



John L. Webster Elementary School

3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265

WEBSTER WEEKLY

Archived Webster Weekly Newsletters

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Nov 15, 2021

Dear Webster Families-

I hope you had a wonderful weekend.

Congratulations to the winners of our PTA Reflections Contest!

- **Film Production / Intermediate: "I'll Change the World by Making it a Better Place" - Ellie Epstein**
- **Literature / Intermediate: "I Will Change the World By..." - Legend Rocca**
- **Music Composition / Intermediate (3-5): "Earth is All We Got" - Juniper Benjamin-McKee**
- **Visual Arts / Primary: "Litter is Disqualified" - Lyle Sokoloff**
- **Visual Arts / Intermediate: "Gown Town" - Lux Geraghty**

***Honorable mention to Lola Anderson's "The Fox," a literature submission which was scored just 0.16 lower than the winning entry.**

We received 39 submissions across the five categories this year! Every student submitted amazing, thoughtful work, and all participants will be recognized in a school assembly on Friday, 11/19. During the assembly, our winners will present their work. Winners have been submitted to the Santa Monica Malibu Council for submission to the District, State and National contests for consideration. We wish our student artists success!

Students can submit ideas for next year's Reflections theme (and a chance to win \$100) here: <https://capta.org/programs-events/reflections/theme-search/>

A HUGE thank you to our esteemed judges who took time out of their day to score the entries:

- Ann Buxie, Malibu Poet Laureate
- Julia Holland, Malibu Arts Commissioner
- Davida Raffa, Webster Elementary Art Teacher
- Lila Daruty, Principal, Webster Elementary
- Jessie Muchmore, Webster PTA Board Representative, Parent & Spirit Wear Committee
- Laura Angotti, Spirit Wear Chair, former Guggenheim Preparator and Owner, Rowdy Sprouts Rocker Tees



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Webster PTA is proud to provide our students with weekly art class and would like to extend our art teacher's contract through next semester. The PTA provides 100% of the funding for art, and we need your support!

- Make a donation to support art at [Webster HERE](#)
- Join the next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, November 16th at 3:30 PM to vote yes to allocating the funds to our art program. [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 897 4435 3715 Passcode: 217273

Looking forward to an amazing week,

Principal Daruty

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 11/15

REGULAR COVID PCR TESTING every MONDAY: For those participating in free, on site testing each Monday, please speak positively about testing. Test results are received within 48 hours. You will only be notified if your child tests positive for COVID-19. The testing is intended to keep our community safe by identifying students and staff who are COVID-positive. Thank you to everyone for either 1) registering to test every Monday or 2) electing to submit outside PCR tests each week. Regular testing by all staff and students is required to attend school in -person. If you are not registered to test for free, at school, please submit your child's negative PCR test results by **Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.** If we do not have your child's negative results, they will not be able to attend school. The test should be dated between Tuesday and Sunday of each week. **USE THIS SURVEY TO SUBMIT AN OUTSIDE PCR TEST:** <https://forms.gle/QgH6cHhcyYkGCpRe9>.

TUESDAY 11/16

Math Club Parents: Please be advised that we do not open the gates to allow students in until 7:45 a.m. Do stay with your children and do not drop your children off early, as there is no one to supervise them before school. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Join us this Tuesday, November 16th at 3:30 PM for our [General PTA Meeting](#). Members will be voting to allocate funds to extend our art classes through next semester. Webster PTA provides 100% of the funds for our weekly art labs and amazing instructor Davida Raffa. To vote, you must be a current member of the PTA. To become a member, join [HERE](#). [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 897 4435 3715 Passcode: 217273

WEDNESDAY 11/17



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Prospective (for the 22-23 school year) Parent Tour @ 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 11/18

Webster School Site Council Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. via zoom [Agenda](#)

Please be advised that the regular **Board of Education meeting** will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6 p.m. (not the usual 5:30 p.m.). Please note that this meeting will follow Format B. To view the agenda and read more about the specific board meeting formats, go to:

<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>

FRIDAY 11/12

PTA Reflection Assemblies. Grades TK-2nd @8:30 a.m. and grade 3rd-5th @9:10 a.m. Parents of winners are invited to watch the assembly. VERY IMPORTANT: Please contact Isaura Terry @ iterry@smmusd.org, to be sure you are cleared to be on campus.

