



John L. Webster Elementary School

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WEBSTER WEEKLY

Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Mar 7, 2022

Dear Webster Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We are excited to announce that we are slowly opening up campus for more school-wide activities, which mean opportunities to volunteer at Webster school. In March we will have our Pepperdine Science night and annual Jog-a-thon. Please attend one of the upcoming volunteer training sessions so that you are cleared and ready to help out at a PTA sponsored event or in your child's classroom for special events and regular volunteer opportunities which will resume in April! Upcoming Volunteer dates can be found on our website and in the Calendar of events section below.

Over the last few weeks, we have all read and seen information and or images from the war in Ukraine. As you know, it can be difficult to find the right words or tone when speaking with children about war, social upheaval, or other events that affect specific populations of people. The escalating conflict in Ukraine is turning more serious each day and is affecting more and more people across the planet in various ways. While the conflict affects individuals differently, students of varying ages are becoming more aware of the situation and they may have feelings they want to discuss with you. The following resources may help you address their questions and concerns at home should your children inquire. At school, we focus on reassuring children that they are safe. Validate their feelings and explain that all feelings are okay when a tragedy occurs.

- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Terrorism: Tips for Families and Educators](#)
- [Terrorism and War: How to Talk to Children](#)

As always, our teachers and I are here to lend a supportive ear or helpful advice should you need it. Please take care of yourselves, your families, and your neighbors, and remember that we are all stronger together!

Principal Daruty





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THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 3/7

REGULAR COVID PCR TESTING THIS WEEK. Test results are received within 48 hours. You will be notified if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Health symposium webinar, March 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for an update on our masking protocols and testing. Zoom webinar: <https://bit.ly/HealthWebinar030722> Passcode: 445132 Phone: 669.900.6833.
[Webinar flyer](#)

TUESDAY 3/8

Math Club for 4th/5th grade @7:50 a.m.

Lexia Lab (for invited students only) 8:00-8:30 a.m.

General PTA Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 3/10

Lexia Lab (for invited students only) 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Volunteer training [via zoom](#) @ 2:00 p.m. Meeting ID: 740 600 0734 Passcode: WHALES

FRIDAY 3/11

Math Field Day for Math Club students only. Please reach out to Mr. K to [volunteer!](#)

SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parent Drop-Off. The morning valet begins at 8:15 a.m. The gates to school, free breakfast and classrooms are open starting at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop your students off unsupervised until then!





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The WEBSTER JOG-A-THON IS BACK and is happening on Friday, March 18th! The PTA has pulled this event together in record speed, we have a great group of volunteers who will help at the event and now we just need parents to register their child(ren) and send out pledge requests for the jog-a-thon. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to support our instructional aides, Art Lab, STEAM Lab, teachers supplies, assemblies and more.

- You should have received information from your room parent to register at pledgestar.com/websterjogathon/, instruction sheet attached.
- Students who send out 10 pledge requests by Tuesday get a prize - and the PTA has set up lots more fun prizes for this event, including a teacher prize for most class participation!
- T-Shirt Sponsorships are available for local businesses until Tuesday, if you are interested email websterPTAmalibu@gmail.com.

Class Photograph- Part 2. On April 20th our photographer will be back at Webster to retake class photographs (mask-less). This will also be the day for our 5th grade panoramic photograph.

Valet Parent Volunteer Opportunity- We are looking for some parent support with greeting our students and helping with the valet as they arrive and depart from school. If you would be interested in helping we would love to have you! Thank you to Heather Campi for organizing and volunteers Mia Skelton, Linda Seltzer, Tatiana Jacobs, Joel and Shannon Dunn.

Morning Valet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cada92aa6f58-webster>

Afternoon Valet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cada92aa6f58-webster>

For the 71st year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will present **Stairway of the Stars**, a musical extravaganza highlighting the outstanding music education programs, and showcasing the talents of students from every school in the district. Nearly 900 elementary, middle, and high school students will “star” in the “Stairway to the Stars” outdoor concert in the Santa Monica High School Greek Theatre on **Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 4 p.m.** [Tickets are available here.](#)

Coffee with the Principal. Please join Principal Daruty on 3/16 @ 10 a.m. [Via zoom](#) or on 3/28@ 8:30a.m. IN PERSON (room 1). This is an informal meeting in which you can ask questions, make suggestions and participate in making Webster a great place for learning.





