

Webster Weekly 8-17-20

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

Welcome (almost) to the 2020-2021 school year. I hope you are enjoying the wonderful summer season. I am looking forward to meeting (or reuniting) with many of you very soon. Teachers and staff have been busy preparing for our amazing students. Next week marks our official start of the work year. Teachers and staff will be attending district and Webster professional development and meetings. On behalf of the entire Webster staff we are looking forward to our year together as we create a community of authentic learning partnerships, in a virtual world!

I strongly encourage you to attend the Parent Information Night (zoom link and times below) tomorrow evening. It will be a great opportunity to hear about Webster's plan for Distance Learning. Attached to this email is a general SAMPLE schedule for your review. At the information night I will provide deeper context and grade level specific information. You can expect an email from your teacher(s) to be emailed on **Thursday, August 20th by 5:00 p.m.** with detailed their weekly schedule. We look forward to seeing you this week at the materials pick-up day on Friday.

Your proud principal,
Ms. Daruty

Updates and Information:

Blackboard messaging system: While sending out class assignments I noticed that some students were not in the system. The district is aware of the issue and we on working on it!

Google/Clever Password Reset: In order to maintain a safe and secure digital learning environment for our students, particularly during this period of distance learning, we will be changing all student SMMK12 Gmail account passwords on Friday, August 14, 2020*. This change will affect your students' Gmail, Google Classroom and CLEVER account access. The primary contacts listed in Illuminate will receive a separate email from security@smmk12.org, immediately following the change. The email will include the new password information. Please check your email on August 14th for this notification.

Class/Teacher Assignments: These were emailed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14th. Please know that great care has been taken to provide the best fit for all students. **There will be NO class changes during the first three weeks of school.** If you are concerned about your child's placement, please stay positive, encourage your child, and then submit a written appeal with your concerns to be considered. Changes in class assignments are very rare but do occur occasionally due to fluctuations in staffing and/or enrollment numbers, and in some cases a unique student need. Parents, please remember to speak positively of your child's teacher and classmates in front of your child. You can't imagine what a difference that makes in their

motivation in the classroom. **If you were assigned two teachers**, this grade level will be teaching in tandem. Both teachers will be teaching all lessons, hosting zooms, assigning and grading work. You may reach out to either teacher and expect a response specific to your child or the program. This approach will allow us to provide individualized, differentiated, small group instruction in the DL format. Your teachers will share the specifics with you in their communication and on Back to School Night.

Materials and Chromebooks: Webster school will provide your child with ALL of the necessary materials to implement our Distance Learning Program. You do not need to purchase any supplies. Parents ONLY will be invited to campus to pick-up general school supplies (pencils, paper, glue etc.) as well as and specific materials provided by their assigned classroom teacher (textbooks, consumable work books, journals). If your child needs a hotspot or Chromebook we will provide one. Please complete the [Webster Chromebook-Hotpost Request](#) survey so we may arrange this. I will email you a confirmation. Personal items left in your child's classroom from last year, will also be prepared and ready for your pick-up on this day. If you have textbooks or library books you need to return to school, please bring them on this day as well!

Distance Learning Handbook: The district will provide parents/staff. It will include topics such as: Attendance, Student expectations, Devices and internet access, Netiquette, learning platforms, Child care / child supervision, Food services, learning support (includes a note about pods not aligning with health directives and the equity issue, professional learning for teachers, student health during DL and picking up devices / materials / meals from school.

SMMUSD District Calendar: The Revised 20-21 district calendar is available online. Please note start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and absences of a personal nature around the school/district calendar.

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Shared//calendars/cal2021.pdf>

Webster Bell Schedule during Distance Learning

8:30 a.m.	School Begins
8:30- 9:00 a.m.	Wellness check-in and attendance
9:00 a.m.	Instructional Block 1
10:10-10:30 a.m.	2 nd -5 th Morning Recess (Revised time)
10:30-10:50 a.m.	TK-1 st Morning Recess
10:30 or :50 a.m.	Instructional Block 2
11:50-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Instructional Block 3 (STEAM choice on Thursdays)
1:00-1:30 p.m.	ELD English Language Development and Tier 2/3 Support
1:30 p.m.	Asynchronous Learning, PE, Planet Bravo, and Enrichment
1:45 p.m.	School Ends TK-K
3:00 p.m.	School Ends 1 st -5 th

Early Dismissal Mondays AND Minimum Days

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8:30- 9:00 a.m.	Wellness check-in and attendance
9:00 a.m.	Instructional Block 1
10:10-10:30 a.m.	2 nd -5 th Morning Recess (Revised time)
10:30-10:50 a.m.	TK-1 st Morning Recess
10:30 or :50 a.m.	Instructional Block 2
11:50 p.m.	School Ends TK-K
11:50-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Instructional Block 3 (STEAM choice on Thursdays)
1:00 p.m.	Asynchronous Learning
1:30 p.m.	School Ends 1 st -5 th

MINIMUM DAYS: Every Monday. Aug. 24, 25, Sept.1, Nov. 4, 5, 6, Dec. 18, Mar. 25, June 10, 11

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 14th **Webster Office Opens** We will be working remotely but you can expect emails to be answered and responded to. If you call the school, voice messages are routed to the email box of the person you called.

August 14th **Class Placement Assignments** were emailed to families.

