



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

WEBSTER WEEKLY

Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE-May 16, 2022

Dear Webster Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last stretch of the school year. We have many upcoming activities planned (some on campus) in the next few weeks. We hope to see you.

Congratulations to our 3rd-5th graders who were successful in their participation in the CAASPP testing the past two weeks. They were remarkable and focused. Fifth grade takes the science test this week along with any make-up testing for absent students.

We are excited to host our annual fundraising and community event. This **Saturday, May 21st 6:30-10:00 P.M.** is our EVENING EVENT at The Bluff @ Paradise Cove. Information and tickets on the PTA Website: <https://websterpta.com/evening-event>. Please tell your friends to join us!

Open House will be held on Tuesday, May 24th from 6:00-7:30p.m. Students and parents are welcome to visit classrooms and celebrate the work of our students. The art room will be open for viewing projects and we have more activities planned, details to follow!

Thursday, June 2nd mark your calendar for the SUMMER SOCIAL @ Strange 6:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, June 8th is our Field Day. Teachers will send out parents volunteer sign-ups to help us host a fun-filled day. Please be on the lookout to help volunteer!

Look forward to seeing you on campus,

Principal Daruty

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 5/16

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.



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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5th grade Science testing and 3rd-5th make-up testing.

TUESDAY 5/17

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

5th grade Science testing and 3rd-5th make-up testing. Please see your teacher's email for the schedule.

WEDNESDAY 5/18

3rd-5th make-up testing. Please see your teacher's email for the schedule.

THURSDAY 5/19

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

3rd- 5th grade make-up state testing. Please see your teacher's email for the schedule.

4th grade Music Ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will perform. 8:40-9:30 inthe MPR, parents are invited!

Kids Speak Out Contest: Thursday, May 19th in Raitt Concert Hall at Pepperdine. The program will begin promptly at 5:00, but the speakers must arrive at 4:30 pm. Congratulations to the Webster winners, Ellie Epstein, Scarlet Jackson and Alissa Jacobs!

FRIDAY 5/20

Character Counts Assembly on the big yard @ 8: 30 a.m.

Early Release Fridays TK-5th grades dismissed at 1:15 p.m.

SATURDAY 5/21

6:30-10:00 P.M. is our EVENING EVENT at The Bluff @ Paradise Cove. Information and tickets on the PTA Website: <https://websterpta.com/evening-event>. Please tell your friends to join us!

SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to our 4th grade students who participated in the Optimist's Club Kids Speak out Speech contest. We are very proud of all of you! Congratulations to Ellie Epstein for her 1st place speech.





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VOTE for the 2022-23 School Site Council Members There are (4) vacant, two-year seats for parents on our (2022-2023 & 2023-2024) School Site Council. This is the single most important committee at school in steering school improvement goals. The voting will close on **Friday, May 27th @ 3:00 p.m.** <https://forms.gle/peYHYwtqPMGQEUF8>

We are excited to partner with Santa Monica College Dance Academy to offer our 5th grade students a theatrical theater program and we just added an opportunity for our 4th grade students to learn Hawaiian Dance. The classes will be held during school on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. The district organized this opportunity for all elementary 4th and 5th graders in place of the ballroom dancing ballroom program (due to earlier COVID restrictions). It sounds like an exciting opportunity to provide our students an extra special opportunity to move their bodies, share their talents and end the year with some extra fun. **Mark your calendar for two live performances, parents are invited!**

- **5th grade: May 31st** 8:45- 9:15 a.m. in the MPR
- **4th Grade: June 2nd** 9:30- 10: 15 a.m. in the MPR

Talent Show Video- We are almost ready to share with families a videotaping of the daytime and evening performances. More information should be coming this week!

CAASPP testing for 3rd-5th graders ONLY- Thank you to parents for ensuring students are on time on testing days. We appreciate the kind notes and snacks families have provided! **Please note: If a student arrives late to school, and their class has already started testing, they will be held in the office and have to make-up their test at a different time.** The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This year, SMMUSD will give the summative assessments *in- person*, during the Month of May.



5/16 - 5/20 Gr. 3-5 Makeups and SCIENCE (5th)

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking tests, you can. 1) Explain to your child that these tests are tools to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared. 2) Explore the practice tests with your child at caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests. 3) Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and are there to help, every step of the way. To learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at ca.startingsmarter.org/, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp. If you have questions, please contact your teacher or Principal Daruty @ ldaruty@smmusd.org.

