

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: February 22, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

GRADES 6 & 7 – FALL ELECTIVES: Mrs. Nickerson, Middle School Counselor, will be joining 6th and 7th grade science classes on February 22nd and February 23rd to speak with students about courses and electives for the fall. Students will choose their fall elective at this time as well, via a google classroom assignment. Questions? Please contact enickerson@smmusd.org.

WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class **February 15-February 26**. Students must use their district Chromebook to take the test. Students should charge their school chromebook and restart their chromebook to ensure all updates are completed prior to these dates. SSID numbers to log-in were emailed to students SMMK12 accounts last week.

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!

POP UP BOOK CLUB FOR GRADES 6 - 8: Read The Best at It by Maulik Pancholy and meet during lunch on Friday 3/5 to discuss the first half, then meet the following week to discuss the 2nd half. About the book:

Rahul Kapoor is heading into seventh grade in a small town in Indiana. The start of middle school is making him feel increasingly anxious, so his favorite person in the whole world, his grandfather, Bhai, gives him some well-meaning advice: Find one thing you're really good at and become the BEST at it. With help from his friends, he's is ready to find it.... But what if he discovers he isn't the best at anything?

For a copy of the book or more information, email Ms. Ryan – s.ryan@smmk12.org.

2021-22 PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS: The Malibu Middle & High School PTSA is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2021-22 Executive Board. For any parents who want to get involved with events at our school, please consider becoming part of our PTSA board. This is an exciting time to join the leadership of the PTSA and help us map our ambitious future. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact lesliejbutton@yahoo.com or elissam33@icloud.com. You will find a cohesive group of parents who really want to support our school!!!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK, VALENTINE CONTEST EXTENDED: 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! Our Valentine contest is extended to Friday February 26th so please remind your student to send in their Valentine photo, poem or art (to taniajolly@smmusd.org) in time and share the love! WRITE IT, DRAW IT, PAINT IT, or SHARE A PIC!

HEALTH SCREENING LINK: 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. [Linked here are the directions for putting the screening link icon on your device and utilizing the link.](#) 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!

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: 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: mmsupport@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:

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on Thursday, February 25th at 9am for our association meeting followed by a Session on “De-stressing During Distance Learning.” Gabi Shalhoub, our school psychologist intern, will give us the essence of Stress Management and self-care followed by Yvette Rose who will get our blood moving with a guided breath work meditation for mental clarity and more energy.

- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83315429761?pwd=NkRXNXBRWFZaWTdKaEJHOUsTTlJqUT09>
- Meeting ID: 833 1542 9761
- Passcode: PTSA

8TH GRADE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP: On Friday, February 26, our 8th graders will go on a virtual visit to The Holocaust Museum of Los Angeles. This is an annual field trip our 8th graders have attended for many years. Due to Covid, the museum is closed for in person visits and they have created virtual experiences for schools. Mrs. Lapajne will be sending out more information through her class. For more information about the museum, visit <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/>. Please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Nickerson

at enickerson@smmusd.org if you have any questions/concerns about your child attending this virtual field trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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 is hosting a **free virtual screening featuring "Connecting the Dots"**, a film by Noemi Weis that focuses on a global conversation about youth mental health. [Watch the trailer](#). Full screening takes place on **FEB 25**, [click here to register](#).
- **Teen Support Group Facilitated by BGCM Wellness Center (Mondays at 5PM)** Drop-in virtual support group offering a safe space for teens, ages 14-18, to discuss the challenges of quarantine. Zoom ID: 889-136-8539
- **"Power Hour" Free Homework Help/Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 2-3PM)** <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtM MmU1dz09> 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 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 our [Wellness Page](#) 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!](#)

