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**Wednesday 5-13-2020**

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## **Dr. Bertolini's Daily Message**



To All Members of the Leonia School Community,

Plans continue to be developed for the different possibilities for moving up and graduation ceremonies. Details will continue to be shared with you in these daily updates.

ACS has shared its plans with parents and students for the moving up ceremonies for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 5th grade in yesterday's update and via email. The middle and high schools have firm plans, but are waiting a bit until we receive a clear definitive consistent statement from the state.

After a discussion with the building principals, the following dates and times for virtual ceremonies have been set for the three schools. These dates would only change if the governor permits other types of celebratory events.

As usual, if you have any questions, please contact me at [edward.bertolini@leoniaschools.org](mailto:edward.bertolini@leoniaschools.org) or 201-302-5200 extension 1200. You may also contact your building principal.

### **Virtual Graduation Ceremonies**

ACS Pre-K Moving Up Ceremony	June 16	10:00am
ACS K Moving Up Ceremony	June 17	10:00am
ACS 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony	June 18	10:00am
Leonia Middle School 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony	June 17	6:00pm
Leonia High School	June 18	6:00pm

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! Stay Home!

Ed Bertolini

## Leonia High School College Decision Flag Ceremony



**Kyra Melizanis**

Congratulation to **Kyra Melizanis** on her commitment to the  
**University of Delaware**



**Damon Peruso**

Congratulation to **Damon Peruso** on his commitment to the  
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## **Special Services Update - Mr. Servis**

### **\*\*\*TIME CHANGE FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING\*\*\***

Due to a conflict, I have to move this meeting to **3:00pm** on 5/14/20. The purpose of this meeting will be to connect and collaborate with me, as well as other parents whose children are struggling mentally with social isolation, to discuss how to deal with the fear and stress of the global pandemic. **This meeting is open to all parents**, not just those whose children have IEPs.

Topic: Mental Health in time of Distance Learning

Time: May 14, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 748 5064 7502

Password: 1bEZyt

## **ACS Update - Dr. Martinez**

### **Science**

- Third graders are taking virtual field trips to zoos around the country.
- Today fourth graders met with Ms. Kim on zoom to review Heat Energy lessons.
- Fifth graders are completing a unit on the Earth, Moon, and Sun Systems.

### **ACS Friday Afternoon at the Movies**

Dear Students:

You have been working so hard and we are so proud of you. We have a special treat for you that we think you will love...

Have you ever wondered what it would like to be part of a movie club? Here is your chance! This is an optional way for us to connect while we're at home. Every Friday, join Ms. Lewis and Mrs. Compel in watching a movie, then we'll get together and talk about it on Zoom!

Each week we will send you the link to watch something new and on Fridays we will meet on Zoom to talk about it. You might pay attention to the music, the characters or the message in the film. When we meet, you will have the chance to share your opinions and what you noticed.

Parents:

This is totally voluntary and just for fun! Even if you can't join us on zoom you can watch the films with your children and have your own discussions together. It is valuable for children to learn to give an opinion and back their thoughts up with reasons or evidence. This critical thinking will help students write better persuasive pieces and learn to engage with media and texts with an analytical eye.

This week, we'll be watching the short film [Dustin](#). Our zoom invite is below. See you on Friday at 3:00!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76326338510?pwd=UXNoVkZWdkFXSmNETUVkeEpMSTR1dz09>

Meeting ID: 763 2633 8510

Password: ACS

Ms. Compel and Ms. Lewis

Preview YouTube video CGI 3D Animation Short Film HD "DUSTIN" by Michael Fritzsche | CGMeetup



**Let's Read Together!**

Ms. Lewis will read aloud [The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate](#). Join her as she reads and thinks aloud about the book! Read the book before reading the [sequel](#), *The One and Only Bob* and before the [movie](#) comes out on August 10th!

As we're reading, email [Ms. Lewis](#) and [Ms. Compel](#) with any thoughts you're having!

