



John L. Webster Elementary School

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Principal, Lila Daruty

Webster Weekly 9-8-20

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Webster Parents,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Despite the hot temperatures, I hope you were able to enjoy some rest and relaxation. The extra day was a well-deserved break for everyone. The staff and students at Webster have been working diligently to make the distance learning experience a success. I am very proud of our students, teachers, and staff. Please remember to thank your child's teacher for their hard work! Please take this short [SURVEY](#) to share how the Distance Learning Experience is going thus far.

Your proud principal,
Ms. Daruty

THIS WEEK:

Welcome to our newest Webster Whale, Ms. Abigail Galletti. She will be teaching kindergarten. We are excited to welcome her to our amazing community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 14th **Materials Pick-Up.** Some families have yet to pick-up their materials for this year or the bag of personal items left in your child's classroom from last year. Please come collect these items! Our auditorium will be left open to retrieve these items **EVERY Monday**, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and enter by the side auditorium door.

Tuesday September 15th **Mrs. Jessica Hernandez's Retirement Celebration @3:00-4:30 p.m.** This will be a drive-thru celebration at Webster school.

Wednesday, September, 16th **School Site Council Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/94380824556?pwd=WlJGNu9QTmQrZ01xRHh2aFd0V3V5dz09>
Meeting ID: 943 8082 4556 Passcode: 572798

Thursday, September 17th **Volunteer Training @ 3:00 p.m.**

Additional Dates: 10/1

<https://zoom.us/j/95871538981?pwd=WE5PaE8xMGRHR1hrWDVYZm91bnkwQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7153 8981 Passcode: WEBSTER



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Friday, September, 18th

Coffee with the Principal @ 10 a.m.

Additional dates: 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

<https://zoom.us/j/92269746755?pwd=TDU4bzFXM2szQ21HNk90MEpCRWphZz09>

Meeting ID: 922 6974 6755 Passcode: WEBSTER

Monday, September, 28th

NO SCHOOL/LOCAL HOLIDAY

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Last Friday was we Mrs. Jessica Higuchi-Hernandez's last day as a Kindergarten teacher at Webster Elementary. It is bittersweet to see Mrs. Hernandez retire after so many years of dedicated service to our students, families and community. But we wish her well in this next journey of her life! Please join us in celebrating her teaching career at Webster, on Tuesday September 15th from 3:00-4:30 p.m. If you would like to help us plan this drive-thru celebration please email Ms. Daruty.

A FAREWELL LETTER FROM MRS. HERNANDEZ: Well, I came to Webster in September of 1989 on a district leave of absence from Directing John Adams Child Development Center in Santa Monica. I never returned to my administrative job at John Adams as I found "my happy place", at beautiful Webster Elementary. My first year I had 32 Kindergartners. I was so lucky to have in my class the SMMUSD Board of Education President and the President of Pepperdine University children in my first class. I was provided with the support of a life time! I have had the opportunity to work with about 1,000 Webster children in my 31 years here in Malibu. I have taught through many conditions involving the weather: Floods, earthquakes, solar eclipses, fires, landslides, extremely high surf, snow, wind storms, pouring rain, heat waves as well as mostly absolutely breathtaking beautiful sunny days here at Webster. I feel so happy that I picked a job that I really liked. Going to work did not feel like work, as I loved so much about my job as a Kindergarten Teacher. I am glad that I had the experience of teaching in our Distance Learning Mode. It is very different to me from that of teaching in my Kindergarten Classroom. I have enjoyed making the transition and will take these newly learned skills with me as I venture out and continue to explore on my own time on my new journey enjoying my retirement! I have met so many friends at Webster. I think what I will miss the most are the kids. I love their energy, innocence and their sense wonder.

