

# Update - Coronavirus - Wednesday 4-15-2020

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## Dr. Bertolini's Daily Message

To the Leonia School District Community,

Today I want to focus on the outstanding work done by our maintenance, custodial and transportation staff members of our school district. Under the leadership of Kevin Woods, the staff has been delivering meals, computers, and individual packets to our students in both Lronia and Edgewater. This allows our parents to remain home and supervise their children and to follow state social distancing guidelines.

In addition, they have cleaned every room in the three schools and have removed the old carpet in the middle school's main hallway. And the high school's Media Center is receiving an overhaul.

We tip our hats to their efforts! Thank you!

Stay Safe! Be Healthy! Stay Home!

Dr. Bertolini

## ACS Students Donate to our Police Department

Dear Chief Rowe,

Several ACS students contributed their savings for our first responders. We purchased these items through one of the students', who is a doctor. Due to the current supply restriction, there will be two donations.

The first donation would be:

ASTM Level 3 Masks - 3 boxes (150 pcs)  
Examination Gloves - 6 boxes (1800 pcs)  
Disinfecting Wipes - 12 boxes

A second donation would be in 2-3 weeks.

Thank you for serving our community and please be safe.

Sincerely,

Aidan Cho, Alena Chung, Arthur Park, Elijah & Joanh Lee,, Eliot & Kyle Mun, Caris & Matthew Kim, Daniel Joon & Nathaniel Jin Kim, John Park, Linsay Kim, Isaac Jun, Hannah Lee, William Kim, Sunyoung An (ACS Korean Parents Liaison)

### **A Photo of LMS improvement**

The main hallway of LMS has a new floor. Here is the hallway leading to the library!



**ACS Update 4-15-2020 from Dr. Martinez**

5th Grade has been keeping very busy with their virtual learning! Classes are working together through Zoom and Google Classroom each day to check in with each other and review work.

5th grade is starting new units in Reading & Writing, focusing on self-selected research projects on topics of interest to the students. Many 5th graders also participated in ACS Spirit week, and were proud to show their school spirit, even when we can't be together!

SPANISH CLASS: This week our 4th and 5th graders are taking a virtual field trip through the countries of Guatemala and Colombia. They are collecting interesting facts along the way and sharing them with Mrs. Williams. One 4th grader wrote *"In Guatemala, when a meal is finished, they thank each other. This stood out to me because it is a really nice thing to do and I might want to do that too."* This student's parents emailed the teacher to let her know that his daughter has enjoyed learning about Guatemala and will now be researching more information on that country on her own. Great job Spanish students!

## **LMS Update 4-15-2020 from Mr. Saco**

Ms. Drillick shared some beautiful 6th Grade Hand Art today. Check it out!



**Today's LMS Affirmations:**

- ❖ I AM IN CHARGE OF MY LIFE.
- ❖ I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE
- ❖ I MATTER.

**Quote of the Day:** *"We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world." -Helen Keller*



Stay tuned for the upcoming LMS Birthday Shout-Outs section!

Remember to take care of yourselves and each other, and together let's make today great!

**LHS Update 4-15-2020 from Mr. Kalender**

This morning Mr. S and I met with 10 members of the Student Senate, via Zoom, to get their perspective on distance learning. It was great to see the students and talk with them about distance learning. Our conversation ranged from their feelings about video conferencing, to the debate of Google Meets vs. Zoom, to work load, and their appreciation for the new revised schedule. One important takeaway from the meeting was the various emotions that all students are feeling about the current situation, but especially our seniors. As I tried to explain to them, we understand that there is a great deal of uncertainty and disappointment about events they are missing, but as we get more guidance this week from Governor Murphy about the future of the school year we will have a better idea of what events we can proceed with and which events will need to be modified. We are all sensitive to these issues and hope to be able to provide the seniors with as many opportunities as possible to celebrate this milestone.

As I reminded students recently everyone participating in a video conference session is expected to behave appropriately. Students are only permitted to be in a session if they are a member of that class and period. Students in a particular class should not be handing out the link to other students that are not a member of that class. When joining a class students should be using their Leonia student email address and join with their appropriate name. Students should not be altering their names when entering a class. One of the guiding principles at LHS is "Give Respect to Get Respect", I urge all students to remember this idea and practice it during distance learning. I ask that all parents remind their students about this and the need to act

appropriately in these video conferencing sessions. During times like this it is important to work together and stand behind each other.

If you would like to stay up to date on LHS happenings join our Remind. You can text 81010 and type @leoni (not @leonia) into the message. In addition, you can follow us on Twitter @LeoniaPrincipal, @LeoniaHSVP, and @LeoniaAthletics.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Chuck Kalender

## **Special Services Update 4-15-2020 from Mr. Servis**

Yesterday I met with all the Speech & Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and the Physical Therapist in the district. Right now we have about 50% participation from our students in regards to their related service sessions. We all understand the low turnout is likely due to the chaos of our days during distance learning. I just want to remind everyone that if your child is supposed to get related services, they're available and important in order to maintain their skills.

At ACS, we have experienced issues coordinating schedules with parents. It can be very difficult, especially if we are trying to avoid pulling students out of Zoom sessions, but we are trying to be as accommodating as possible.

If you are looking for a good mental health resource for you and your family, the Manhattan Psychology Group is running free webinars titled, "Family Mental Health for Parents During the Corona Pandemic" They are running them almost daily, and at various times throughout the day and night. Check out their flyer [here](#).

Lastly, the district may still be experiencing issues with our phones, so if you need to call me during distance learning, please call my google voice number at 201-815-4160 Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00pm.

## **Our Heroes of the Coronavirus Crisis**

In this section, we will honor Leonia High School Alumni and parents of our students who are of the front line fighting the coronavirus. We are thrilled to recognize their efforts. In the April

8th update, we began this Honor Roll highlighting fourteen LHS Alumni from Massachusetts, Louisiana, North Carolina, New York and New Jersey.



**Dr. Christine Healy - LHS Class of 1989**

Family Practice Physician (Pictured at COVID-19 Drive Thru) -Englewood Hospital



**Jillian Squires - LHS Class of 2011**

Radiology Technician-Englewood Hospital



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