August 17th **Parent Information Night TK/K-2 @5:30 p.m. and 3rd-5th @ 6:30 p.m.**
This will be hosted by Principal Daruty and PTA President Heather Campi. The agenda will include: grade level schedules, parent involvement “do’s and don’ts”, grading & attendance expectations, instructional strategies, material distribution dates, and how you can help our school be great!
<https://zoom.us/j/91081777478?pwd=cFMrMOE1OXovRGFMZWZPbTV5WFFWZz09> Meeting ID: 910 8177 7478 Passcode: 175212

August 20th **Grade/Teacher Specific Schedules will be emailed to parents by 5:00 p.m.**

August 21st **1:00- 5:00 p.m. Materials Pick-up Day** on the lawn. Please park in the lower parking lots. The side gate will be open for parents to enter the playground area. Tents will be set-up indicated by the grade level or teacher name. Parents MUST wear masks to enter the yard. Please maintain 6 feet social distance at all times. This event is for parents ONLY. PTA and school staff will be available to answer questions and direct foot traffic.

August 21st **TK and Kinder Reception @ 5:30 p.m.** (via zoom). Students and parents are invited to meet their teachers and new classmates. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to this special event!

<https://zoom.us/j/99810196777?pwd=OUtIM3BjaTISOVdqTFVOMGlncHJkQT09>

Meeting ID:99810196777 Passcode: 112345

August 24th **First Day of School: MINIMUM DAY**
TK/K @8:30 a.m.- 11:50 a.m. 1st -5th 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

August 25th **Second Day of School MINIMUM DAY**
TK/K @8:30 a.m.- 11:50 a.m. 1st -5th 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

August 26th **Meet the Webster Special Education Team @ 3:00 p.m.** Come meet our new team! If you child receives services through his/her IEP, we encourage you attend information meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/95490289262?pwd=Q2ZtVm83NXpFMTdBMUlLM3BhS004QT09>

MeetingID:95490289262 Passcode:650451

August 31st **Back to School Night (Via zoom)**

TK/K @ 5:00 p.m.
1st @ 6:00 p.m.
4th and 5th @ 7:00p.m

September 1st **MINIMUM DAY**
TK/K @8:30 a.m.- 11:50 a.m. 1st -5th 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

September 1st **Back to School Night (Via zoom)**
2nd @ 5:00 p.m.
3rd @ 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

As we know, the combined challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, social unrest due to racial injustice, social distancing measures and returning to distance learning can cause added stress for students and families. Teachers will be providing opportunities for social and emotional learning through distance learning class time as a way to build community and strengthen social and emotional wellness, and virtual support/counseling groups will be offered through school sites on various wellness topics. Individual mental health counseling support continues to be available for SMMUSD students through partnerships with community agencies as well as school

social work interns at many of our sites. If your child needs additional emotional support, contact your school principal (elementary schools) or grade level counselor (secondary schools) to get more information about how to get referred and connected.

Did you see the great news from our PTA? Malibu Foundation, a non-profit that supports the Malibu and surrounding communities, has given the PTA of both of the elementary schools of Malibu, an Emergency Grant. This gift allows us to continue our partnership with [Planet Bravo](#) to bring STEM instruction to our students and retain ALL of instructional aides! We are appreciative that the Malibu Foundation has stepped in during a time of real need in the community. Personally, I am so grateful for the generosity of the Malibu Foundation. I cannot imagine not having our talented aides at Webster Elementary. Our students have endured so much uncertainty and change over the past three years. Our aides will be able to provide structure and kindness during our small group activities. With genuine sincerity I cannot thank the Malibu Foundation enough.

We are launching our outreach and communications related to our ***Back to Learning 2020*** online parent/guardian district-wide conference scheduled on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 8:30 am – 12:45 pm. Please include the following links on your school parent/guardian communications:

Back to Learning 2020 Parent/Guardian Program and Registration Portal:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10xpy84znfWFsvz_7nyXQmmUkAOJGle20/view

Here are two videos with instructions on how to register for this online event:

English: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n2YXjimpALi38_0oUdZx-mmDHLv0z6adG/view

Spanish: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10xpy84znfWFsvz_7nyXQmmUkAOJGle20/view

Superintendent Anti-racism Message Our Board of Education and Superintendent recently sent out this [message](#). Webster is fully onboard. Webster teachers will be following up with lessons and learning projects to support equity through excellence.

Meal service: Children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program will be able to pick up free breakfast and lunch from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Monday-Friday at the following schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. SMMUSD families may go to any of these schools even if not enrolled there. All students under the age of 18 will be served. A parent or guardian must be present, except high school students may participate on their own. We are providing grab-and-go bagged meals. If you or your child are sick, do not come to school. **This will continue through the summer. School year breakfast pick-up times will be adjusted.**

Visit the SMMUSD [Family Resources](#) website that contains instructional materials by grade span in all core subjects that will continue to be updated with additional resources and materials to support parents who are supporting students at home during this extended closure. Visit the

Distance Learning, Instructional Resources or Community Resource pages in the link above for important and helpful information.

OTHER INFORMATION:

New Student Enrollment: Spread the word, we are enrolling NOW for the 2020-21 school year. It will be all done electronically. Please read the [Webster Enrollment Process](#) memo or reach out to Michael Ward, michaele.ward@smmusd.org for more information.

Annual Registration Documents 2020-2021 - Turn in Four (4) Forms

(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 [Student Services Department 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. Here is the link to the documents and **four (4) forms**: <https://www.smmusd.org/Registration>

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**

Webster Office staff will keep track of all four forms. Please send your **four (4) signature pages** to Michael Ward at mward@smmusd.org by the end of the first week of school.

Once Webster Office staff receives the signed forms back, the responses will be recorded **in our student information database** for the two areas below:

- Technology use (use internet release button) and
- Photo Release

District Announcements: <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58471>. SMMUSD posts information parents may find valuable on the WEBSTER homepage. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

Webster Weekly: This will be sent out every Sunday night during the school year. The newsletters are archived on our website at: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2918>.

For the latest PTA news from Webster, follow us at @ptawebster on twitter.