Aloha Nui Loa,

Jessica Higuchi-Hernandez

Parent Volunteer Trainings: Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom? There will be opportunities for you to volunteer whether we are in person or in distance learning. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the Webster community. Level 1 clearance is valid for up to four years. If you have Level 1 clearance, you do not need to be trained until it expires. However, while in Distance Learning you will need to sign a Distance Learning [confidentiality agreement](#). You can start by reaching out to your teacher expressing interest in volunteering. If you are unsure when your clearance expires you can contact the office for your expiration date. Please submit the signed confidentiality form to





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iterry@smmusd.org or michaeleward@smmusd.org. New parents must attend a volunteer training before they can begin volunteering. Please refer to the calendar for these training dates.

WEBSTER LIBRARY: We are excited to announce that Webster library books are available to be checked-out **once a week**. To see our current selection, please go to the [Webster Website](#). Select “Programs” and [E library](#). A list can be printed and emailed to our Elementary Library Coordinator, Ms. Peri Monte. Books are available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9-2:30 p.m. A labeled bag will be placed on a cart outside the school gates. Please drive-up using the curbside valet and retrieve your books. You may return books once a week on either Tuesday or Friday. Feel free to place your new list in your return bag. **Please do not return books on any other days than Tuesdays and Fridays between 9:00-2:30 p.m.** If students and parents want to know what is currently checked out on your student’s account, please reach out to Ms. Monte pmonte@smmusd.org.

Webster OFFICE HOURS- The school office is closed, except by appointment. We will answer phone calls between **9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. M-TH**. If you happen to get VM, please leave a message and it will be returned within 24 hours. Email is always the best way to reach the office!

webstersupport@smmusd.org technical support (i.e. Passwords, usernames, Chromebook repair)

michaele.ward@smmusd.org for enrollment and attendance.

iterry@smmusd.org for general office related questions.

khouseman@smmusd.org and yhernandez@smmusd.org for health records, immunizations and health office questions.

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 Michaele Ward at michaele.ward@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





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- Photo Release

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.

Back to Learning 2020 Video Library [LINK](#)

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.

DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION:

Distance Learning Handbook: Please read and review the attached handbook. It is also posted on our website for reference.

Tech support during distance learning: I understand that technical issues can be frustrating for our families and kiddos. We are here to help. We just ask that you adhere to the following guidelines when reaching out for tech support.

1. Begin by emailing webstersupport@smmusd.org. for student technical support related issues. Please **DO NOT** cc your teacher, the office, and the principal. We will try and respond within the hour if not addressing other tech user issues, while also supporting staff and taking care of daily technology task or unforeseen network issues. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, then feel free to elevate your request to additional staff.
2. Be specific in your request. "It doesn't work" is not helpful. Instead, say things like the "student login account, zoom link, Internet, Chromebook settings do not work."
3. Name your student and teacher. We cannot help you if you say "my child can't log in" or the "Teacher didn't send code"(again, no name included, what teacher?)
4. Student SMMK12 accounts & default passwords can be provided. Please email Webstersupport@smmusd.org.
5. We are unable to fix home Internet service connectivity issues but can try to assist or help parent troubleshoot. For those students that have District issued Hotspots they may also experience connectivity issues, these devices work off cellular towers so if they are in a remote area where cell use is spotty, most likely the device will not be useful to them.
6. Chromebooks/Hotspots: If your child needs a hotspot or Chromebook we will provide one. Please contact webstersupport@smmusd.org.

Student Schedules: Teachers will email the upcoming week's schedule to parent's sometime between Friday and Sunday before 5:00 p.m. Please take the time to review it. As we get into a rhythm, you will see that the schedule will be very similar each week. To assist your student with their schedule you may consider setting a timer so they know exactly when to join their zoom call.





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Small Groupings: Teachers cannot guarantee that students will be placed with other students in their “home pods” during Distance Learning Instruction. Students are thoughtfully placed in small, flexible, learning groups that honor each student’s learning profile. It is an ongoing process we revisit often. We may build groups heterogeneously or homogeneously. Additional criteria used may include, gender, academic ability level, behavior, peer interactions, English Language Learners, and students with special needs. We cannot add “home learning pod” to our criteria as it would compromise the integrity of the differentiated support we know ALL students deserve.

Morning Meeting and Social- Emotional Learning (SEL) Mon-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. daily. 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.

