

Webster Weekly 3-2-2020

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Webster Parents,

This week we celebrate **Read Across America**. Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association that began in 1997. One part of the project is National Read Across America Day, an observance in the United States held on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. At Webster school students will begin the week by taking a reading pledge. <https://youtu.be/BRQ4b87C4eE> They will be encouraged to read for 20 minutes nightly. For each night of reading, they will be given one stripe to add to the hat upon Cat in Hat's head. This display will be proudly hung in the cafetorium for everyone to celebrate. On Monday and Tuesday, I will be the guest reader in all classrooms reading some of Dr. Seuss' favorite titles. Teachers will engage in various activities throughout the week to promote our love of reading. On Friday we conclude the week with **Career Day**. Our parent/family speakers will share how their love of literacy and an emphasis on reading have impacted their success in their careers. It's going to be a wonderful week celebrating the gifts reading, storytelling and literacy enrich our lives.

Warmly,  
Ms. Daruty

### **THIS WEEK AT WEBSTER:**

#### **MONDAY: March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK BEGINS**
- **Dr. Seuss - Guest Reader Ms. Daruty**

#### **TUESDAY: March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- **MATH CLUB @8:00 a.m.**
- **Dr. Seuss- Guest Reader Ms. Majewski**

#### **WEDNESDAY: March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- **LEXIA LAB- 9:10am and 9:40am. For invited students, only.**
- **Lunch Bunch @ 12:00 p.m. room 18. All students invited.**
- **Lunch Bunch for Kinder students @11:50 a.m. For invited students, only.**
- **Boys Group @ 3:00- 3:45 p.m. For invited students, only.**

#### **THURSDAY: March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **Lunch Bunch for Kinder students @11:50 a.m. For invited students, only.**

#### **FRIDAY: March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- **PTA Executive Board Meeting @9:00 a.m.** room TBD
- **Career Day @ 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.** The *tentative* schedule will be emailed to all volunteers.

### **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.

"**A celebration of The Incredible Life of Phil Cott** will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The program will begin at 2:00, and will be held on the field at Webster School, 3602 Winter Canyon Rd., Malibu. All friends of Phil are welcome. Carpooling is strongly suggested. Dress: neckties encouraged!"

### **STAIRWAY TO THE STARS**

Choir Night - Monday, March 16 Noche del Coro - lunes, 16 de marzo

Orchestra Night - Friday, March 20 Noche de Orquesta - viernes, 20 de marzo

Band Night - Thursday, March 26 Noche de Banda - jueves, 26 de marzo

All concerts begin at 7:00pm. Reserve your tickets at  
[https://smapa.formstack.com/forms/stairway\\_vips](https://smapa.formstack.com/forms/stairway_vips)

Director's Reception is immediately following the concert Barnum Hall Green Room. We are offering reserved seats this year. Please RSVP as soon as possible. **PARKING INFORMATION:** Please plan to park in the Civic Parking Structure on 4th Street. There is limited Disabled Person Parking on the Samohi Campus if you have a placard or DP License plates. Please enter through the gate on Olympic Boulevard between 4th Street and Lincoln. If you require special assistance, please let us know: [stairway@smmusd.org](mailto:stairway@smmusd.org)

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

**Javier Monzon, Webster parent and Pepperdine biology professor**, received a grant from the Society for the Study of Evolution to bolster science at Webster. The \$1000 grant will fund STEM with Skulls, a multi-week outreach activity that aims to promote children's scientific exploration, quantitative reasoning, and appreciation of local wildlife through animal skulls. Webster students will work alongside Pepperdine biology students as they explore questions about animals and gather evidence to test scientific hypotheses.

**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.”

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**THE MALIBU SPECIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION:** Please join the Malibu Special Education Foundation in welcoming the SMMUSD Director of Special Education, Deanna Sienfield, to our next Wine and Whine monthly Support and Advocacy group meeting.

SMMUSD is holding a Special Education Round Table at the District office on March 2, 2020 at 8:45 to discuss proposed changes to Special Education due to the fiscal crisis in our District. Since that is a difficult time for Malibu residents to make the meeting, Deanna has offered to come and speak to us at our March 4th Meeting. This will be an opportunity to not only get caught up with what is happening at a District level, but also a very valuable opportunity to ask questions and raise your concerns. For those of you who have been joining us from outside the SMMUSD, please attend as well, as I'm sure this will be very informative to us all. Please try to attend this important meeting. Deanna needs to know that Malibu families are concerned with policies that affect us, and that we as a population need the same attention as those in Santa Monica. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 from 6:30-9:30 pm  
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:**

We are continuing to provide you with the latest information about the coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which is causing concern globally and in our communities. We first posted information on all school websites on Feb. 8th, with information and resources. As of today, the risk for contracting the coronavirus remains low in Los Angeles. Currently, there is only one known case in Los Angeles County. There are currently no circumstances necessitating school closures in LA County. However, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) did advise that it expects more cases in the United States and that communities should be prepared for a further, possibly generalized, spread. Read more of the letter here:

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/1792/Drati-CoronavirusUpdate022820.pdf>>

Through support from Webster PTA, we are re-filling the hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms.

Use this video to talk with your children about what they can do to keep healthy!

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

**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. The gate is open for students to enter campus at 8:20 a.m. 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:**

**Deputy Jake and the STAR Program** are hosting a Camp in Malibu. The camp will be held at Calamigos Ranch during the weeks of July 20 and 27 from around 8 am to 4 pm each day. Food will be included. The cost is \$375 per camper for the week. It includes Sheriff's Department presentations (like the K-9's, or the Bomb Squad), and they will take a couple of field trips (Dodger Game or 6 Flags, the beach and maybe one more). It's a great deal for parents and a good opportunity for us to continue our partnership with Deputy Jake outside of school. Please see the attached flier.

**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.

### **Article from The Wellness Center at The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu**

#### **Raising Self-Sufficient Children**

Self-sufficiency describes the ability of a child to understand and fulfill their own needs. Allowing your child to develop a sense of independence is crucial for his/her success in the classroom and in the world. Each parent has their own individual parenting style; however, at times, that parenting style may not align with the child's needs. The world today is increasingly anxiety-inducing for children. Due to this, parenting styles should encourage independence and self-sufficiency. Some of the risks for not setting boundaries and clear expectations can lead to difficulty in the classroom, depression and anxiety, social issues, and a lack of other self-regulating skills.

The following 5 tips are easy and quick ways for you and your family to promote self-sufficiency:

1. Give your child responsibilities around the house—break tasks into small, easy-to-understand steps
2. Allow your child to make their own choices and offer encouragement in choice selection
3. Allow them to make mistakes and learn from them
4. Offer assistance when he/she asks for help but try to remain hands-off until then
5. Encourage brainstorming multiple solutions whenever problems arise

**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](mailto: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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