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The Student Council is sponsoring a water bottle challenge! Please encourage your children to bring reusable water bottles to school. The classrooms reporting the highest use of reusable water bottles by April 22nd will win a mystery classroom surprise!

SMMUSD is Enrolling for Preschool! If you, or someone you know, has a child who is ready to begin a preschool experience, our SMMUSD preschools have something for everyone! We have part-day, full-day, and extended day options available and we have a wide variety of locations. If finances need to be considered, we also offer subsidized programming for qualifying families. For more information, please call (310) 399-5865 and ask to speak with a preschool staff member, or go to the following link for more information: www.smmusd.org/cd.s.

Science Night with Pepperdine! Tuesday, 3/22@ 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we partner with Pepperdine students in providing a range of exciting activities to engage our youngest science lovers! This is a great community event and we hope many of you will attend. [Science Night with Pepperdine](#)

4th and 5th Grade Music- Music has returned to TWO days a week. Please remind your students to bring instruments on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Malibu Ballet Folklorico: I'm sorry to report that there are still only 6 students who have signed up for Folklorico classes in Malibu from Malibu Elementary and Webster despite providing more time in the hopes that we could get at least 8 students. As a result, we won't be able to offer classes at Malibu Elementary this year, but perhaps we can try again in the fall.

Character Counts Assemblies. Once a month we will host a school-wide assembly to honor individual Webster Whales for demonstrating outstanding character! Our next Award Assembly will be held on March 18th @ 8:30 a.m. 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.

This Month's Awardees were:

- (K) Weston Peters- Responsibility
- (2nd) Poppy Green- Caring
- (3rd) Hero Major- Respect
- (4th) Remy Rankin- Fairness





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- (4th) Rem Sokoloff- Respect
- (5th)Carloyn Kim- Trustworthiness
- (5th) Leila Trujillo- Citizenship

Coping with Stress, Burnout and Anxiety- [Feel free to explore a presentation](#) for parents and caregivers prepared by Shuli Lotan, our district mental health coordinator. There is audio available with each slide by clicking on the speaker icon.

Calendar of Events

[SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#)

Tues.	3/8	4th and 5th Math Club @ 7:50 a.m.
Tues.	3/8	Lexia Lab from 8:00-8:30 (for invited students only)
Thurs..	3/10	Lexia Lab from 8:00-8:30 (for invited students only)
Thurs.	3/10	Volunteer training via zoom @ 2:00 p.m. Meeting ID: 740 600 0734 Passcode: WHALES
Fri.	3/11	Math Field Day for Math Club participants (please see email about volunteer opportunities)
Wed.	3/16	Coffee with the principal Via zoom @10 a.m.
Fri.	3/18	Jog-A-Thon
Sat.	3/19	SMMUSD Stairway Concert. @4 p.m. Tickets are available here.
Mon.	3/21	Volunteer training (in person room 1) @ 2:00 p.m.
Tues.	3/22	Science Night with Pepperdine @6:00 p.m.
Mon.	3/28	Coffee with the Principal @ 8:30 a.m. IN PERSON room 1
Thurs.	3/31	Volunteer training (in person room 1) @ 3:00 p.m.
Fri.	4/1	Minimum Day Grades TK/K dismissal @12:30pm and 1st-5th @1:15 p.m.
Mon.	4/4-4/15	Spring Break: No school
Tues.	4/19	Volunteer training (in person room 1) @ 2:00 p.m.
Wed.	4/20	Class Picture Retake (mask-less) and 5th grade panoramic photograph
Fri.	4/29	Talent Show @ 8:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (more details for sign-ups to follow)
Sat.	4/30	Webster Evening Event (Details to follow)
Mon.	5/30	Memorial Day: No school
Wed.	6/8	Minimum Day (Preschool-K 12:30 dismissal/ 1st -5th @1:15 p.m.)
Tues.	6/7	5th Grade Culmination Ceremony @9:00 a.m.
Thurs.	6/9	Last Day of school: Minimum Day (Preschool-K 12:30 dismissal/ 1st -5th @1:15 p.m.)

Health and Safety Measures: Layers of Mitigation

Thank you for your continued support as we off-ramp some COVID-19 protocols. We lifted the requirement to wear masks outdoors. We discontinued the use of our pre screening app and temperature checks at the school entrance. Additionally, students no longer have restricted play zones at recess time. Thank you for sending healthy students to school! Spring Break may feel a long way off





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however, but we are already preparing for the possibility of a post Holiday COVID-19 surge. To this regard each student will bring home an at-home Antigen Test the day before Spring Break. Help your child take the test on the morning of Monday, April 18th and show the negative test result to the staff at the entry gate. Your child's proof of a negative antigen test will be their ticket to reenter campus. **Any student returning to school, regardless of vaccination status, must be free of any symptoms of illness. Please keep your student home if they are not well and alert the health office.**

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**, regardless of vaccination status.