WEBSTER WEAR FRIDAYS- Encourage your child to wear their Webster Wear every Friday! The classroom with the most students wearing Webster Wear will care for *Webster the Whale* in their classroom. Congratulations to **room 2 and 8** who won this week!

SCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VACCINATIONS: CDC Grants Emergency Approval for Ages 5-11. On November 2, 2021, the CDC approved emergency use of the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11. The district is encouraging all eligible students to receive the vaccine. If you need to schedule a vaccination appointment during the school day, please email Michael Ward, michael.ward@smmusd.org the reason for your child's absence. This would be an excused absence.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to help us share your parent perspective during our Prospective Parent Tours? We need your help. Ms. Daruty will provide you with a "cheat sheet" about specifics. So you'll be prepared for any question. Please consider volunteering to be a Parent Ambassador! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caeac2fa5fc1-campus>

MATHEMAGICAL Family Math Afternoon 12/3 @ 1:45 p.m. - Join your students after school on Friday Dec. 3rd for a fun math exploration. Students and their accompanying parents will engage in exciting math activities to learn why math counts!





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WINTER CHORAL CONCERT- 12/15 @ 8: 45 a.m. You are cordially invited to our annual winter concert and community sing-a-long. Each class will perform a holiday song on stage. Parents are invited to this outdoor event to kick-off the holiday season and build community. Parents will enter school outdoors and seated in a special viewing section. All guests must be masked.

LOST AND FOUND- Please look through the wardrobe rack in the front of school. Items will be donated if not claimed by Dec. 17th.



PICTURE DAY: Webster Elementary Portraits are ready! To view your child's proofs:

- Click here: <https://trishalisonphotography.zenfolio.com/f569810484>
- When prompted to enter **YOUR CHILD'S LAST NAME** for the "keyword"

Please Also Note:

- 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 \$34 each, and \$41 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 \$250.
- You have the ability to crop photos as you wish when checking out!

Please direct any ordering questions directly to trish@trishalisonphotography.com





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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: **11/23**, 12/17, 3/31, 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.

Calendar of Events

[SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#)

Tues.	11/16	Math Club @ 7:50 a.m. 4th grade in room 17 / 5th grade in room 1.
Tues.	11/16	General PTA meeting Zoom link Meeting ID: 897 4435 3715 Passcode: 217273
Thurs.	11/18	School Site Council Meeting Agenda @3:30 p.m.
Fri.	11/19	PTA Reflections Winners Assembly 8:30 (TK-2) and 9:10 (3rd-5th)
Tues.	11/23	Minimum Day (Mini Day 6 of 10)TK/K= 12:30 p.m. 1st - 5th= 1:15 p.m.
Wed.	11/24-26	Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL
Fri.	12/03	Mathemagica: Family Math afternoon @ 1: 45 p.m.
Wed.	12/15	Winter Choral Concert @ 8:45 a.m. (outdoor event parents invited)
Fri.	12/17	Minimum Day (Mini Day 7 of 10) TK/ K= 12:30 p.m. 1st - 5th @ 1:15 p.m.
Mon.	12/20-12/31	Winter Recess- NO SCHOOL
Mon.	01/03	Secondary Schools Pupil Free day
Wed.	02/23	City of Malibu sponsored family Hike @ 5:15pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

At the November 4 board meeting, the SMMUSD Board of Education will adopt a resolution honoring National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month.





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November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.

Following are some great resources with videos, lesson plans, and activities for teachers, students, and parents:

- [National Education Association](#)
- [Education World](#)
- [Teacher Vision](#)
- [BrainPOP!](#)

Wellness Center Parenting Circle: Thursdays from 7-8 pm. They will start with two separate groups by language and split parents of teens from parents of elementary-aged kids. We also want to include parents of children with behavioral challenges, neurodiversity, and learning disabilities. The groups will run weekly **through Dec 9th**. The flyer does require registration, so we know who is coming and how many to expect. Register here: <https://bit.ly/CirculodeApoyo>

