



**John L. Webster Elementary School** 3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

## WEBSTER WEEKLY

### Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**-Mar 21, 2022

Dear Webster Families,

As expected, the return to in-person learning this year has meant an adjustment to our students in reestablishing how to be more collaborative, supportive students among a diverse group of learners. We celebrate the diversity and inclusion at Webster. Inclusion is part of a much larger picture than just placement of all types of learners within a regular class. It is being included in life and participating using one's abilities in day to day activities as a member of the community. Inclusion is being a part of what everyone else is, being welcomed and embraced as a member who belongs. Inclusion extends beyond our schools, and happens when we are together within the community at our churches, playgrounds, and in sports recreation. **An inclusive culture begins with understanding that children are able to identify differences instead of pretending those differences don't exist.** As we grow this mindset within our students at school you can help with the same language at home.

Here are four great ways where you, as a parent, can teach your child to have an inclusive attitude and approach.

**Be a role model.** Children follow what we do more than what we say, so it's important that our actions are sending the right message. This can be as simple as getting to know your neighbors as you're walking the dog or getting the mail. Be curious and reflective about your own biases, and be willing to learn something new.

**Teach compassion.** It's not realistic to ask children to be "best" friends with everyone all the time, but elementary-age children in particular can learn to be friendly, respectful, and compassionate in a group setting, such as school. Teach your child to be aware of other children who might be new or who might feel left out. For example, challenge your child to include another child who is sitting alone at lunch or playing alone at recess.

**Explain differences,** don't ignore them. The world is a big place and we come from many religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds with different values, perspectives, identities, and family makeups. Help your child understand that differences make the world more interesting. They help us learn and appreciate other ideas beyond ourselves. Talk about and model how to respectfully share and learn about differences, as well as how to stand against discrimination in all its forms.





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**Use children's literature.** Children's books are a great vehicle for exploring differences in culture, race, and ability, especially when the literature depicts authentic characters involved in relatable situations.

During the month of March we have partnered with the Wellness Center to offer social emotional learning lessons in several classes. Students are learning what it means to be a flexible learner, express gratitude, manage "big feelings" and be a good friend. We are thrilled to offer these experiences to our students and promote community.

Together for Webster,

Principal Daruty

**THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY 3/21**

**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.

**Volunteer Training@ 2:00 p.m.** [\(CHANGED TO ZOOM\)](#) Meeting ID: 740 600 0734 Passcode: WHALES

**TUESDAY 3/22**

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

**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](#)

**WEDNESDAY 3/23**

**5th Grade Field Trip** to MMS 9:15-1:30 p.m

**THURSDAY 3/24**

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

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

**Board of Ed Meeting@ 5: 30 p.m.** The special board meeting agenda has been published [online](#).





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## FRIDAY 3/25

**School-wide Pizza Party** for reaching our JOGATHON goal!

### **SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Show us your talent! The Webster 2022 Talent Show** is coming up on Friday, April 29, 2022. We love your creative ideas and can't wait to see those unique, hidden talents, family participation, and maybe even some student collaborations! This year we are accepting BOTH live and pre-recorded Talent Show performances (up to 2 min). Students who choose to perform live will be expected to attend two mandatory practices on Thursday, April 21, 2022 and Tuesday, April 26, 2022. All participants will attend a dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 28, 2022. All video submissions will be reviewed and uploaded to an online video platform. Pre-recorded performances must be submitted no later than Monday, April 25, 2022. Participants, teachers, and classmates will watch the show at school on Friday, April 29, 2022 @ 8:45 am with a night performance at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 29, 2022. If your child is interested in participating please sign up by Friday, April 1st [SIGN-UP HERE!](#) In addition, we have a t-shirt logo design contest. If you would like to submit a t-shirt design [SUBMIT HERE!](#) Should you have any questions, please reach out to [webstermalibutalentshow@gmail.com](mailto:webstermalibutalentshow@gmail.com)

**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 Friday, April 22, 2022 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) Paloma Quinoz- Fairness
- (K) Louie Brinker-Diener- Respect
- (3rd) Juniper Benjamin McKee- Caring
- (4th) Starr Safai - Citizenship
- (5th) Lennon Marderosian- Trustworthiness





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**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. **She will also host make-up, individual photographs for our new students.**

**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!

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

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

**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](http://www.smmusd.org/cd.s).

#### **Calendar of Events**

##### [SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#)

Mon.	3/21	Volunteer training (CHANGED TO ZOOM) @ 2:00 p.m.
Tues.	3/22	<u><a href="#">Science Night with Pepperdine</a></u> @6:00 p.m.
Tues.	3/22	Lexia Lab from 8:00-8:30 ( for invited students only)





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Thurs..	3/24	Lexia Lab from 8:00-8:30 ( for invited students only)
Fri.	3/25	School-wide Pizza Party for meeting JOGATHON goal!
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 and Individual Picture Retake ( mask-less) and 5th grade panoramic photograph
Fri.	4/29	Talent Show @ 8:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. <a href="#">SIGN-UP HERE</a>
Sat.	4/30	Webster Evening Event ( Details to follow)
Tues.	5/24	Webster Open House @ 6:00 p.m.
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**