The California Department of Public Health issued new [Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). 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. [Exposure Management Plan Guidance TK-12 Schools Appendix T2 as of 1/18/2022](#)

Visit our **SMMUSD Covid Dashboard** that reflects all positive cases by site, updated weekly: www.smmusd.org/Dashboard and the County of LA also has information you can find by school <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/education/index.htm>.

Antigen Testing hubs: 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 Santa Monica and Malibu:

- Malibu Elementary School (for Malibu staff and students): Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 1:30p.m.. Please do not enter the school office. Testing is in the parking lot. Registration is on-site.





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Masking:

- Staff: 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](#).
- Parents: 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.**

Illness Reporting: If your child is ill, please take the following actions. Keep your child home, report the absence and symptoms to our school nurse hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Michael Ward michael.ward@smmusd.org

PTA INFORMATION:

We need your help! Please consider serving on the Webster PTA Executive Board next year! Contact Heather Campi @ heathercampi@gmail.com or Jessie Muchmore @ jessiemuchmore@gmail.com if you are interested in a leadership position responsible for planning important enrichment events and helping guide the future of Webster School. Thank you for your continued participation in keeping Webster School a vibrant and engaging place for learning and growing! Your partnership means everything! Check out the PTA website to see the list of job descriptions [HERE](#).

2021 Whale Fund Donors

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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, The White Family

COMMUNITY NEWS

[The City's Spring 2022 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter](#) is available online at MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices and will be mailed to Malibu residents the week of February 6. The Guide features the City's many excellent programs and parks and includes informative articles and contact information for City departments and services. The City of Malibu Community Services Department spring program registration will open on Monday, February 14 at 8 AM online at MalibuCity.org/Register or in-person at Malibu Bluffs Park, 24250 Pacific Coast Highway. Using the QR code on the attached flyer, residents can find information for upcoming City programs offered from March through May. Programs include Chumash Day, Outdoor Recreation at Charmlee Wilderness Park, Parent and Me Programs, Youth and Middle School Sports Programs, Youth Enrichment Programs, Afterschool Programs in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu and Spring Break Day Camps.





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WATER IS LIFE STUDENT ART CONTEST-STUDENTS GRADES 3-12! West Basin Municipal Water District's Water is Life Student Art Contest is open from now until Friday, March 18th. 3rd – 12th grade students in the [West Basin service area](#) are eligible to participate in this program, where they can inspire their community to conserve water during this drought. This means that only our Malibu students are eligible to participate. Students that submit their artwork have the chance to win one of fifteen Apple iPads! All our contest information can be found on our website at www.westbasin.org/waterislife and the following resources are available to you all: [Guidelines and Entry Form \(English\)](#) [Guidelines and Entry Form \(Spanish\)](#) [Last Year's Winners](#)

Organic Waste Recycling 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](#).

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](#)

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 BGCMALIBU.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!



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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- **Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center** is hosting a Lunch & Learn Parent Webinar. Tuesday, March 8 @ 12pm. This online webinar provides practical solutions, helpful tools, and communication tips to help you/your family navigate managing screen time. Register at <https://bit.ly/BGCMManagingScreenTime> SMMUSD parents of children of all ages & abilities are encouraged to join. Intérprete para nuestra comunidad de habla español estará disponible. Topics include:
 - How to communicate with your teen about screen time
 - Strategies to use as a family to monitor screen time
 - Parenting tools to help manage screen time
- **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!
- **City of Malibu Enrichment Programs**, For grades TK-5th, sessions offering Soccer, Spanish, and Theater. Enrollment is open with classes beginning in April. Visit malibucity.org/register to register.

*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, Click [Here!](#)

OTHER INFORMATION

Webster is looking for an Instructional Assistant- Do you enjoy supporting teachers as they deliver instruction to our students? Have you volunteered in classrooms and enjoyed your time? Consider applying for the position. We have a 3 hour position available. Please visit [HERE](#) to review qualifications and to apply.

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.

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 \(smmusd.org\)](#)





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MINIMUM DAYS: Additional minimum days are: 4/1, 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.