4th and 5th grade Music Concert- The Elementary Music Department will be holding a grade level student centered concert at each of the elementary sites. The performance will consist of each grade level separately with 4th grade performing for their 4th grade peers and 5th graders performing for their 5th grade peers on a separate day. The music staff structured the performances this way so students can support each other each per discipline (choir, band and strings). Due to the need to socially distance the students using most of the performance space, there will be no chairs set up for parents. Parents are welcome to attend, but if parents wish to come, please understand that they will most likely need to stand against the walls to allow the space for the students. **SMMUSD Elementary Music Department.** Please join us for our Spring concerts in the MPR. Parents are invited to attend.

- Thursday, May 19th 8:40-9:30: 4th grade ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will perform.
- Tuesday, May 24th 9:20-10:10: 5th grade ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will perform.

Parent or Guardian of a 5th grader. Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE). This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment, and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. *Your child does not have to take the survey. Participation is voluntary and requires your permission.* Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUNxQ3LPnCknjA022i_K5_KbiWCh9L2KNeIAN-dCAmvV39zA/viewform.

BGCM Wellness Center is very excited to share our Kindness Matters Campaign to support our elementary aged students with their emotional and mental wellbeing in the month of May. The campaign will run all month long in celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month. Learning Objective: To share each other's Kind Moments they experience with a student, whether they did something kind or someone else was kind to them. (Example: Jane smiled at me today during recess. I shared my puzzle with



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Ricky). Students will create a Class Poster with a collection of these Kind Moments written on the poster in the month of May. Class Incentive: All participating classrooms will receive a popsicle party at the end of May after we come by to collect the posters that are filled out with lots of Kind Moments.

Webster Class photographs are ready for viewing. All the new class group photos, as well as the 5th grade group photos and any new student portraits have been uploaded to the ordering gallery.

- All packages are custom designed by you so you can order exactly what you want and not be held to a predetermined package. **If you want the group class picture, you need to add it to your order, it doesn't come automatically with your order.**
- Order single prints, digital jpeg downloads, print packages, or photo gifts, all are listed on the left of the ordering screen. Retouching options (teeth whitening, acne removal, glass glare removal) are available on prints as you check out.
- Digital jpeg files are \$35 each, and \$42 for a retouched jpeg file (retouching includes acne/blemish removal, teeth whitening and overall fine editing)
- There is also a discount deal for 8 jpegs for \$260.
- You have the ability to crop photos as you wish when checking out!

Please direct any ordering questions directly to Trish and not the school. Email any questions to: trish@trishalisonphotography.com. To view and purchase please visit: <https://trishalisonphotography.zenfolio.com/f569810484> enter CHILD'S LAST NAME when prompted for the keyword.

GARDEN/COMPOSTING: We need your help! Are you interested in helping us provide organic coffee grounds and soiled barn hay to add to our compost? We could use these donations each week. Please let Ms. Daruty if you would like to help us! Next year we will have weekly sign-ups to support the donations.

To help us keep the momentum going with students eager to compost and spend time in our garden, we have partnered with the BGCM. Webster classrooms will have an opportunity to work in our newly renovated garden. For the next few weeks, classes will grow vegetables and launch our plan to bring a **Regenerative Garden Program** to Webster. This will serve the growing vision of the Malibu community to start student-led local food production, as well as outdoor standards-aligned STEM education. vegetables.





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IMPORTANT FIFTH GRADE INFORMATION: In order for us to confirm and schedule the activities planned for the 5th grade graduation, we really need donations! Please use the link below to donate and/or sponsor an activity. **To donate/sponsor:** <https://websterpta.com/store>. We are also starting on the 5th Grade Video & Yearbook Spotlight *now* and need your photos! Submit them here (with your name in the file):

- 5th Grader Baby Photo (1): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/6CPHjaZamVVACHRy6>
- 5th Grader Favorite Childhood Photo (1): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/shHHhrdQUBaJAHhT7>
- 5th Grader Older Webster Photos (up to 3 taken at Webster):
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ex2yMr1dgt22b7BC8>

For more information about the 5th grade graduation plans including breakdown of estimated costs: <https://websterpta.com/5th-grade-graduation-1>. For any questions, you can contact Lindsay Dunn: Lindsay.Dunn@cnb.com. **Thank you to those who have contributed already and to our event & student sponsors:** Al-Hardan Family, Dunn Family, Ezra Family, Karsh Family, Marques Family, Melman-Nordheimer Family, Ransier Family,

Enrollment for 2022-23 Please take the time to complete your enrollment plans for next year. This will assist me in identifying teacher and student assignments for next year. Student enrollment numbers are the key factor in our planning and I have heard from ¾ of our community! Please take a moment to let us know if you plan to return to Webster for the 2022-23 school year. <https://forms.gle/BWDmHcTWXpaTzos7A>.

