

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: March 1, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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.

“WATER IS LIFE” ART CONTEST: 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](#).

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!

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: 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:

REGULAR SCHEDULE: We are on a regular school schedule this week - Periods 1 / 3 / 5 on Monday and Wednesday, Periods 2 / 4 / 6 on Tuesday and Thursday, all periods on Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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: Our next School Site Council Meeting is Thursday, March 18th at 3:00pm.

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:

- **El Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Centro de Bienestar Presenta "Cómo superar el estrés de la crianza de los hijos en la época de COVID, Parte II: Cómo el autocuidado de los padres puede ser pilares para la resiliencia"** un webinar virtual centrado en: el estrés y los resultados de salud a largo plazo, técnicas de crianza reflexiva para una mayor sintonización y regulación, y el uso del autocuidado de los padres como desarrollo de la resiliencia. **10 de marzo a las 6pm. [Haga clic para registrarse.](#)** En colaboración con SMMUSD y servicios familiares de Santa Mónica. Para más información sobre este taller por favor comuníquese con la Dra. Freda Rossi, SMMUSD Coordinadora de Participación Familiar, al frossi@smmusd.org
- **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=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 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!](#)