



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

## WEBSTER WEEKLY

### Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE-** Aug 15, 2021

Dear Webster Families,

Can you believe we are starting school this week? We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school-year. Our first day of school is **Thursday, August 19th at 8:30 a.m.** Class assignments were emailed out on Friday. Please call the Webster office if you have not received your child's teacher/classroom placement. We transitioned to a new student information system so emails are slowly rolling over. Please email or call the Webster office if you are not receiving emails. Please check your spam box and let us know which parent (or both) should be the primary contact.

Monday is the first day back for our teachers. We have several days of Professional Development training leading up to the start of school. I cannot thank our teachers enough for their dedication and enthusiasm to prepare for the 2021-22 school year. You can expect a welcome email from your teacher this week!

Please review the Webster bell schedule, drop-off and classroom map. Please be prepared to say goodbye to your child at the entry gate. If you were unable to attend the Parent Information Meeting earlier this week, please visit the [Webster Homepage](#) under "What's Happening at Webster" and view the informative presentation.

Your proud principal,

Ms. Daruty

#### **THIS WEEK:**

**Seaside Preschool, TK and Kinder WELCOME.** Students and their parents are invited to the Webster campus on **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Please park in the lower lot and enter campus using the front gate. All students and families will take a health screening and must be masked. You will begin by heading to your child's classroom to meet your teacher and learn about the classroom. At 2:00 pm, we will ask all families to say goodbye to their teachers and join us in Poets' Park near our cafeteria for a brief, informal reception (15-30 minutes). This experience really allows our young students to feel comfortable walking in on the first day of school. Finally, the playground will be available for exploration and the Boys and Girls Club will be available to visit as well.





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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** School commences **Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** and will be a minimum day for all students. Please drop off your child between 8:15 and 8:30 am. We will continue with health screenings. PreK and TK will enter using the curbside valet adjacent to the Prek/TK yard gate. Kinder will use the curbside valet in the front of the school. Grades 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> may elect to either 1) Park and walk-up (accompanied by an adult) in the lower parking lot or 2) Use the curbside valet and front gate entrance. We will no longer have a curbside valet in the lower lot. School staff will be available to guide students to the various classroom locations. Parents will not be permitted on campus and should say their goodbyes at the screening gates. Dismissal for grades TK and K is at 12:30 p.m. and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> is an early release day. Grades TK-5<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. every Friday.

**Webster's Annual Back-to-School Beach Party. This is a PTA sponsored event at ZUMA BEACH** on Friday Aug. 20th @ 1:30 p.m. Join us at Lifeguard Tower #14/15 at Zuma Beach. Bring your bathing suit, and beach towel - and don't forget your sunscreen! PTA will message more details this week.

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

#### **Annual Registration Documents 2020-2021 - Turn in Four (4) Mandatory Forms DUE AUG. 27th**

These documents are mandated by law to be given to all students before or during the first week of school. The annual MANDATED SMMUSD registration documents are posted on our school website. These documents are: Annual Notice Booklet, Annual Information BP packet, Student Accident and Health Insurance Forms, Lunch & Breakfast Information, Covered California Information, and the **four (4) Signature Pages**. Parents can read the documents, print out the **four (4) signature pages**, sign them, and scan/email/snail mail them back to our school office. It is mandatory that schools collect signatures from each student's parent/guardian for **FOUR (4)** items:

1. Annual Notice Booklet
2. Annual Information Booklet
3. Technology Acceptable Use Policy
4. General Filming and Recording Release

**LUNCH MENU-** August. Breakfast and lunch are free to all SMMUSD students. Free and Reduced-Price Meals for SMMUSD Students Notification: School Year 2021-22 [Link](#).

**CLASS LISTS:** Class assignments were emailed Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an email please call the Webster office. We ask that you present a positive attitude and use words of encouragement. Children look to us for guidance and if they see you are excited about their new school year, they too will feel the same way. No changes to class assignments will be made during the first two weeks. A written





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appeal form can be completed in the office and any changes that can be made will happen on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**School Supplies for 2021-2022-** Parents do not need to purchase basic supplies. Thanks to our PTA, each teacher has additional funds to purchase supplementary supplies. Again, parents do not have to provide basic supplies for their students.

**An INDEPENDENT STUDY OPTION** will be available for students and families who are unable to return for in-person learning. If you are interested in signing your child up for the [Independent Study option](#), rather than sending them back to school, please read through the linked memo. If you would like to schedule a call with me to discuss this decision, please do so, I am happy to help.

