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## Dr. Bertolini's Daily Message



To the Leonia School District Community,

Today's is a gloomy rainy April day. It certainly looks depressing out my office window. However, I am trying each day to find a silver lining to the troubles we are facing during the pandemic.

Each May, after the rainy month of April, I plant both annuals and perennials in my front yard. The bed is about 10 feet long and 6 feet deep. It makes for a very colorful expression of spring. I take my garden tools out three or four days a week to ensure weeds don't dominate the flower bed. Probably the most enjoyable part of this outdoor effort is when a young child stops and gazes at the colors or when an elderly person, usually with a walker or a nurse-aide, stops his or her slow walk and enjoys the burst of colors. It makes me feel good to see people enjoy my efforts and to bring a little sunshine to their day.



This summer I do not anticipate traveling. Usually, I spend a lot of time on the road when school gets out. So, as I sit here on a dreary, rainy Thursday, I am planning to bring more sunshine than usual to my neighborhood by planning a better flower bed than in past years. The necessary preparation and cultivation of a more expansive flower bed will get my mind off my lack of road trips this summer and my love to see the world!



I encourage you to take some time this spring and plant your own flower bed at your house or, with the permission of the town officials you live in, somewhere in a public area located in your town. If you don't have a green thumb yet, this year could be the year you earn one!!!

Stay Safe! Be Healthy! Stay Home!

Dr. Bertolini

## **Quiz Bowl/Brain Busters Score High Both in N.J. and Nationwide**

Results are in for the 3-2-1 Virtual Quiz Bowl competition where both the Leonia High School Quiz Bowl team and the Leonia Middle School Brain Busters participated online. Competing against teams all across the nation, the results of both teams are below.

### **High School Division:**

Leonia High School—#27 in the nation, #3 in NJ

### **Middle School Division:**

Leonia Middle School—#12 in the nation, #2 in NJ

Great job LHS Quiz Bowl and LMS Brain Busters!

## **THANK YOU LHS H&SA**

We would like to thank the LHS Home & School Association for their generous donation of two new water fountains with bottle filling stations. Currently there is one of these fountains in the North Wing. It is used often by staff and students. In order to use it, students and staff often have to go far out of their way to access it. The addition of these two new stations will allow for better access to the bottle filling stations.

The first fountain has been installed near the bathrooms. The second fountain will be installed in the central wing, from the elevator. On behalf of LHS I would like to thank the Home & School Association for their donation.



installed outside the gym, the second fountain will be installed near the bathrooms, across from the staff and students of the Home & School Association

## Leonia High School College Decision Flag Ceremony



Max Klein

Congratulation to **Max Klein** on his commitment to  
**George Washington University**



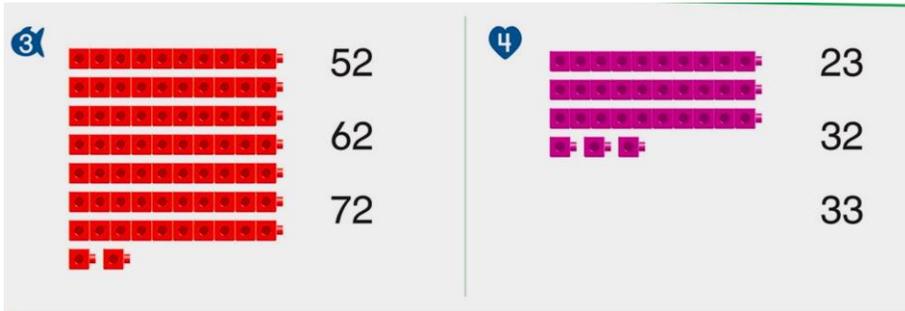
Jakob Klein

Congratulation to **Jakob Klein** on his commitment to  
**George Washington University**

## ACS Update - Dr. Martinez

ACS students continue to participate in rigorous math instruction through whole class, small group, and individual zoom/ Google Meet/ and pre recorded video lessons.

