

Webster Weekly 2-23-2020

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Webster Parents,

Unstructured play is important to a child's development. Play benefits social skills and teamwork. Children take turns, learn to listen and share, develop imaginary scenarios and make decisions together. Morning and lunch recess at Webster afford these opportunities. It's their chance to utilize the skill-building lessons learned in Physical Education instruction and generalize these tools without direct, adult instruction. We know that this requires practice! Teachers and campus monitors are available during playtime to monitor student safety. To ensure that our students are making great choices we need parental support reminding students of the following:

- Get in the habit of asking, "Is this is a problem I can solve on my own or with my friends?" If not, please ask an adult for help.
- Inclusion. Everyone gets to play. This may require subbing in or out for games like basketball or soccer. Encourage a way to adjust the game so that everyone has a way to participate.
- Understand the rules before you play. Ask your friends about the boundaries and make agreements. This will help avoid disappointment if the game turns out to be something you weren't expecting.
- Please no equipment from home. We have everything you could need! We want to avoid children excluding others from play by insisting for example (It's my ball so I get to decide who plays with it.)
- We don't play TAG (or any version of it). This can quickly turn into a game of exclusion and often gets too physical. This includes TAG on the play structure.
- Use kind language. Winning or losing can evoke big feelings. Be mindful of what "getting out" feels like. Demonstrate sportsmanship by using phrases such as, "Don't give up! Great try! It's okay, tomorrow is a new game."

For children who prefer to spend their free time not engaged in sports we offer the following options.

- Art Cart with Ms. Yoilee. This is a chance to color, draw and create!
- Reading in the library with Ms. Monte (during upper recess).
- Wednesday Lunch Bunch in room 18 with Mrs. Walser.
- Help Ms. Kathy with campus clean-up. We can always use help raking the fig tree leaves and trash pick-up.

Warmly,  
Ms. Daruty

## **THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:**

### **MONDAY: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

- **Phil's Cott's Memorial Planning Meeting @ Dierdre Roney's home @10:00 a.m. 20538 Seaboard Road, Malibu.**

### **TUESDAY: Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

- **MATH CLUB @8:00 a.m.**
- **ELAC Meeting @5:30-6:30 p.m. in the library**

### **WEDNESDAY: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

- **LEXIA LAB- 9:10am and 9:40am. For invited students, only.**
- **LUNCH BUNCH @ 12:00 p.m. room 18**
- **Wellness Center Lunch Bunch for K students @11:50 a.m.**
- **Wellness Center 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys Friendship Group @ 3:00- 3:45 p.m. at the lunch benches**

### **THURSDAY: Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

- **5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to MMS @9:00 a.m.**
- **Wellness Center Lunch Bunch for K students @11:50 a.m.**

### **FRIDAY: Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**

- **Read Across America Kick-off Assembly@ 12:45 and 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium (see flyer)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION Parent input forum** at the PDLC on March 2 from 8:45-10 a.m. This will allow parents to tell us what is going well with our sped programs and what they would like to see in the short term and in the long term. Feel free to attend. See flyer.

**Parent Involvement Survey:** The online survey can be taken from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. Parents and guardians, check your email for an invitation, or access it directly at <https://survey.k12insight.com/r/1920-SMMUSD-ParentSurvey>. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are strictly confidential. The survey asks for feedback on parent involvement, district communication, and parent-teacher relationships. The results will help the district measure its progress and continue to make meaningful changes in schools and classrooms across Santa Monica-Malibu USD.

**California School Parent Survey** is a companion to the California Healthy Kids Survey for students, administered by the California Department of Education. Together, the two surveys provide schools with valuable data for school improvements.

**Webster Elementary:** <https://surveys.wested.org/csps/JW773HE>

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The purpose of the ELAC is to provide guidance and advice to the principal and staff with regards to the needs of students who are learning English as a second language. In achieving this purpose, parents of English Language Learners are welcome to join the committee. This is a public meeting therefore ALL parents are invited to attend. Our next meeting will be held on February 25, 2020 @5:30 p.m. in the library. Dinner and childcare will be provided. You can agendas, minutes and meeting dates online at: <http://www.webster.smmusd.org/elac.html>

**Career Day-** rescheduled 3/6 @ 8:15am-10:30 am. We are looking for adults from diverse backgrounds with a variety of interesting careers who can speak to classes for 15 minutes each on Friday, March 6th! This event will be the culmination of Read Across America Week. Your presentation should highlight how your dedication to reading influenced the road to your career. We ask that you share your enthusiasm for your career and the path you took to get there. HINT: READING! You can discuss challenges and share your advice for our students as they think about their futures! Ms. Daruty will send out the schedule and confirm your participation this week.

### **PTA AND COMMUNITY NEWS:**

#### **PHIL COTT July 2, 1951 - February 6, 2020**

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Phil passed away after a decade long bout with kidney cancer. Phil was born in Los Angeles and attended Venice High and UCLA. He inspired countless students and their families as a beloved elementary school principal in Malibu and a teacher in Culver City over a 40-year career. Mid-career, Phil attended law school and worked as a prosecutor in Los Angeles County before returning to his true calling in public education. Phil was also well known as a youth baseball coach for many years in Mar Vista and for stretching a routine single into a stand-up double in a softball league for almost 2 decades. Phil was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and lifelong Dodger fan who will be forever missed by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing him. He will be remembered for his brilliant wit, compassion, leadership, and complete lack of pretension. He is survived by wife Charlee, children Rachel and Daniel, grandchildren Heaven and Paris, and siblings Doreen and Howard. Donations in memory of Phil Cott can be made to the Kidney Cancer Association. A Celebration of Life memorial is taking place on Saturday, March 7th at 2pm at Webster School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu. A video tribute of Phil's life will play on a loop at 1pm in the cafetorium before and after the service. A reception will follow the service in Webster School's Poet's Park.