**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:** Students will be dismissed early on the First Day of School (8/19), and for Back to School Night (8/24 and 8/31). Additional minimum days are: 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 12/17, 3/31, 6/8 and 6/9.

**EARLY RELEASE FRIDAYS:** Every Friday, beginning August 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> for grades TK-2 and Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held via zoom. Your teachers will send you the zoom link and information as the day approaches.

**Email, Phone or address change-**Please report any information changes to the school Michaeleward@smmusd.org.. Make sure she knows if you changed your email or phone numbers so she can update our Student Information Database, Aeries.

**Online Learning Programs - Clever Sync Pause-**As standard yearly practice, Clever sync will be paused on June 9. This pause allows students to access the previous school year resources over the summer. The pause also gives teachers access to the previous year's teacher resources. Clever sync will be activated on August 9, at which point students may lose access to various services (resulting from grade level change). Teachers moving grade levels or subject areas will need to wait until the August sync for access to resources for their new assignment.





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**Calendar of Events**

SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar

Thurs	08/19	First Day of School 2021-2022 Minimum Day (Mini Day 1 of 10). TK/K= 12: 30 p.m. 1st - 5th= 1: 15 p.m.
Fri	09/20	First Early Release Friday TK- 5th @ 1: 15 p.m. Annual Back-to-School Beach Party @ Zuma Beach @1:30 p.m.
Tues	08/24	Minimum Day / (Mini Day 2 of 10).TK/K= 12: 30 p.m. 1st - 5th= 1: 15 p.m. TK – 2nd Grade Back to School Night / 6 - 7pm via zoom
Tues	08/24	PTA Executive BOard Meeting @ 9: 00 a.m. via zoom
Wed	08/25	PTA General Association Meeting / 9:00 via Zoom
Fri	08/27	First Day Packet Forms due to the office
Mon	08/30	Weekly COVID Screening anticipated start date
Tues	08/31	Minimum Day / (Mini Day 3 of 10).TK/K= 12: 30 p.m. 1st - 5th= 1: 15 p.m. TK – 2nd Grade Back to School Night / 6 - 7pm via zoom
Fri - Mon	09/03 - 09/06	39th Annual Malibu Chili Cook Off - supports MBGC
Mon	09/9	Picture Day! Preschool -2nd Grades
Tues	09/10	Picture Day! 3rd - 5th grades
Tues	11/2-11/5	Parent Teacher Conferences via zoom or in-person

**Health and Safety Measures: Layers of Mitigation**

**Covid Surveillance Testing for Students and Staff:** Please read Dr. Drati’s communication about the approved resolutions. [Superintendent’s Message: Masking, COVID Testing and Vaccinations](#). After receiving the letter, I attended a meeting with the District’s Emergency Operations Team and principals to receive more details. Here is what I know NOW:

- Testing will not start before the 1st day of school. As I learn more details I will share.
- The District plans to hire a testing service provider just for Malibu schools. The company will begin weekly screening of all staff and students (shallow swabs) the week of August 30th.
- A consent form will be given to parents in advance.

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

**Before School Prescreening:** We will have a new prescreener soon. The program is called “Company Nurse”. Details are coming.

**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](mailto:yhernandez@smmusd.org). Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Michaele Ward [michaele.ward@smmusd.org](mailto:michaele.ward@smmusd.org)





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**Masks:** Masks should be clean and form fitting. Daily replacement or washing of masks is key to good health. Masks may be removed to eat or drink outdoors. Masks may also be removed briefly if breathing becomes difficult; in this case the student steps away and removes their mask with two hands a few inches from their face. Fresh child-sized masks are always available from staff. Masks with one-way valves, bandanas and gators are not permitted. Alternative protective strategies may be adopted to accommodate students who are on Individualized Education or 504 Plan. Please contact Ms. Daruty to discuss. Students who present appropriate documentation demonstrating a disability or condition that does not allow them to safely wear a mask can wear a face shield with drape. Students with documented conditions that do not accommodate the face shield and drape may request a reasonable accommodation from the school or district.

**No Cost Vaccine Clinics and PCR Testing:** [Link](#)

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.

**PTA INFORMATION:**

Visit our PTA website <https://websterpta.com/>. 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





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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**

 **WEBSTER BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2021** Email: [sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org)

### **District Announcements**

**District Announcements:** <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58472/>. SMMUSD posts information parents may find valuable on the WEBSTER homepage. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