K-12 Coastal Art and Poetry Contest

- California students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to submit artwork or poetry with a California coastal or marine theme to the Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. Entries can be submitted online until midnight **January 31st, 2022**.
- For rules, contest flyer, entry form (and helpful links for teachers and students), please visit www.coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry. The instructions, flyer, and entry form are also available in [Spanish](#). (If you need the flyer emailed instead, please let me know.) Alternatives to online entry are available if needed.
- Up to ten winners will be selected to win \$100 gift certificates to an art supply store (for artists) or bookstore (for poets). Each winner's sponsoring teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate for educational supplies, courtesy of [Acorn Naturalists](#). Students may have their work featured on Commission web pages and materials, and winners and honorable mentions will be exhibited throughout the state, as conditions allow.





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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:**

[Webster Elementary Family Hike](#)

[Girls Skateboarding Clinic](#)

Afterschool [Winter Programs](#)

[Winter Day Camps](#)

The Emily Shane Foundation Presents Butterfly Magic Fundraiser

An Afternoon of Entertainment, Music, and More!

Sunday, November 14th, 2021

2:30 - 5:00 PM

Outdoors at Alumni Park, Pepperdine University, Malibu CA

Featuring:

- Deborah Zara Kobylt award-winning podcaster/TV reporter returns as M
- Les Sabler acclaimed jazz composer, recording, and performing artist
- Musicians Robin Hild and Perry Gentile
- Spectacular Magic Show by International Master Magician Lex Schwart
- Malibu Middle/High School Student Orchestra and Choir
- Experience walking amongst the distinctive sculptures by artist Ann Krasn
- 3 Hearts Strings Bracelets
- Kids' Activity Table
- Savage Tacos Food Truck
- Scooter's Sweet Shack Food Truck
- Silent Auction
- Amazing Butterfly Release
- ...and much more!

Admission is FREE

Butterfly Sponsorships (\$10 each) strongly encouraged.

Your opportunity to provide essential academic and mentorship support to the children served by our SEA Program*

Click [HERE](#) for Event Details and Butterfly Sponsorships!

PTA INFORMATION:

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 Whale Fund Donors:



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Room Sponsors

Ifft Family

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 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

Email: sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org

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 Programs Academic Year 2021-2022, [ENROLL NOW at BGCMALIBU.ORG](#) BGCM 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!





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· Mark Your Calendars! Giving Tuesday is right around the corner. Consider participating in Giving Tuesday on November 30th! Visit bgcmalibu.org/donate to make a year-end tax deductible donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu.

Help BGCM continue to provide after school enrichment programs, mental health counseling, social support services, and MORE to the community!

THANK YOU!

· City of Malibu Enrichment Programs, For grades TK-5th, sessions offering science, karate, and yoga. Visit malibucity.org/register to register. Enrollment opens Monday, November 15 with classes beginning in January 2022. One-day workshops offering gardening and hip hop dance are available for free to BGCM members. Please contact Director of Elementary Programs sebastianspiroglou@bgcmalibu.org

· BGCM Wellness Center presents "Parenting Circle", a weekly workshop starting Oct 14. Taking place every Thursday from 7-8pm via zoom. [Register Here](#). Parents with children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us. Parents will gain support for:

- Ideas on how to help their behavior improve at home/school
- Learn about parenting styles that can help improve the relationship with your child
- What it means to take care of yourself & be the best version of you around your child

Si necesita el grupo en español, haga clic [aquí](#)

· 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!

*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 [Here!](#)

Health and Safety Measures: Layers of Mitigation





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Check your email every night. Please check your email daily, including each night and each morning before coming to school, to see if a positive COVID-19 case has been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to quarantine. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing.

LINTELO HEALTH SCREENING TOOL - USE EVERY DAY. It is provided to SMMUSD through a company called Company Nurse. It is easy to use and it is now ready to use! If your account is on hold or you have questions about the app, please reach out to the school office!

Students can start now registering as users via the following link:
<https://smmusdstudentcovidscreen.lintelio.com/>

Staff can now start registering as users via the following link:
<https://smmusdstaffcovidscreen.lintelio.com>

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

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. Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Michael Ward michael.ward@smmusd.org

ADULT MASKING: 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.

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





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conditions that do not accommodate the face shield and drape may request a reasonable accommodation from the school or district.

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.