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. **April Awardees are: Grace Goodloe, Audrey Carlson, Bodhi Skelton, Quinton Benadum, Leroy Marshall, Taylor Murray and Mario Seltzer.** Our next Awards Assembly will be held this Friday, May 20, 2022.

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>





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Afternoon Valet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CADA92AA6F58-webster1>

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.

Calendar of Events

SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar

Mon.	5/16 - 5/20	3rd- 5th Grade Make-Up Testing/5th grade Science Test
Tues.	5/17	Lexia Lab from 8:00-8:30 (for invited students only)
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Fri.	5/20	Character Counts Assembly @ 8: 30 a.m. on the big yard
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Tues.	5/24	9:20- 10:10 a.m. 5th grade Music Ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will perform.
Tues.	5/24	Minimum Day TK/K @ 12: 30 p.m. 1st - 5th @ 1:15 p.m.
Tues.	5/24	Webster Open House @ 6:00 p.m.
Mon.	5/30	Memorial Day: No school
Fri.	6/3	Graduating MHS students come to Webster @ 11:45 a.m.
Fri.	6/3	Summer Social @ Strange:6:00-8:00PM Cost per Ticket: \$25
Tues.	6/7	5th Grade Culmination Ceremony @9:00 a.m.
Wed.	6/8	5th Grade Beach Day @ 8:30- 11:30 p.m.
Wed.	6/8	TK- 4th Field Day. Pizza lunch and DJ.
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.)

Health and Safety Measures: Layers of Mitigation

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





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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.

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 michaele.ward@smmusd.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City's Summer 2022 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter is available online at MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices and will be mailed to Malibu residents the week of May 2. The Guide features the City's many excellent programs and parks and includes informative articles and contact information for City departments and services. Residents can find information for upcoming Summer programs offered June through August, including CineMalibu Movies in the Park, Day Camps, Learn to Swim Lessons, Adult Softball League, Outdoor Recreation at Charmlee Wilderness Park, Parent and Me Programs, and Senior Programs. Registration for Summer Programs is now at MalibuCity.org/Register.

Planet Bravo Camp is for rising 2nd-8th graders and runs 9am-3pm M-F in local schools near yours beginning in June. It's our 20th summer of this camp! The camp is an immersive version of your school's program with deep dive projects using professional software. The students fit about *25 weeks of a school year's tech class time in one week of camp*. We offer 18 courses; and with the exception of the "Get Coding" course, there is no overlap with the school year lessons. Parents of your school can use code **PBSCH50** for \$50 off their camp enrollment at www.planetbravo.com.

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](#).





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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:**

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU

Email: sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org

Webster Information - Week of May 16, 2022

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 Summer Programs June 20-Aug 5 ENROLL NOW at BGMALIBU.ORG Located at Webster Elementary.** Camp Bu provides a fun, safe, creative environment for members to thrive! This summer program offers an educational and enriching experience full of adventure and excitement. Activities include: STEM based projects, arts & crafts, social emotional wellness, and more! [Learn more here.](#)
- **Join our #BeBGCMKind Campaign!** Help BGCM bring awareness to mental health & wellness services during Mental Health Awareness month this May. [Learn more here!](#)
- **BGCM Wellness Center hosts Parent Webinar** Do you have a child that will be in middle school next year? How are you preparing for this upcoming change? Join us to get some ideas on how you can turn this into an exciting and positive experience. We will briefly discuss the pre-adolescent brain, what middle school is like, and what to do if your child is struggling with the changes. A one-time webinar taking place Tuesday, May 17 @ 5pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/BGCMExpectingaMiddleSchooler> For questions or more info, email wellnessinfo@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





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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, 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- 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: 5/24, 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.

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





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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](#).

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