

Webster Weekly 3-9-2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

This past Saturday a beautiful Memorial for former principal Phil Cott was held at Webster Elementary. Former students and parents joined together to honor the life and accomplishments of an extraordinary man. I walked away with a renewed sense of how immeasurable the passion and effort of **one educator** can have on a school community. And, it isn't always the large scale gestures, but rather the small, simple acts of compassion and empathy that touch our students' lives. The Phil Cott Dream Fund raised \$3500.00 to fund scholarships for our annual Astro and Yosemite camps. Thank you to Heather Campi, PTA vice-president for taking the lead on the PTA's partnership with the memorial's planning committee. Just another example of how supportive Webster PTA truly is.

I know that there has been growing concern regarding Webster school's response to the coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which is causing concern globally and in our community. Please refer to the district website (see link below) for the latest information. Once the district provides updated information (should come today or tomorrow) it will be available for review on both the district and Webster website. This information will address questions such as known cases in Los Angeles County or circumstances necessitating school closures in LA County. Below is the link to the correspondence sent to families by the district and shared in the last newsletter. <https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/1792/Drati-CoronavirusUpdate022820.pdf>.

Listed below are some of the ways in which Webster school has addressed your concerns about the Coronavirus:

- I shared and required all staff to read and review a training ppt prepared by our district on the coronavirus (2019-nCoV).
- Teachers were given several handouts, lessons and videos on proper handwashing protocols to share with their students.
- Custodians have been instructed to place more detail on cleaning high surface-traffic areas such as door handles and faucets.
- Our nurse and health office specialists have met to clarify procedures and policies in alignment with the Department of Public Health, including isolation protocols.
- I provided parents with a video to share with your children at home. <https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>
- We posted signs in high traffic areas reminding staff and students to stay home when they are sick and to routinely wash their hands.
- We are encouraging student to give the "Webster Wave" in lieu of our normal hugs, handshakes and high fives.
- PTA has generously approved replacement of our hand sanitizer dispensers and hand sanitizer for classrooms. They were ordered, but are on back order. Given this dilemma, we kindly

request that donations of hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes be sent to the office, so all teachers have a supply from which to pull.

We continue to recommend the following things to protect yourself and others from respiratory infections like Coronavirus.

1. Children and parents should stay home when you are sick.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
3. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
4. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
6. Limit close contact, like kissing and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
8. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
9. Facemasks are not recommended for the general public & are most effective when used appropriately by health care workers and people who are sick.
10. Get a flu shot to prevent influenza if you have not done so this season.

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call.

Warmly,

Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:

MONDAY: March 9th

- **Coffee with the Principal @8:45 a.m.**
- **ELPAC testing begins this week**

TUESDAY: March 10th

- **Math Club @ 8:00 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY: March 11th

- **LEXIA LAB- 9:10am and 9:40am. For invited students, only.**
- **LUNCH BUNCH @ 12:00 p.m. room 18 (For students in K-5th)**
- **Wellness Center Lunch Bunch for K students @11:50 a.m. For invited students, only**
- **Wellness Center Boys Group @ 3:00- 3:45 p.m. For invited students, only**

- **LCAP Community Meetings (Malibu) @6:30 p.m. in the Library**

THURSDAY: March 12th

- **Pepperdine Student Observations @9:50 a.m.**
- **Lunch Bunch for K students @11:50 a.m.**

FRIDAY: March 13th

- **Math Field Day @8:45 – 11:45 a.m. in the auditorium (for Math Club students only)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING for 3/12 rescheduled

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS

- Choir Night - Monday, March 16 Noche del Coro - lunes, 16 de marzo
- Orchestra Night - Friday, March 20 Noche de Orquesta - viernes, 20 de marzo
- Band Night - Thursday, March 26 Noche de Banda - jueves, 26 de marzo
- All concerts begin at 7:00pm. Reserve your tickets at https://smapa.formstack.com/forms/stairway_vips

Director's Reception is immediately following the concert Barnum Hall Green Room. We are offering reserved seats this year. Please RSVP as soon as possible. **PARKING INFORMATION:** Please plan to park in the Civic Parking Structure on 4th Street. There is limited Disabled Person Parking on the Samohi Campus if you have a placard or DP License plates. Please enter through the gate on Olympic Boulevard between 4th Street and Lincoln. If you require special assistance, please let us know: stairway@smmusd.org

INVITATIONS to 2020 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Intensive Intervention Summer School (IISS) were sent home last week. IISS is a four-week summer school program designed to stretch students who may need additional academic support in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The curriculum for the IISS program is focused, rigorous and engaging. The IISS elementary program is for students who are currently in grades 1st- 4th grade. Students qualify for participation in IISS based SOLEY on their district assessment scores. Current 5th graders who qualify will receive an invitation to the middle school program. 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. Note that Friday, July 3rd is a holiday. Location: Malibu Elementary School 6955 Fernhill Drive Malibu, CA 90265 (for students attending Malibu schools).

