemic, SMMUSD has implemented multiple layers of mitigation to protect our students and employees. We continuously update our health and safety measures based on guidelines from the California and Los Angeles County Public Health Departments.

Webster will continue with the following current health and safety protocols include:

- Masks and physical distancing according to Public Health guidelines.
- Daily health screening.
- Frequent hand washing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- MERV-13 and HEPA filters in all classrooms and workspaces.
- Regular weekly asymptomatic testing.
- Quarantine, isolation, contact tracing, and notification protocols.
- Masks continue to be required for all children and adults while indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.

OTHER INFORMATION

LUNCH MENU- There is a statewide food delay due to delivery team shortages which has impacted SMMUSD. Items are subject to change daily. Breakfast and lunch are free to all SMMUSD students. Free and Reduced-Price Meals for SMMUSD Students Notification: School Year 2021-22 [Link](#). Please know that all menu items are subject to change. Please plan accordingly.





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TRANSPORTATION: School bus transportation will resume for the school year at limited capacity. Please apply for a bus pass NOW, to reserve your spot. <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/306>.

WEBSTER BELL SCHEDULE: Our school schedule is available for viewing at our website. Please click here to view the schedules. [Bell Schedule / Bell Schedule \(smmusd.org\)](#)

MINIMUM DAYS: Additional minimum days are: 3/31, 6/8 and 6/9.

EARLY RELEASE FRIDAYS: Every Friday, students in grades TK-5th are dismissed at 1:15 p.m. The remainder of the school day is for teacher and staff development meetings.

EMAIL, PHONE OR ADDRESS CHANGES-Please report any information changes to our school registrar, michaele.ward@smmusd.org, so she can update our Student Information Database, Aeries.