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Ms. Amy Lewis

Literacy Coach/Literacy Librarian

Anna C. Scott School

**Attachments area**

**Preview YouTube video The One and Only Bob Book Trailer | Katherine Applegate**



### **P.E. Family Fun Field Day at Home**

Next Monday, the PE Department will be posting an online resource for Families to use if they would like to run their own Family Fun Field Day at home. It contains ideas & games that can be used to make any day a FUN Day!

## LMS Update - Mr. Saco

### LMS Yearbook -

Orders for 8th graders are closing today, and I will be sending out a new Google order form to parents/guardians of our 6th and 7th graders. We have a limited number of yearbooks available, so do not delay. If your child (6th/7th grade) would like to purchase this year's LMS Yearbook, please be on the lookout for my email, and complete the form as soon as possible.

### 5th Grade Orientation Visits -

Ms. King, Mrs. Feldan, Mrs. Whalen and I will be visiting with each ACS 5th grade class individually to talk with our future 6th graders about life at LMS. We will cover topics ranging from our first day of school, to the 6th grade schedule, to our music program, sports, clubs, and activities, to lockers, to the key LMS faculty they will get to know very well. We will also be answering all our 5th graders' questions. Each visit will be happening on Zoom! We're looking forward to welcoming our next class of 6th graders to our LMS Family!

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Chiara Centrella- Happy 12th Birthday!
- ★ Liam Hilgeman- Happy 12th Birthday!
- ★ Alexandra Raskins- Happy 14th Birthday!

### Today's LMS Affirmations:

- ❖ I BELIEVE IN MY GOALS AND DREAMS.
- ❖ TODAY I CHOOSE TO THINK POSITIVE.
- ❖ I CAN GET THROUGH ANYTHING.

**Quote of the Day:** *"You should never view your challenges as a disadvantage. Instead, it's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages."* - Michelle Obama

## **LHS Update - Mr. Kalender**

### **Caps & Gowns**

Our virtual graduation will still require all seniors to wear their cap and gown for filming that will be included in the virtual graduation ceremony. We expect to receive the caps and gowns over the next couple of weeks. Once we have them we will make arrangements to get the caps and gowns to all seniors. Prior to giving seniors their caps and gowns all seniors must pay the \$25 fee for the cap and gown. This year we have made arrangements with Jostens so that families can pay using a credit/debit card on Jostens website. Please click on the following link to pay for your cap and gown. [LEONIA SENIORS](#)

This morning seniors and their parents/guardians should have received a link to a survey published by the NJDOE. The NJDOE is asking members of the Class of 2020 state wide to complete the survey and give their feedback on ways the NJDOE could appropriately recognize the class. This is not a survey asking how the district could recognize the seniors, but instead how the NJDOE can recognize them. The Leonia School District will be planning our own celebrations and acknowledgements for the Class of 2020. Details on our district plans will be forthcoming in the next week or so.

This morning members of the junior class received the following email regarding the National Honor Society acceptances and induction ceremony.

- Due to the current restrictions on group gatherings, there will not be a National Honor Society induction this school year for juniors. All juniors accepted will be inducted during a ceremony sometime in the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Decision letters will be mailed home roughly the first week of June.

There will however be an induction ceremony for seniors that were accepted into the National Honor Society this year. That ceremony will also honor all 30+ senior National Honor Society members. This will be a virtual ceremony that will take place in early June. Once the details have been finalized we will make an announcement.

Yesterday, juniors received a message in Naviance regarding the Peer Leadership Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Students should read and discuss the email with their parents. Any interested students can apply using the link found in the Naviance message.



## **College Questions?**

A drop-in style meeting with counselors to answer questions regarding the college planning process. Students and Parents are welcome to drop in to ask questions and get information from the counselors and admission representatives.

May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm – Montclair State University Admissions Representative

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82834143485?pwd=aGYvT044UllFOU1XK0hIVUZFUE16UT09>

ZOOM MEETING ID: 828-3414-3485

ZOOM PASSWORD: 120060

### **\*\*\*\*\*Previous information**

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.