

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: OCTOBER 5, 2020

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PTSA REFLECTIONS: Calling all artists! "I Matter Because..." How would you finish this statement? How would you show your answer? This year's Reflections Art Contest is open for submissions of artistic interpretations for the theme "I Matter Because...". Through art, dance, music, acting, writing, or film – share your vision of this powerful statement. Click [here](#) for the entry form and more information.

THE KIND CAMPAIGN: The Kind Campaign is an internationally recognized nonprofit organization that brings awareness and healing to the negative and lasting effects of girl-against-girl bullying through their global movement, documentary film, in-school assemblies and educational curriculum. Malibu Middle and High School will be participating on October 16th at 1:00 PM. Please use the link below to access the assembly.

- Link to join webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86764177590>

NEXT PTSA MEETING: The next general meeting of the PTSA will be Thursday, October 22nd at 9 am. The guest speaker is Estela De Wulf and the topic is **Tweens, Teens, Screens and Screams**. As screens become a major outlet for children in times of remote learning and social distancing, power struggles intensify at home as parents worry about moderation and children crave for independence and virtual social connection.

- Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121440248?pwd=TER4NGRkWlpQSVo2UytGKzdmVGh2QT09>
- Meeting ID: 841 2144 0248
- Passcode: PTSA

FREE ONLINE BOOK LIBRARY: We have subscribed to SORA, a free online book library. To be able to check out books there, please follow these directions:

1. Go to <https://soraapp.com/welcome/search>
2. Type in "Santa Monica " and then Santa Monica Malibu Unified School district will pop up.
3. Click on "This is my school."
4. Enter your id number.

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: msslawter@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](#)

BILINGUAL COMMUNITY LIAISON IN MALIBU: Please join me in welcoming Ms. Guadalupe “Lupita” Dixon to Malibu as our Bilingual Community Liaison. She can be reached by email at ldixon@smmusd.org.

STUDENT ZOOM EXPECTATIONS: Do not share Zoom links! As a reminder, students must log-in to Zoom using their first and last name as it appears in Illuminate. Teachers will be utilizing the waiting room feature and will not allow students to enter the class unless their First and Last name matches the teacher's roster in Illuminate. In addition, students are expected to have their camera on unless the teacher has directed otherwise. Students not following these expectations will be removed from the class session. Please contact your child's teacher if there is an extenuating circumstance preventing your child from adhering to these expectations.

ABSENCES: Just as in regular school, we understand that there are circumstances where students may need to be absent. To let the school know your child will be absent, and the reason for the absence, please email our attendance clerk, Sally Anderson, at sanderson@smmusd.org.

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

MATH

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

ENGLISH

- [Wednesdays: Sarah Ryan 3-4pm](#)

LIBRARY HOURS: The library will be open **every Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-4:00** for students or parents to come get books or to exchange a non-working chromebook. Mrs. Ryan is also available by appointment (email at s.ryan@smmusd.org) and has online after school English tutoring on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm. Links to zooms are on Mrs. Ryan's Google Classroom page. Please join her Google Classroom with code: 5xza3io.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR: The revised district calendar can be found [here](#).

SMMUSD DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION: See the district's Distance Learning Guide for students and parents on the school website [here](#).

DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE: The distance learning schedule for MMS students is now on the website. Click on the link for more info: [Distance Learning Bell Schedule](#)

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK? NEED A HOTSPOT?: If you are having issues with your district provided chromebook, please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org and s.ryan@smmusd.org. If the issue is that the device does not power on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: bit.ly/SMMDLP. District Staff will be in contact with you by email/over the phone for troubleshooting. Additional in-person support will be available as-needed. If your family is need of a district provided hotspot for connectivity issues, please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org as soon as possible.

THINKING ABOUT WITHDRAWING: Parents considering withdrawing students to attend "non accredited home schools or pod school, please be mindful of state laws explained here:

[Click here](#)

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

PICTURE DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th: Picture Day for Malibu High School is this **Friday, October 9th** between 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm and is a **DRIVE THROUGH EVENT**. All students should have their picture taken for the Yearbook and for their student ID. Students/Families also have the option of purchasing school pictures. Students have been assigned a time based on grade/last name - Click [HERE](#) for event instructions. Order Form [HERE](#).

