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Dr. Bertolini's Daily Message



To the Leonia School District Community,

Hello again! Hope all is well in your households!

There have been many questions regarding events for the remainder of the school year. Throughout the past two months, we have been making alternative plans dependent on the executive orders issued by Governor Murphy. This week, as you know, the decision to close schools for the remainder of the academic year was finally announced. As a result, the administrative team has increased investigating ways to honor our students without risking the health of our students and family members.

Tomorrow the Administrative team will meet via Zoom to discuss and address these issues. Any final plans will be published in this daily update, which will continue for the remainder of the school year.

As I said earlier in the week, any suggestions by our students or parents will be considered. Please send your thoughts either to me or the building principal:

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Stay Safe! Be Healthy! Stay Home!

Dr. Bertolini

The Administrative Team Salutes Our Teachers, Support Staff and Paraprofessional

The Leonia School District administrative team created a video to show our appreciation of the Leonia faculty and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. The Leonia School District consists of hard-working, caring and compassionate teachers that are appreciated all year long. During the current situation it is important to remind them just how much we appreciate the work they are doing to ensure all of the Leonia students continue to get the same high quality, rigorous education that the community expects.

Thank you Leonia Faculty and Staff for all you do for our students. We appreciate you!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gEOoxo7DoZkNZqeacJnAfDQ5pChu18f6/view?usp=sharing>

Friday Night Lights! **#BeTheLight National Initiative**

Leonia High School will participate in the #BeTheLight national initiative this Friday night (5/8/20). Schools across the nation will turn on their field lights at 8:20 to honor the Class of 2020. Specifically, it is to recognize the senior-athletes that had their spring season cancelled due to the virus.

Since Leonia High School does not have field lights, the lights will be turned on at Veteran's Field in Edgewater and Sylvan Park in Leonia. A special thanks goes out to both boroughs for agreeing to light up the fields so our Senior Class and senior athletes can be recognized. The lights will stay on for 20 minutes as a symbolic gesture for the class of 2020. Please do not attempt to go to either field to view the lighting. Both facilities are closed to the public and the parking lots are barricaded. Pictures will be posted on multiple platforms.

Special thanks to our Athletic Director, Mr. Perrotta, for organizing this recognition of the Class of 2020 and the spring sports' student athletes.

Leonia High School College Decision Flag Ceremony



Grace Kim

Congratulation to **Grace Kim** on her commitment to the
Ramapo College

Birthday Wishes - WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!!!

Leonia resident and former ACS art teacher Viola Scarangella, will turn 103 on May 11th. Her family and friends are holding a "card drive" to let her know how many people remember her.

We are asking people to send her a birthday greeting -- doesn't have to be a bought card. Her address is 205 Oratam Terrace, Leonia, NJ 07605.

From her daughter, " If you know mom, had her as a student, was in recreation class or the women's club with her, please consider sending her a card. Thanks in advance. Mom just came out of the hospital (congestive heart failure) and it would mean a lot if she knows how many people still know she is here."

Volia Scarangella was a long time art teacher at Anna C. Scott School.

To all members of the Leonia School Community, whether or not you know Viola, take a moment and send her a card. It could be hand-made with a note or a card from your local card store. I am sure Viola will appreciate it. During this time of social distancing, you can reach out and put a smile on Viola's 103 year old face.

ACS Update - Dr. Martinez

Third Grade Group Projects Completed Through Zoom- Wonderful !!!

Third grade students worked collaboratively on group animal research projects via google slides and zoom meetings. As part of a virtual share, teachers recorded students reading their books out loud on screen castify. Students will listen to everyone's books and comment on them. Enjoy !

Here are the links to the books I recorded

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enrDFMlbGhw&t=20s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou5WNIbONbo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5jtkuEjz9c&t=36s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2s7aiWGkQLc&t=26s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vl2fj154Ics&t=10s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwGibfiXQNU&t=5s>

Wellness Week

Ms. Almeida has created the following activities for Wellness Week:

<p>Family & Friends Fun Friday</p>	<p>Check out a site to start off your weekend!</p> <p>YOU MADE IT!!!</p>	<p>https://www.switchzoo.com/ https://www.funbrain.com/ http://spatulatta.com/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1QeShTog-E https://www.funology.com/ https://pbskids.org/games/ https://www.wearethemighty.com/MIGHTY-SURVIVAL/free-virtual-field-trips-quarantine?rebellitem=2#rebellitem2 https://www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos/</p>
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An excellent article on helping children develop coping skills and resilience:

<https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2017/02/02/raising-kids-who-can-cope-with-tough-times/>

LMS Update - Mr. Saco

Reminders

Reminder: We are currently collecting orders from our 8th graders for this year's LMS Yearbook. 8th grade parents/guardians should be on the lookout for a reminder E-Blast from me later today that will include the link to the order form. We will open up orders to our 6th and 7th graders soon.

Reminder: 6th graders are indicating their 7th grade World Language course preference this week by completing a Google form in their Spanish Class. 6th graders who are not currently scheduled for Spanish this year will have the same opportunity to indicate their preference next week. World Language options for 7th and 8th grade are Spanish or French. We use the students' indication of preference when completing next year's scheduling. Remember that many factors go into scheduling, and that a student's preference is not guaranteed.

Reminder: Join the LMS Remind messaging class for all updates. Text: @lmsremi to the phone number: 81010

Reminder: Students may request an appointment to speak with their school counselor (Mrs. Feldman or Mrs. Whalen) anytime by completing this form: [Student School Counselor Request Form](#). The form is always posted in our Morning Announcements.

