

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, December 20, 2021 – January 2, 2022

**Have a wonderful holiday break!
We'll see you in the New Year!**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Malibu Middle School Families,

We made it to the end of 2021! What a year it has been. I'm so proud of our students and staff who continue to show up each day and take on whatever challenge comes our way.

I'm very excited to share with you all that we have successfully completed our interview and hiring process for our new MMS counselor. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Lorene Whitehouse to our team! I'm certain that she will be a great fit and a wonderful addition to our Malibu schools' community.

Mrs. Whitehouse will be starting with us on January 3rd. She is looking forward to getting into classrooms to meet all of our students and build our counseling program here at MMS. Lorene is a veteran school counselor and has worked at several high school and middle schools both public and private. She has worked at schools like Arcadia High School, Calabasas High School, Thousand Oaks High School and La Reina Middle and High School. She has her Master's in both School Counseling and Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University. Lorene is also an accomplished tennis professional. She has worked for the Westlake Athletic Club in Westlake Village as Assistant and Head Pro for over 10 years. She received a 4-year Division 1 college scholarship to play at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Lorene lives in Thousand Oaks with her husband Whit, three sons, Andrew, Alex and Aiden and their very spoiled Golden Retriever, Alley.

Please join us for our next POMS meeting on January 21st to meet Mrs. Whitehouse. We had hoped to hold this meeting in person, however, given the recent covid outbreak we may have to keep the meeting virtual. We will send out time/location when we return from break following the recommendations from LA County Department of Public Health. The Malibu High School counselors and Athletic Director will join our meeting as well to share out information as our 8th graders begin to select classes for high school.

Thank you again for all your flexibility and support. I'm thankful for a job that I love and thankful I get to work with your kids each and every day.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal

MANDATORY TESTING PRIOR TO RETURN TO CAMPUS

Per the e-mail sent home previously, all students and staff will be required to test prior to returning to campus.

KEY DETAILS:

WHAT: Mandatory Entry Covid 19 Testing, prior to return on 1/4/22

WHEN: Sunday, January 2, 2022 or Monday, January 3, 2022

TIMES: 8:00am-4:00pm

WHERE: Lower Morning View Lots at MMS/MHS (drive-through)

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ABC TREE LOT – SALE STARTS TODAY!: Don't forget to head to the Malibu Athletic Booster

Club Christmas Tree Lot on Civic Center Way for your tree, wreaths, ornaments and Malibu & MHS apparel. Check out the sale starting Monday, December 20th – 35% off ornaments and up to 50% off on apparel. The sale is ONLY at the Tree Lot and not online, while supplies last... Remember, ABC raises 2/3 of the money for MHS Athletics!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK: The Malibu Middle School Yearbook is now on sale. Please buy your student's yearbook now for the best pricing! Dedication pages are available online too.

- <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuMid/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

You can also submit pictures:

- <https://spark.adobe.com/page/SLLj5LBWIIYL7/>

Questions? Contact Valerie Azarian: vazarian@smmusd.org

AERIES PORTAL: Click [HERE](#) to link to a video presentation on how students can access the Aeries Portal and check their grades:

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

WINTER BREAK: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed Monday, December 20, 2021 through Friday, December 31, 2021. January 3rd is a PUPIL FREE Day for Secondary students. MHS resumes for students on **Tuesday, January 4th 2022.**

UPCOMING SMMUSD SPONSORED VACCINE CLINICS AT MALIBU HIGH: December 22, 2021 from 10:00am-4:00pm. And again, **Thursday, January 6th from 2:30pm-sunset.** Every person wishing to be vaccinated must pre-register for location, date, time, name and age through the MyTurn system. Students 5-17 are eligible for Pfizer vaccine only, and 18 and over may select between Pfizer or Moderna. If insured, insurance information will be requested in the registration process. Students 5-17 will need a parent with them and a consent form will be provided for parent signature at the vaccination clinic.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, January 3rd, is a staff work day for our secondary schools. While elementary school students at Webster and MES return on 1/3/21, this is a pupil free day for MMS and MHS students.

NEXT SAFETY DRILL: Our next safety drill will take place on Friday, January 14th and will be a Lockdown drill.

POMS: Our next POMS meeting is Friday, January 21st. Plan on joining us and meet the new MMS Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

2022 STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: The City of Malibu Community Services Department will be organizing the 14th annual Malibu Student Art Exhibit. The City encourages young artists to showcase their work for the community. Students can submit their artwork online at 2022StudentArt.ArtCall.org/ beginning December 1 through December 31. For the guidelines and more information on how to submit artwork, visit MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit.

OPPORTUNITIES AT MES: Malibu Elementary School is looking for a Project Based Learning Marine Science teacher (<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1513246>) and a Classroom Instructional Assistant (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/smmusd/jobs/3270230/instructional-assistant-classroom?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>) Click on the links to review qualifications and apply.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MALIBU (BGCM):

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

- **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022 ENROLL NOW at BGCMALIBU.ORG** Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, arts & crafts, outdoor activities & more.
- **Mental Health Q&A** Is your teen asking you mental health-related questions? Encourage them to text their questions to (424) 209-4907 or stop by the Wellness Center during lunch to have a mental health professional answer their questions. In the meantime, here are some FAQs that could help them: <https://padlet.com/peggyzherdev/MentalHealthQandA>. We hope it sparks a conversation as you read and discuss this topic together.
- **Empowered Voices** is a social-emotional learning program delivered through a design thinking methodology and project-based learning format. Members will gain college readiness skills and use creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to create solutions for individual or community challenges. Program topics include: Resilience, Identity (DEI), Social Justice, and Substance prevention. Email violetmiehle@bgcmalibu.org

- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)**
- is a 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, and more. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more 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.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and **also in-person** to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
 Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to **BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)**

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