<u>GRADE LEVEL:</u>	<u>LAST NAME ALPHA:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>
Grade 8	A-H	1:00-1:30
Grade 8	I-P	1:30-2:00
Grade 8	Q-Z	2:00-2:30
Grade 7	A-H	2:30-3:00
Grade 7	I-P	3:00-3:30
Grade 7	Q-Z	3:30-4:00
Grade 6	A-H	4:00-4:30
Grade 6	I-P	4:30-5:00
Grade 6	Q-Z	5:00-5:30
Make Up (Grades 6, 7, 8)	A-Z	5:30-6:00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHOIR CABARET: The Malibu Middle and High School choirs will be presenting the first live zoom performance of the year! The Choir Cabaret will be on Friday, October 16th at 6:00PM. More information will follow about how to purchase tickets and access the zoom link.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER: Malibu High School's student newspaper *The Current* has gone digital! Subscribe to receive our weekly newsletter and read articles written by the students, for the students. Use this [link](#) to subscribe!

NAC COMMUNITY MEETING: A meeting with NAC and Konig Eisenberg Architects to hear about the planning for the high school campus is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8 at 6:30pm**. The meeting will feature a presentation followed by audience questions and feedback.

- Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3n3ifEE>
- Meeting ID: 942 5836 3333

- Passcode: 948113388

CANDIDATES FORUM: The Malibu Times in conjunction with the Malibu High and Middle School PTSA, are sponsoring a Candidates Forum with special guest Senator Henry Stern on Thursday, October 22nd at 6PM. This will be available to be viewed by all the Malibu community with participants being parents, administrators, and students of Malibu Middle/High, who will be involved in formulating and asking questions of our candidates. We also hope to have some guest dignitaries assisting as well. **This is a non-partisan and community driven forum with a focus on the future of our beloved Malibu. Link to follow.**

MEAL PICK UP: SMMUSD has resumed providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Service is from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at four schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. **This service is free for all students through the end of the semester.** Adults may purchase breakfast for \$2.75 or lunch for \$4.25. For more information, visit the [Nutrition Services website](#).

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:

- **Allied Voices**, presented by SMMUSD in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center, is a 4th-12th grade virtual workshop series designed to increase student's empathy and compassion for themselves and others. Students who participate in this 10-week program will explore racial identity development and learn what it means to be an ally. Groups are facilitated by licensed clinicians with Women of Color Therapy. Virtual weekly workshops for 9th-12th grade will be held on Wednesdays from 3-4pm and for 6th-8th grade will be held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm. For more info & to register visit www.alliedvoicesforchange.com **Program Starts 10/5 & is available to all Santa-Monica Malibu Unified students.**

- **"Power Hour" Free Homework Help/Tutoring (Tues/Thurs 2-3PM) Zoom**
Link <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09> Passcode: 026892
- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized drug and alcohol prevention Club through weekly meetings, activities, challenges, and virtual "socials" to help teens live a healthy lifestyle. Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more information & Zoom info.
- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** meet virtually to give students the opportunity to have fun, gain leadership skills, and serve the community while also gaining community service hours. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more information & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center continues to operate remotely using Telehealth for online counseling sessions. We encourage families to utilize **Wellness Without Walls, Building Resilience in Our Community**, a program offering individual & family support services, which include: mental health counseling, social & emotional support, crisis intervention, healthcare resources, workforce development, assistance for domestic abuse/violence, assistance with immigration challenges, ESL resources, and more to SMMUSD students, families, faculty/staff, and the community at large. Servicios disponibles en español. Please visit www.bgcmalibuwellness.org for more information or view our brochure [here](#). All services are free.
- **Run Malibu Virtual** This year's Malibu Half Marathon & 5K race is taking place virtually, and we are SO excited to continue partnering with this amazing community-driven event. Please click [here](#) to learn how you can join in & support BGCM!

*To contact the Club please Email info@bgcmalibu.org Call 310-457-2582

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