

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: March 15, 2021

DID YOU REMEMBER TO “SPRING AHEAD?”

We are now on Daylight Saving Time

Special Schedule this week:

- Wednesday, March 17th – Periods 1 – 6 Friday short day schedule.
- Thursday, March 18th – Student Work Day – Mandatory live Check in with Period 2 class at 9:00 am featuring schoolwide activity. Asynchronous work for periods 2/4/6.
- Friday, March 19th – Student Work Day – Mandatory live Check in with Period 1 class at 9:00 am featuring schoolwide activity. Asynchronous work for periods 1/3/5.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Dear MMS/MHS Families,

This weekend, we hit the one year mark of our distance learning pandemic schooling experience and experiment. What a crazy year it has been! None of us knew that this would be our reality for now 365 days, and counting. We continue to be so proud of our students, our families, our teachers, and staff who have all worked to ensure that learning continues and that students are supported and challenged to the greatest extent possible, given the circumstances. We continue to believe that MMS and MHS are doing this better than almost anyone else, but also know that it does not compare to our normal in-person MMS and MHS experience.

As we move forward, still with a lot of unknowns, we are excited to begin to bring secondary students back on campus! Case rates have been steadily declining, and now that Los Angeles county has reached the red tier, we are able to resume some on-campus activities. However, it will not look and feel like our normal in person experience.

Distance Learning Plus activities for our middle and high school students will be held on Wednesday, March 24th and Thursday, March 25th. The sessions will be held from 1:30pm-3:00pm while students complete remote learning from home in the morning. See schedule [here](#).

Teachers are preparing activities and students will have the opportunity to sign up for one session. Due to social distancing, sessions are limited in the number of students who can sign up. Please make sure that your student only signs up for one session (either on Wednesday or Thursday) and please make sure they do not sign up unless they are 100% sure they can attend, as spaces are limited. It is important to note, that this Distance Learning Plus opportunity prior to spring break is a first step, largely to provide an optional enrichment activity on campus to meet a socialization and physical activity need. This enrichment activity is not part of the students classes and is not required.

Additionally, there are safety/health guidelines that we will need all students to follow which we will send home additional information soon. Our teachers will be back on campus this Thursday and Friday during the Student Work Days to finalize setting up their classrooms to ensure physical distancing. Please note, the Distance Learning Plus activities structure and model can adjust and increase after spring break. Additionally, a possible hybrid model in place of Distance Learning Plus is being explored.

Key Information:

- *[RSVP SURVEY](#): If you have not yet filled out this [survey](#), please do so ASAP. We need these numbers for our planning.*
- *DATES: Wednesday, March 24 or Thursday, March 25*
- *TIMES: 1:30pm-3:00pm (Please arrive between 1:00-1:25)*
- *BELL SCHEDULE: Click [HERE](#)*
- *SIGN UP: Sign Up Information will be sent home by Friday at 4:00pm*

Stay together Malibu,

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

INDEPENDENT STUDY PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ISPE) APPLICATIONS: ISPE Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available on the MHS Website ([HERE.](#)) Applications are due on

April 16, 2021 by 4:00 pm. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Applications may be returned three ways:

- IN PERSON – Drop off in the Administration Office (2nd Floor of the New Building. Enter off of Morning View Drive.)
- E-MAIL – e-mail your application to Athletic Director, Chris Neier at cneier@smmusd.org.
- MAIL – Mail to: ISPE Application, Malibu Middle School, 30215 Morning View Dr., Malibu 90265 (be sure to mail it with enough time to arrive before the deadline!)

UPDATED HEALTH SCREENING LINK: The Wellness Screening app has been updated. Please follow the directions linked [HERE](#) (Spanish version [HERE](#)) to download the “Beach Cities Health Screening Tool” to your mobile device. (You can also find it on the top, middle of the SMMUSD app store.) We ask that all staff, parents and students coming to campus utilize the health screening link to answer the health screening questions and show the green screen with the current date prior to entering campus. Please remember:

- Do not come to campus if you are not feeling well!
- Do not gather on campus. Maintain 6 feet of distance at all times!
- Always wear a mask when on campus!

MALIBU SHARKS SURF TEAM NEWS: We had 10 Finalists in the Scholastic Surf Series Contest at Ventura Point /C-Street on Saturday 3/6!!! Congrats to the following Sharks Middle School Surf Team members who placed!

- Boys Shortboard - Milo Faure ~ 1st, Caeh Carter ~ 2nd
- Boys Longboard – Hank Norby ~ 1st, Brody Gourson ~ 3rd, Asher Torres ~ 4th
- Bodyboard – Calvin Petkus ~ 2nd, Stevie Clarke ~ 3rd
- Girls Longboard - Allegra Barzan ~ 4th, Camille Garvin ~ 5th
- Girls Shortboard – Dilly Byford ~ 6th

Great job to everyone who competed!

HELP SELECT THE MMS MASCOT: UPDATE - Thank you to the tremendous number of you who already participated! If you haven't already, let your voice be heard and take the short, three question survey.