Superintendent Drati sent a message to our community relaying changes to the school district's indoor masking policy. As you may recall, this policy was originally put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. Through a great deal of hard work and perseverance by our community, we are now in a place where many of the COVID safety strategies can be discontinued. Over the last month or so we have discontinued the health and temperature screenings prior to entering campus, stable groups during recess and lunch periods, outdoor masking, **and beginning this Monday, March 14th**, required indoor masking. While the requirement for indoor masking has been eliminated it is "strongly recommended" that students and staff continue to wear a mask indoors. Dr. Drati's letter clearly lays out the reasons for this, so please take a few minutes to review [his letter linked here](#).

I also want to emphasize that a student's vaccination status and the decision to wear a mask at school is a parent's choice for their child. At Webster School, we celebrate differences and have worked diligently over the years to teach our students about diversity and acceptance, being an upstander and not a bystander, and about creating bonds and not divisions.

Our staff has discussed reinforcing these lessons as we shift to more relaxed protocols. We will be attuned to our students' needs during this transition and will address any behaviors we see as being insensitive or discourteous by another student. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind. Please have a conversation with your children about this subject and what decisions you have made with regards to mask wearing. The children and staff of Webster School are resilient and caring and I anticipate this change in masking policy will be met with respect and adherence to appropriate rules of civility and school expectations.





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**Spring Break** may feel a long way off 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 on Monday March 25th.** 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.**

Visit our **SMMUSD Covid Dashboard** that reflects all positive cases by site, updated weekly: [www.smmusd.org/Dashboard](http://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.

**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](mailto:hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org) Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Michael Ward [michaele.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michaele.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](mailto:heathercampi@gmail.com) or Jessie Muchmore @ [jessiemuchmore@gmail.com](mailto:jessiemuchmore@gmail.com) if you are





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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**





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### GIRLS SPORTS CLINICS

Community members can sign up now for the City of Malibu's excellent #PlayLikeAGirlMalibu Girls Sports Clinics, offered this spring for female athletes ages 8 – 13.

The free clinics will be held in March, April and May at Malibu Bluffs Park (24250 Pacific Coast Highway). Preregistration is required at [www.MalibuCity.org/Register](http://www.MalibuCity.org/Register).

The Girls Sports Clinics will include lacrosse with the Women's Pepperdine University Lacrosse Team, volleyball with Sunshine Volleyball Club, and skateboarding with Champ Camp. Experienced coaches will bring together beginner and seasoned athletes for a morning of learning skills and sportsmanship through guided drills in a fun, non-competitive environment. Focusing on leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the fun and structured clinics aim to help players of all skill levels develop a newfound interest for sports.

### SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS

The City of Malibu Community Services Department is proud to offer spring day camps, April 4 through April 14 during the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District spring break. Registration opened on Monday, February 14 at 8:00 AM at [MalibuCity.org/Register](http://MalibuCity.org/Register).

Sports camps will include skateboarding, soccer, surfing, and tennis. Enrichment day camps will consist of art adventures and rocket science. Day camps will be presented in a fun, educational, and inviting environment to deliver each program's core skills. Register online at [MalibuCity.org/Register](http://MalibuCity.org/Register) or visit [MalibuCity.org/DayCamps](http://MalibuCity.org/DayCamps) for more information.

**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](http://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:**







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### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU**

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PLEASE SEE THEIR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER [Webster](#)

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:

- BGCN Programs Academic Year 2021-2022, **ENROLL NOW at [BGCMALIBU.ORG](http://BGCMALIBU.ORG)** BGCN 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!
- **Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center** is offering a one-time online parenting workshop on Emotional Intelligence, *Wednesday, March 23 @5pm*. Emotions matter for adults and children when it comes to learning. RULER brings this research into practical usage at school and home by teaching us tools for implementing social emotional wellness into daily life and school curriculum. Parents with children of all ages & all abilities are encouraged to join. Register <https://bit.ly/BGCMEQandRULERatHome> Intérprete para nuestra comunidad de habla español estará disponible. Workshop topics:
  - What is emotional intelligence & why does it matter?
  - How to implement this charter using RULER tools
  - Creating a "charter" for home and school

Questions? Email [wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org) (*There is no cost associated with joining this workshop. Open to all district parents*).

- 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](http://malibucity.org/register) to register.





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

**For Staff/Teachers -**

Parenting Workshop Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BGCMEQandRULERatHome>

**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 \(smmusd.org\)](#)

**MINIMUM DAYS:** Additional minimum days are: 4/1, 5/24, 6/8 and 6/9.

**EARLY RELEASE FRIDAYS:** Every Friday, students in grades TK-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:michaele.ward@smmusd.org), so she can update our Student Information Database, Aeries.