Kindergarten students are exploring numbers in base ten:



First Graders are solving complex problems about comparing numbers. One of the problems incorporates science, comparing the amount of energy light bulbs need to function and deciding which kind of lightbulb is best for the earth :



Second graders are problem solving complex math situations such as :

Tyrone collects baseball cards. He gives 138 cards to his friend. Now he has 428 cards. How many baseball cards did Tyrone have before he gave some away?

Third Graders are problem solving complex math situations such as :

Meg says  $95+76+86$  is greater than 300, but less than 400. Is Meg correct? Why or why not?

This week fourth graders met in small groups to learn about area and perimeter. Fifth Graders are finishing up a unit on measurement and will have the opportunity to meet in zoom meetings to review what they learned

## **LMS Update - Mr. Saco**

### **LMS Yearbook**

We are now taking orders from 8th grade students/parents/guardians to purchase the 2020 LMS Yearbook. If your child is in this year's 8th grade class you received information yesterday by email explaining the ordering process. Be sure to check your email for this information. If you are the parent/guardian of a current 8th graders, and you did not receive the information, please send me or Ms. King an email to let us know, and we will forward you the ordering information. 8th Grade orders are due to us by next Friday, May 8. Once we have accounted for 8th grade orders, remaining books will be available to our 6th and 7th graders.

### **What we're working on:**

#### **ACS 5th Grade Orientation and ACS/EVG Parent Orientation -**

Modified orientation experiences for our ACS 5th graders, and a modified ACS/EVG Parent Orientation. While we are not able to hold the May 7 (Parent Orientation) and May 11 (5th Grade Student Orientation) as indicated in the Leonia Community Calendar, LMS administrators and counselors are working together with ACS to organize orientation experience for 5th graders. The orientation experiences for both students and parents are most likely to be virtual in nature. More information is forthcoming.

#### **6th Graders' World Language Preference Indication Form -**

LMS 6th graders will be able to indicate their World Language course preference for 7th and 8th grade scheduling by Google Form. Parents should watch this space and eblasts to learn when their children will be doing this. Students will complete their form in their respective Spanish Google Classrooms. Students who are not currently scheduled for Spanish 6 will have the same opportunity to complete the form as well. Students will indicate their preference to take Spanish or French during their 7th and 8th grade years. Remember that this is an indication of preference only, not a guarantee that all students will be automatically scheduled for the World Language course they've selected.

## LMS Birthday Shoutouts!!!

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

★ Ekaterini Gialias - Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday

★ Elijah Hernandez - Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Today's LMS Affirmations:

★ I HAVE INNER BEAUTY.

★ I HAVE INNER STRENGTH.

★ NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS, I CAN DO IT.

Quote of the Day: *"Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." - Stephen Hawking*

## Special Services Update - Mr. Servis

I want to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the [Special Services Feedback Survey](#). I will leave it up so that people can continue to leave their feedback.

I wanted to address one area where I received several comments: scheduling at ACS. Some people would prefer a more "set schedule" with related services and due dates of work assignments. We have made some adjustments to the schedule to accommodate these requests. However, for every comment I get wishing there was more structure, I get one that asks if we can have less structure and more flexibility. This is the nature of our new norm, where people have varying circumstances at home, and this includes the staff of Leonia.

I have asked the related services providers to develop a weekly set schedule of services and many of them have already done this. The one caveat is that sometimes the schedule has to change because of circumstances out of their control.

One other area I want to address is that over 56% of respondents have reported that their child is experiencing more stress and anxiety than usual while we are learning remotely. The good news is that everyone is reporting that there is at least one staff member who their

child has had access to to talk about their stress and anxiety. I would like to repost this resource for mental health in the world of Covid [here](#). For emergency situations, please dial 262-HELP (4957) or 9-1-1.

Lastly, for those who are having difficulties securing food for your families, here is a link to a list of all the food banks in Bergen County: [Bergen County Food Banks](#).

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