ELPAC TESTING begins this week. Please refer to the flyer attached to this newsletter for information about ELPAC testing. It includes practice tests and ideas for parents on how to support at home.

PTA AND COMMUNITY NEWS:

Javier Monzon, Webster parent and Pepperdine biology professor, received a grant from the Society for the Study of Evolution to bolster science at Webster. The \$1000 grant will fund STEM with Skulls, a multi-week outreach activity that aims to promote children's scientific exploration, quantitative reasoning, and appreciation of local wildlife through animal skulls. Webster students will work alongside Pepperdine biology students as they explore questions about animals and gather evidence to test scientific hypotheses.

SAFETY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

MORNING DROP-OFF: I cannot stress the importance of using the curbside valet during drop-off. Arrive a little early and avoid morning stress. If you prefer to walk your child into the gates (TK and K) please park in the lower lot and walk them up. There are only (2) two 15 minute parking spots and they are reserved for PreK families who are REQUIRED to sign-in their children. If you drive past the curbside drop-off and try to drop off children in the upper lot, you:

- Cause traffic congestion backing up the valet line.
- Put your child at risk! It is unsafe to let them out in a parking lot.
- Make it difficult for staff to access their parking spaces.

Please help us be respectful to our neighbors (OLM and Malibu Glass) and DO NOT USE their parking spaces or lot to park. Please help us work together and keep Webster safe!

NO MORNING SUPERVISION: The school office opens at 8:10 daily and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. The gate is open for students to enter campus at 8:20 a.m. Please do not leave your child at school before this time. There is no morning supervision. On Late start Wednesday, you may sign-up for morning care through our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Deputy Jake and the STAR Program are hosting a Camp in Malibu. The camp will be held at Calamigos Ranch during the weeks of July 20 and 27 from around 8 am to 4 pm each day. Food will be included. The cost is \$375 per camper for the week. It includes Sheriff's Department presentations (like the K-9's, or the Bomb Squad), and they will take a couple of field trips (Dodger Game or 6 Flags, the beach and maybe one more). It's a great deal for parents and a good opportunity for us to continue our partnership with Deputy Jake outside of school. Please see the attached flier.

Introducing the "Oops I Forgot" counter. If you or your child forgets something at home, you may bring it to the office for them to pick it up. Please remind your child to check this counter, if they forget their instrument or lunch. The office will kindly leave a note in the teacher's box or send an email. We WILL

NOT call the classroom unless it is an important message. Instructional time is precious. It is very disruptive to the learning process to call the classroom for every child who forgets a book, water bottle or snack. We ask that you work together with your child to remember instruments and their pick-up plan, prior to drop-off.

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!

LOST AND FOUND: Items were collected on Friday. We left items with student names. If you are looking for something please email Kim Retts [@ck.retts@gmail.com](mailto:ck.retts@gmail.com). Thank you, Kim, for your support in keeping our campus clean!

SUMMER SCHOOL 2020: Please be on the lookout for invitations for your child to participate in the 2020 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Intensive Intervention Summer School (IISS). They were sent out Friday, March 6th. IISS is a four-week summer school program designed to stretch students who may need additional academic support in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The curriculum for the IISS program is focused, rigorous and engaging. The IISS elementary program is for students who are currently in grades 1st- 4th grade. Students qualify for participation in IISS based on their district assessment scores. Current 5th graders who qualify will receive an invitation to the middle school program. 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. Note that Friday, July 3rd is a holiday. Location: Malibu Elementary School 6955 Fernhill Drive Malibu, CA 90265 (for students attending Malibu schools).

The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is located in four public schools in the area and is always available to provide services that help promote healthy social and emotional support to all students in the Malibu Public School District. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 310-691-6523.

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>