PLANET BRAVO The 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](http://www.planetbravo.com) to bring STEM instruction to our students. We are excited to have Mrs. Ainsley teaching classes for us! Parents can also reach out to Planet Bravo for technical support. Please visit www.planetbravo.com/assist. The Planet Bravo team can provide you answers and support for your questions.

PE and Planet Bravo Programming: The Webster Distance Learning programming offers students afternoon learning opportunities that include PE and Planet Bravo enrichment. These courses are beyond the instructional minute requirements from the CDE during distance learning. But as school, we feel these opportunities provide students a well-rounded experience. Students in grades 1st-5th will receive a participation grade in P.E. I strongly encourage your child to attend these courses and connect with their peers!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Meal service: Children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program can receive grab-and-go breakfast and lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 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. Please see the attached flier for pricing.





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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.

BGCM Wellness Center & Social Service Offerings:

Webster/Malibu Elementary

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. This fall, we will be offering:

Virtual "Power Hour" free homework help/tutoring

Power Hour "Homework Help" Provided by The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu

Malibu Elementary & Webster Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 3-4PM)

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/95808140175?pwd=MzhsQIR6MmNBaVN4cmdLNjByYzBCUT09>

Passcode: 402635

School Time & After Care:

Due to limited capacity restrictions in relation to COVID-19, we will offer on-site school care, during traditional school hours, and after school care for those who qualify. We will provide academic support, outdoor sports activities and enrichment camps, and daily breakfast, lunch, and healthy snacks provided for students who meet free & reduced lunch guidelines. This service will be available on a first come, first serve basis, with current Club members receiving priority. Please contact the Club for enrollment forms and for qualification details.

In partnership with the City of Malibu, (for Grades K-5th) outdoor sports activities and enrichment camps will be offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3:30-5PM. Stay tuned for more information on how to register, pricing, and location.

Skate sessions (for Ages 6-12 years) through the **Johnny Strange Legacy Inspire Skate Program** will start Sept 14 and take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:30PM at the Teen Center. Registration begins 8/31 and there are limited spots available. First come first serve, no refunds. Please email skate@bgcmalibu.org for more info & to sign up.

For Program Enrollment/To Learn More or For Inquiries:





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Email info@bgcmalibu.org Call 310-457-2582

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Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings:

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center will continue to operate remotely, offering virtual Telehealth through online counseling sessions. We are excited to announce **Wellness Without Walls, Building Resilience in Our Community**, a program which offers individual & family support services providing tailored family services; programs, and resources for individuals, families, and the greater Malibu community. Services include: mental health counseling, crisis intervention, healthcare resources, workforce development, assistance for domestic abuse/violence, assistance with immigration challenges, ESL resources, and more to SMMUSD students and families. Please contact Director of Social Support Services, Peggy Zherdev peggyzherdev@bgcmalibu.org or visit www.bgcmalibuwellness.org for more information on how to access these no-cost counseling services.

Wellness Center Referrals Made Easy

Updated and easy to complete referral forms! Anyone can request services and or make a referral. Visit the Wellness Center website "Forms" section www.bgcmalibuwellness.org/referral-form

Wellness Center and Support Services Phone Directory

Main Line is 310-457-6801 ext. 74141

- Ext 74142 Director of The Wellness Center, Randi Goodman, LMFT #52964
- Ext 74143 Director of Social Support Services, Peggy Zherdev, MSW, MPPA, ASW #95390
- Ext 74144 Director of Community Outreach & Program Impact, Siugen Constanza

Emergency Calls or Teen Text Hotline 310-691-6523

Note: These numbers are on the school website under the Staff Directory.

OTHER INFORMATION:

All Californians can participate in the **2020 Census** and make a difference today! There are four easy ways to fill out the form:

- Online at my2020census.gov
- By phone at 844-330-2020
- By mail if you received a paper form
- In person with an enumerator





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- “Completing your 2020 Census questionnaire now will help California’s students, families and communities for the next 10 years.”
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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.

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 on twitter, Facebook and Instagram @ptawebster.

