

Update - Coronavirus - Thursday 4-16-2020

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Dr. Bertolini's Daily Message

To the Leonia School District Community,

This update is a little later than usual, as I was waiting for Governor Murphy to provide some definitive answers to the many questions we have had regarding school opening. As you probably already know, all New Jersey schools will be closed to at least May 15th. Prior to May 15th, Governor Murphy will again base his decision if the May 15th date will be extended on the status of the virus.

Although we all want to return to school, it should only occur when it is safe to return. Obviously, this new date - a month away - raises new questions. Graduation ceremonies? Senior Week? 8th Grade Experience? Exams? Clap outs? Enrichment? SMILE? Middle and High School Athletics?

We will be making decisions on many of these items in the near future. The administrative team, with input from the different factions of our school community, will discuss and I will provide information in the daily updates as we go along. Please bear with us as we through these uncertain and challenging times. Please email me with any comments or questions to Edward.Bertolini@leoniaschools.org

Stay Safe! Be Healthy! Stay Home!

Dr. Bertolini

Latin Students Nationally Recognized

The results of the National Latin Exam have been released. We have the following winners:

Latin 2

Henry Medina, Cum Laude Winner (4th Place)

Latin 3

Emery Jacobowitz, Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude Winner (1st Place)

Latin 4

Maddie Racciatti, Cum Laude Winner (4th Place)

Katie Lee, Cum Laude Winner (4th Place)

Jasper Teng, Magna Cum Laude Winner (3rd Place)

Emery's achievement marks the first time a Leonia High School student has won a Gold Medal two years in a row!

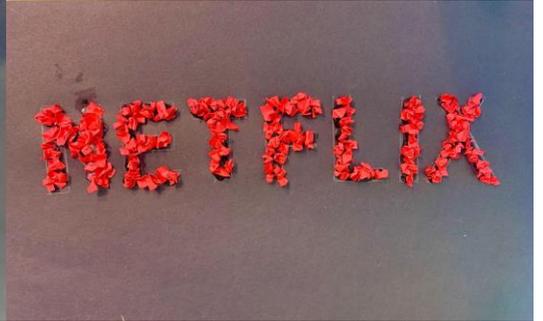
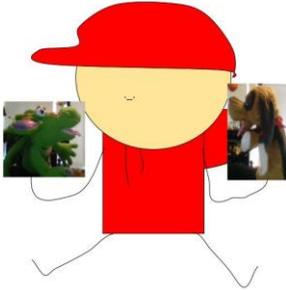
Congratulations to Dr. Massey and all of the students that participated.

ACS Update 4-15-2020 from Dr. Martinez

Fourth graders have been working diligently during remote learning. Fourth graders have been working hard on completing their Graphic Novels, exploring the American Revolution through both reading and virtual field trips. Mrs. Adelstein is also helping fourth grade stay engaged with weekly math riddles that are both challenging and fun! Fourth graders have also been actively participating in Zoom meetings to keep in touch with their teachers and keeping a positive mind set during this time!

LMS Update 4-15-2020 from Mr. Saco

Over Spring Recess LMS Art Teachers Mrs. Nair invited her 6th graders to “create a piece of art using materials around the house.” Please enjoy these examples our student artists shared with Mrs. Nair.



LMS Birthday Shoutouts!!!

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

★Luis Gonzalez - 6th Grade - Happy 12th Birthday!

Today's LMS Affirmations:

- ❖ EVERY DAY IS A FRESH START.
- ❖ I AM OPEN AND READY TO LEARN.
- ❖ MY POSITIVE THOUGHTS CREATE POSITIVE FEELINGS.

Quote of the Day: *“Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.” -John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States*

LHS Update 4-16-2020 from Mr. Kalender

I want to welcome the newest member of the staff to LHS. **Ms. Gina Chesmore** has been hired as our new Biology teacher. She will be replacing Ms. Jessica Kim, who will be leaving LHS at

the end of the day tomorrow. We are sad to see Ms. Kim leave, but wish her all the best. We are very happy to have Ms. Chesmore joining the staff and look forward to working with her. Ms. Chesmore has spent this week working with Ms. Kim in the Google Classrooms to ensure a smooth transition. Welcome aboard Ms. Chesmore.

Reminders:

- Parents must call their child in as absent if they will not be participating in distance learning. If you have issues getting in touch with the main office email Charles.Kalender@leoniaschools.org to report the absence.
- Students can fill out their SIIP/JIIP applications online. The forms can be found under quick links and click on SIIP/JIIP forms. Any agreement that requires a signature should be filled out completely, including signature and then uploaded to the end of the SIIP/JIIP Proposal form. The agreements can be uploaded as Docs or Images. If the student cannot get the form to the mentor to be signed, you can have the mentor email Mr. Kalender that they are in agreement and will serve as a mentor. Any questions contact Mr. Kalender.
- Join REMIND to stay up to date on all LHS information
 - Send a text to 81010
 - Type @leoni (not @leonia)
- Follow us on Twitter
 - @LeoniaPrincipal
 - @LeoniaHSVP
 - @LeoniaAthletics
- On Facebook
 - @LeoniaBOE

Student Services Update 4-16-2020 from Ms. Stein

JUNE S.A.T. UPDATE

We received notification that the SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™ are cancelled for the June 6, 2020 test date.

The College Board is working to create opportunities for students to take the SAT in the fall to make up for the lost spring test dates.

If it's safe from a public health standpoint, they will provide weekend SAT administrations every month through the end of the calendar year, beginning in August. This includes a new administration in September and the previously scheduled tests on August 29, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Students will be able to register for these administrations beginning in May. The College Board will communicate directly with students when the exact date is available. Eligible students will be able to take the exam with a fee waiver. Students who were registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who don't have SAT scores will have early access to registration for the August, September, and October administrations.

The College Board is also exploring alternative test procedures if the unlikely situation arises that they can not offer the test in the fall. They regularly update their [webpage](#) with information. If you have any questions, please let your counselor know. This is a confusing time and we are here to help!

Children's Mobile is still available 24/7
No cost to families: 1-877-652-7624

As we all try to navigate these unprecedented times, we wanted to reach out to let you know that we at CarePlus remain committed to working with the youth and families of Bergen County to deliver crisis de-escalation, care coordination and linkage to mental health services and other service needs.

Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services is still here to help! We are working closely with our team members to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our families in the safest way possible. We strive to deliver our services to families as quickly and accessibly as possible, while prioritizing everyone's safety. In that spirit, we have adapted service delivery to include options of telehealth and telephonic services, available 24/7. To support the families we serve, we continue to link our families to community-based resources,

most of which have adapted by offering telehealth services as well, to keep our families healthy.

Why call Children's Mobile?

While our youth are not in school, they are experiencing a new set of challenges including forced isolation and limited social interactions. We have youth who are grieving prom, graduations, and participating in their sports and activities. We have youth that are the children of first responders, health care workers, and other essential workers that are experiencing fear and anxiety regarding their parent's health and may be separated from their parents due to health concerns. Our youth are mourning the loss of parents, friends, teachers, and members of their community.

In addition, we have parents and caretakers experiencing new, and often preexisting, stressors surrounding behavior management, loss of a support system, balancing the demands of at-home schooling with working from home, economic stressors, job lay-offs, health challenges, fear for the future, and potential loss. As parents and caretakers struggle, so do youth.

Children's Mobile is here to assist.

Our services can be accessed by contacting PerformCare at 1-877-652-7624.

Additionally, we are available to answer any questions regarding Children's Mobile services.

Previous information from earlier updates can be found on the district's website front page. Click on COVID-19 and then choose a date to see that day's daily update.