We need your help! Malibu Middle School is currently in the process of selecting a new mascot. To start this process, all of our students will begin a research project in which they will learn how to find a mascot that best represents our school's identity and history. One important aspect of this journey is to collect data from our community, students, and staff. Please take this [survey](#) to help us gather preliminary data regarding initial thoughts for our mascot. Keep in mind that sometime in April we will have a second survey as well. For more information about our search for the perfect mascot,

please read this [article](#) that was published in The Current. Congratulations to Chloe Loquet (8th grader) for being our first Malibu Middle student to get their article published in The Current!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK: This year's yearbook will be unlike any other! Purchase a yearbook and have a record of how amazingly resilient our kids are. Yearbooks are on sale [HERE](#) and this year, unlike any other, dedication pages are open to ALL students. You get the chance to show how proud you are!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After school math tutoring is available virtually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Here are the links and times:

- [Mondays: Cindy Smith \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Wednesdays: Brian Corrigan \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Thursdays: Nahla Seikali's \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK?: Parents or students **MUST USE THIS LINK** and complete the Chromebook Incident Report in order to request Chromebook exchange or repair, and all defective parts must be turned in. If the issue is that the device does not power on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: [bit.ly/SMMDLP](#). Questions? Please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org.

OUR LIBRARY HAS MOVED! INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEXTBOOKS: We are thrilled to announce the Malibu Middle/High School Library is in the process of moving into its home in the new Main Building! **If you need a textbook, please email Sarah Ryan at s.ryan@smmusd.org to make arrangements.** We cannot wait to share our new space with you!

MALIBU MIDDLE/HIGH OFFICE HOURS - The school office is closed, except for essential activities or by appointment. We will open for limited office hours primarily to answer phone calls between 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday and 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on Friday. Email continues to be the best way to reach our school staff during this time of distance learning. All visitors to campus must sign-in, wear a mask, and will have their temperature taken upon arrival.

Questions about:

Student Store: mslawter@smmusd.org

Textbooks: s.ryan@smmusd.org and acrilley@smmusd.org

Schedule Changes: enickerson@smmusd.org

Copy of Schedule: sanderson@smmusd.org

Registration Packet: sanderson@smmusd.org

Enrollment: bsoloway@smmusd.org
General Questions: taniajolly@smmusd.org
Technical Support: mmssupport@smmusd.org
Zoom link issues: Email the teacher directly. [Staff Directory](#)

INFORMATION: For the most up-to-date information, please visit our school website at [Malibu Middle / Homepage](#) and follow us on Twitter [@MalibuMiddle](#)

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

STUDENT WORK DAYS: Wednesday, March 17 will be a periods 1-6 day. Then, Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19 will be Student Work Days. We are providing students with additional asynchronous work time and allowing opportunities for teachers to plan and grade. Students will have a mandatory live check-in from 9:00-9:25 with their period 2 class on Thursday and period 1 class on Friday. Students will complete work from periods 2/4/6 and period 1/3/5 classes. During the **9:00-9:25** sessions, students will participate in a schoolwide activity facilitated by their teacher. After that 25-minute session, the remainder of the day, the teachers will assign work/tasks/assignments for students to complete (totaling 240 minutes for each day) but no additional live sessions will occur and teacher availability will be limited. Students are expected to complete all assigned tasks. Attendance will be based off of their completion and submission of this work.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL/DATE CHANGE: Due to the Student Work Day on March 18th, the next School Site Council Meeting will be Thursday, March 25th at 3:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DISTANCE PLUS: Distance Plus activities will occur on campus on Wednesday, March 24th and Thursday, March 25th. More information to come.

SPRING BREAK: Spring Break will take place from Monday, March 29th through Friday, April 9th. Classes resume Monday, April 12th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

“WATER IS LIFE” ART CONTEST – DEADLINE THIS WEEK: SMMUSD’s water provider for Malibu, West Basin Municipal Water District, is hosting a “Water is Life Art Contest” open from now until Friday, March 19. Students submitting their artwork have the chance to win one of fifteen Apple iPads! Contest information can be found [HERE](#).

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: Learn about all the different offerings available through the Adult Education Center [here](#).

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU AND THE WELLNESS CENTER:

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 virtual programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current virtual programs include:

- **The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center Presents "How to get Through the Stress of Parenting in the Time of COVID, Part II: How Parent Self-Care Can Be Building Blocks for Resiliency"** A virtual webinar focused on: stress and long-term health outcomes, reflective parenting techniques for greater attunement and regulation, and using parent self-care as resiliency building blocks. **March 15th @ 6pm. [Register Here](#)**. In collaboration with SMMUSD & Family Service of Santa Monica. For questions, please email Director of the Wellness Center + Social Support Services, Peggy Zherdev at peggyzherdev@bgcmalibu.org
- **Virtual Homework Help through Power Hour** offering individualized tutoring and high-yield learning activities while encouraging members to become self-directed learners. Tues/Thurs 2-3PM. <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09> Passcode: 026892
- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** is an ongoing leadership program that focuses on mentorship, community service, and personal development. This peer-led leadership group is passionate about the well-being of the environment and respect for our planet! Participants are eligible for community service learning hours and will have access to the latest opportunities for service projects, scholarship opportunities, & more. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom info.

- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized social-emotional wellness program focused on racial justice, youth advocacy, drug prevention, and building peer support by connecting with other Brent's Clubs and youth from diverse communities. Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Wellness Center operates remotely to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Check out <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please email info@bgcmalibu.org

For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)