

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**END OF GRADING PERIOD:** The end of the first grading period is **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Progress reports will be mailed home the following week. These progress reports are intended to be just that, progress reports. Please keep in mind that being the first grading period, there are fewer assignments, so one poor grade or one poor missing assignment can have more of an overall impact than it will at the end of the semester. Use this first 6 week period to check in with your student. Are they staying organized, are they giving their best effort, have they understood each teacher/class expectations?

**MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL 2020-2021:** The School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, students and staff who work together on long-range school improvement planning. Their goals are to ensure high academic performance of all students, implementing and monitoring the School Plan for Student Achievement and to serve as an open forum for discussion, planning and implementation regarding issues important to the Malibu Middle School community.

We are looking to fill 1 open seat for a community member and/or current parent, 2 open seats for classroom teachers, and 1 open seat for students.

#### ***What is the Site Council:***

*The Site Council is developed under California Education Code law to:*

- 1. Measure effectiveness of improvement strategies at the school.*
- 2. Seek input from school advisory committees.*
- 3. Reaffirm or revise school goals.*
- 4. Revise improvement strategies and expenditures.*
- 5. Recommend the approved School plan for Student achievement (SPSA) to the governing board.*
- 6. Monitor implementation of the SPSA.*

The law says, "The SSC shall be composed of the principal; representatives of teachers selected by teachers at the school; other school personnel selected by peers at the school; parents of pupils attending the school selected by such parents; and, in secondary schools, pupils selected by pupils attending the school."

**Parents-** If you are interested in serving on the MMS School Site Council for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete this [SELF NOMINATION FORM](#) and return to Tania Jolly by email at [taniajolly@smmusd.org](mailto:taniajolly@smmusd.org) no later than this Friday, September 25th.

**Students-** If you are interested in serving on the MMS School Site Council for the 2020-2021 school year, please email Principal Andino at [mandino@smmusd.org](mailto:mandino@smmusd.org)

**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](mailto:msslawter@smmusd.org)

Textbooks: [s.ryan@smmusd.org](mailto:s.ryan@smmusd.org) and [acrilley@smmusd.org](mailto:acrilley@smmusd.org)

Schedule Changes: [enickerson@smmusd.org](mailto:enickerson@smmusd.org)

Copy of Schedule: [sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org)

Registration Packet: [sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org)

Enrollment: [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org)

General Questions: [taniajolly@smmusd.org](mailto:taniajolly@smmusd.org)

Technical Support: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto: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:** I want to provide an update on our vacant bilingual community liaison position. Ms. Guadalupe “Lupita” Dixon, [ldixon@smmusd.org](mailto:ldixon@smmusd.org) has accepted the BCL assignment for Malibu. We look forward to meeting her and receiving support for our students and families. Thank you to Alex Aspron Ladesich, [aaspron@smmusd.org](mailto:aaspron@smmusd.org), for serving as a substitute in the position until Ms. Dixon begins on 9/21.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](#).

**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?:** If you are having issues with your district provided chromebook, please email: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mmssupport@smmusd.org). If the issue is that the device does not powering on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: [bit.ly/SMMDLP](https://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.

**NEED A HOTSPOT?:** If your family is need of a district provided hotspot for connectivity issues, please email: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mmssupport@smmusd.org). Please enter your request 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:**

**MINDFUL MONDAYS: Students:** Our next Yoga session is today, Monday, September 21st at 2:15 pm. Join us on:

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95259237783?pwd=cWIRRRkNpQ2dreFhMNFk2Nys4Q1N0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 952 5923 7783

Passcode: Yoga

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**LOCAL HOLIDAY:** There will be no school on Monday, September 28th. Periods 1/3/5, normally held on Monday, will be made up on **Friday, October 2nd**.

**PICTURE DAY - SAVE THE DATE:** Picture Day for Malibu Middle School will be **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** from 1 – 6 PM. A **specific time will be scheduled** to come for this socially-distanced, drive-thru event. More details to follow.

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

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

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE CENSUS?:** The area where our school resides is currently showing low activity in our Census Response Rates Tracking (available to the public 2020census.gov/response-rates) California average as a state has 59% of households participation, while Malibu city has only 36% response rate. The next 10 years of funding are on the line! Did you know the **#2020census** is required by the U.S. Constitution? Did you know the **#2020census** consists of 10 short questions and is used to count every person living in the United States, the five inhabited territories and the District of Columbia? [Respond online now](#)

**HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?** Your card gives you access to their digital resources.

- L.A. Public Library: <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media#ebooks>
- Malibu Public Library: <https://lacountylibrary.org/back-to-school-digital-resources/>

Don't have a Library card? Apply for one digitally here:

- <https://catalog.lacountylibrary.org/custom/web/registration/index.html>

## **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. This fall, we will be offering virtual programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Virtual programs include:

- **"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](mailto: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](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org) for more information & Zoom info.

**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](http://www.alliedvoicesforchange.com) **Program Starts 9/28 & is available to all Santa-Monica Malibu Unified students.**

**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, crisis intervention, healthcare resources, workforce development, assistance for domestic abuse/violence, assistance with immigration challenges, ESL resources, and more to SMMUSD students and families.

Please visit [www.bgcmalibuwellness.org](http://www.bgcmalibuwellness.org) for more information or view our brochure [here](#).

**Malibu Chili Cook Off Skate Ramp is FOR SALE PRICE REDUCTION** Asking \$5k, ramp will go to highest bidder, please support BGCM! Tax receipt available. Please email for inquiry & ramp info.

**Run Malibu & Support BGCM** This years 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!

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