Reminder: Students may tell us how they are feeling by completing this quick survey: [How are you feeling today?](#)

I shared the following with our students in today's morning announcements:

In 2014, Admiral William H. McRaven addressed the graduating class of the University of Texas at Austin on their commencement day. During his speech he shared the ten principles he learned during Navy SEAL training that helped him overcome challenges throughout his long career and life. He explained how anyone can use some basic lessons to change themselves...and the World...for the better. Here is an excerpt from that speech. Check it out:

"If you want to change the world, make your bed." Every so often when I'm feeling overwhelmed I will watch it. It helps me remember that little things can make a huge difference.

LMS Birthday Shoutouts!!!

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Aidan Whang-Happy 12th Birthday!
- ★ Matthew Chang- Happy 14th Birthday!
- ★ Murad Sobhy- Happy 14th Birthday!

Today's LMS Affirmations:

- ❖ I GET BETTER EVERY SINGLE DAY.
- ❖ THERE IS NO ONE BETTER TO BE THAN MYSELF.
- ❖ TODAY I AM A LEADER.

Quote of the Day: *"Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little, day by day. Protracted and patient effort is needed to develop good character."* - Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher

LHS Update - Mr. Kalender

Lawn Signs

The Home & School Association received a donation from The Klein Family to purchase yard signs for the Class of 2020. Each sign is personalized with the student's name. The name the senior student confirmed for their diploma earlier this year will be used for the signs. If you would like another name on the sign you must email Ms. Vazquez by Friday at sopromlia@live.com

Bottle Filling Stations

Last week I informed you that the Home & School Association donated two new water fountains with bottle filling stations. They have been installed outside of the Nurses office

and by the elevator.

Kevin Woods was able to get his hands on a few more. So in addition to the North Wing and the two I mentioned above there will also be one located outside the faculty bathrooms by room 220 and one outside the cafeteria by the ray avenue doors. That brings the total of bottle filling stations in the building to 5. Thank you to the Home and School Association and Mr. Woods for the bottle filling stations.

MBLA Internship

Visions Federal Credit Union is looking for students in grades 10 and 11 to apply for their in school internship opportunities for the 2020-2021 school year. This opportunity is open to students in the Marketing & Business Leadership Academy. Interested students should click the link below to apply.

[Leonia High School Intern](#)

Candidates must attend this High School to be eligible for this Intern opportunity to work in the Visions In -School Branch Position Purpose/Summary: Provides exceptional member service by performing transactions and adherence to exceptional service expectations from Trusted Advisor training. Receives and processes counter transactions with an emphasis on accuracy. Maintains equipment and files necessary to keep accurate records. Performs clerical duties pertaining to applications of new members and provides information.

Special Services Update - Mr. Servis

It can be difficult to stay in mental and physical shape during the social distancing era. There are many good online resources popping up all over the place.

The Leonia Recreation Department is starting virtual Yoga and Cardio classes at very reasonable prices. You can check them out and sign up [here](#).

In addition, the JCC has free Yoga classes archived [here](#) for anyone to watch. On that page is also a schedule of Live Yoga sessions. The 10:30am Friday class taught by Allison Miller is also free.

Lastly, 40% of the respondents to the Special Education Survey report that their child is experiencing more stress and anxiety than normal. To try and help with that, I have set up a Zoom meeting next Thursday at 4:00pm where I will be available to answer questions and

talk a little about mental health while dealing with isolation. The Zoom meeting information is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74850647502?pwd=aEkxeHNsVDVvY1ZrdXg2Wkx0eTVcUT09>

Meeting ID: 748 5064 7502

Password: 1bEZyt

Student Services (Guidance) Update - Ms. Stein

Practice and Get Ready for your AP EXAMS

Use our interactive demo to see what exam day will be like. And be sure to review the steps to take to be ready for your exam.

ALL students must sign into their AP exam 30 minutes prior to the start time listed below.

Start Times:	Eastern Time: 12:00 p.m.	Eastern Time: 2:00 p.m.	Eastern Time: 4:00 p.m.
Mon, May 11			United States Government/Politics
Tues, May 12		Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Wed, May 13	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	English Literature and Composition	European History

Thurs, May 14		Chemistry	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Fri, May 15		United States History	Computer Science A
Mon, May 18		Biology	Environmental Science
Tues, May 19	Music Theory	Psychology	
Wed, May 20		English Language and Composition	
Thurs, May 21	French Language and Culture		Macroeconomics
Fri, May 22		Statistics	Spanish Language and Culture

Take the Exam Demo:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/exam-day-experience>

- [Start by taking a video tour](#) of the online exams.
- [Review the ways to submit](#) your exam responses.

- [Launch an interactive exam demo](#) and practice submitting online.

Complete Exam Day Checklist

- [Review the exam day checklist now.](#)
- [Download required exam documents.](#)
- [Review course-specific info:](#) reference sheets, keyboard guides, and more.

Confirm Your Email Address

- The College Board will send your AP ID and your e-ticket to the email address associated with your College Board account.
- The deadline for updating the email address where you want us to send your May AP Exam information is **Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. ET.** [Confirm your email address.](#)

Locate Your E-ticket

- Your e-tickets will be emailed to you 2 days before each exam you're taking.
- Your e-ticket will include your AP ID—which you'll need on exam day.
- Your e-ticket will include the exam start time. You can also [check the exam schedule now.](#) Make sure you know what time the exam starts in your time zone.
- [Learn more and view a sample e-ticket.](#)

Check In 30 Minutes Early

- Use your e-ticket to check in to your online exam 30 minutes before start time.
- [Review your exam day checklist.](#)
- If you run into technical problems during your exam, don't worry. We'll have a link for you to request a makeup exam.

We're excited for you to take your AP Exams online this year. Good luck!

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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.