**WEBSTER TALENT SHOW 2019-2020:** Purchase a copy of this fantastic event! Consider a donation of \$20 for the amazing video. Special thanks to Ms. Neda and Ulf Soderqvist for their hard work and dedication to the Webster family. Big thank you to Ben Bryant, Catherine Malcolm and Zoe Shapiro for all of your support!

**Girl Scouts of America.** Interested in starting a Girl Scout troop at Webster school? It takes parents like yourselves to help us start troops so we can bring the benefits of Girl Scouts into our community. Girl Scouts is a place where your daughters will flourish, and in the same note,

so will you. It is a positive influence for all girls, helping them to build leadership skills of tomorrow and making new friends. Please contact Mirlet Victorio, to get started today! [mvictorio@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:mvictorio@girlscoutsla.org) or 626-677-2335.”

**THE MALIBU SPECIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION:** An evening of Support and Advocacy  
Held in a relaxing home environment, we offer support for parents of children with special needs who struggle with figuring out the special education system, finding developmentally appropriate support for their child, and how best to function at home and at school. Bring your questions and answers. Dinner and drinks are provided. The meetings will be held at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. Please RSVP to Suzy Forman at [msefbu@gmail.com](mailto:msefbu@gmail.com)

### **SAFETY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:**

**NUT ALLERGIES-** This year, we welcome several students to our classrooms with food allergies. Reactions range from mild to *life threatening*. We invite and ask for your help and cooperation to keep ALL of our students safe. A child with a serious nut allergy can suffer a reaction by simply touching a nut-containing food. The most effective way to prevent a possible life-threatening allergic reaction is avoidance of all nuts, peanut butter, and products containing nut or nut oil, peanut flour, or “traces of nuts” listed as one of the ingredients. In order to protect our students, the following safety guidelines will be in effect:

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1. Please do not send any nuts, peanut butter or foods containing nuts or nut butter to be eaten as snacks in the classroom. For example- Nutella.
2. We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve nuts, nut butter, or nut containing products.
3. If you are sending in treats for a party (i.e. holidays, etc), please be diligent in checking the ingredients. If you are making the treat, be mindful of cross – contamination in your kitchen. As a reminder, no food products should be brought in for birthday celebrations, per our wellness policy. For birthdays, consider pencils, stickers or non-food items.
4. If your child ate a nut product for breakfast, we ask that you please make sure that his or her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. After lunch, we will encourage all students to wash their hands after they eat. Hand washing should always be encouraged before and after eating.
5. Although children with nut allergies (should) know not to share food with others, please educate your children so they know not to trade or share food, utensils and food containers with any other student.

Faculty and staff, including our cafeteria staff and aides, have been trained to respond to an allergic reaction. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our students here at Webster Elementary. Your help and support are vital and much appreciated.

**MORNING DROP-OFF:** I cannot stress **the importance** of using the curbside valet during drop-off. Arrive a little early and avoid morning stress. If you prefer to walk your child into the gates (TK and K) please park in the lower lot and walk them up. There are only (2) two 15 minute parking spots and they are reserved for PreK families who are REQUIRED to sign-in their children. If you drive past the curbside drop-off and try to drop off children in the upper lot, you:

- Cause traffic congestion backing up the valet line.
- Put your child at risk! It is unsafe to let them out in a parking lot.
- Make it difficult for staff to access their parking spaces.

Please help us be respectful to our neighbors (OLM and Malibu Glass) and DO NOT USE their parking spaces or lot to park.

Please help us work together and keep Webster safe!

**NO MORNING SUPERVISION:** The school office opens at 8:10 daily and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Please do not leave your child at school before this time. There is no morning supervision. On Late start Wednesday, you may sign-up for morning care through our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu.

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Introducing the “Oops I Forgot” counter.** If you or your child forgets something at home, you may bring it to the office for them to pick it up. Please remind your child to check this counter, if they forget their instrument or lunch. The office will kindly leave a note in the teacher’s box or send an email. We WILL NOT call the classroom unless it is an important message.

Instructional time is precious. It is very disruptive to the learning process to call the classroom for every child who forgets a book, water bottle or snack. We ask that you work together with your child to remember instruments and their pick-up plan, prior to drop-off.

**COMMUNICATION:** Are you receiving emails, blackboard messaging and school updates? 1) Please stop by the office to make sure you are on school our notification list and that your contact information is correct. 2) The PTA sends out the weekly newsletter from the Membership Toolkit Platform. You will need to enter/update your information in the toolkit in order to receive the newsletter. You can sign up here: [websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://websterpta.membershiptoolkit.com). 3) Consider downloading the SMMUSD application to your smartphone. Search SMMUSD and download today!

**LOST AND FOUND:** Items were collected on Friday. We left items with student names. If you are looking for something please email Kim Retts @ck.retts@gmail.com. Thank you, Kim, for your support in keeping our campus clean!

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2020:** Will be held June 18 – July 15 at MES. The programs will include IISS and ESY. Invitations will be sent to qualifying students.

**The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu** is located in four public schools in the area and is always available to provide services that help promote healthy social and emotional support to all students in the Malibu Public School District. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Randi Goodman (LMFT #52964) at randigoodman@bgcmalibu.org or at 310-691-6523.

**FLYER DISTRIBUTION UPDATE:** Our school district is going green with @Peachjar! Parents will now receive flyers digitally. This transition will save our schools time and money while ensuring information makes it home to parents. Visit <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58472>

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