

Good Evening LAMS Family Members,

Unfortunately, the voice messenger server has a glitch and I'm not able to record my message this evening. Please see below for my weekend message.

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This is Ms. Ponella the principal of Louis Armstrong Middle School with your weekly news.

This weekend, we celebrate Mother's Day! I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day. We celebrate everyone who holds "the title of mother, grandmother, foster mother, godmother, step mother, spiritual mother or just being that "special mom" to someone, you are so precious and amazing individuals! For those who are missing the presence of their mothers today, may the wonderful warm memories comfort you. I hope your day is filled with much love, joy and a day where warm memories are made to last forever.

Yesterday, I sent out a link to help you navigate google classrooms. I heard the link is not working and will look into this and resend. Please know we are always here to help and support you in this new normal of remote learning.

I'd like to thank you for reminding your child to sign into their google attendance each day and for encouraging them to stay on task in their classes. With the new grading policy, there will be a numerical grade for the 4 Marking Period and it's important for your child to continue to do their very best taking into account their unique circumstances. We continue to be flexible with our assignments and deadlines. If your child is not able to participate in class, please let their teachers know. We continue to have our wellness calls to check in on families to see how we

can help and support you during this time and for those students who have multiple absences.

For those students who are struggling with the learning, we have arranged for after school tutoring through our College for All Partnership, Practice Makes Perfect, and our Arts and Literacy After school Program. Information for these programs have been sent via Pupil Path and are posted on our website. Please know you can always reach out to our Guidance Department and School Social Worker if you need support.

It's that time of year again. Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be taking place this month in a new way during remote learning. If your child received a promotion in doubt letter or is struggling and you haven't been able to communicate with the teachers to discuss your concerns, please reach out to them to set an appointment. Here at LAMS our teachers are always willing to speak with you, so please reach out to your child's teachers, if you would like to meet. For this purpose, they will be taking appointments through May 22.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all my teachers and staff in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. I'm so proud of their herculean efforts to adjust to remote learning. We are still learning. Our teachers ensure they are meeting all your child's needs academically, socially and emotionally while trying to juggle their own home situations and children. I've heard from so many parents about the wonderful things their children are experiencing in this new platform of learning and I couldn't agree with them more.

I'd also like to thank all parents who had to take on the role of classroom facilitator while managing your own life situations too! It's no easy task and I know it isn't easy. However, I know together, we will continue to do what's best for your child and get through this together and be stronger for it. Below is a link I hope you will enjoy about mothers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezDfo8DSnQs>

As always, I'd like to thank all our first responders, healthcare workers and essential workers for the sacrifices you are making for all of us. We

couldn't do it without you. Please listen to this wonderful tribute. It brought tears to my eyes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N63tvQBwSSw>

Always remember to remind your child to wash their hands frequently, stay inside, cover their face if you have to go outside, to do their very best and to never ever give up. Please let your child know that Ms. Ponella and the LAMS staff misses them so much and believes in them.

This is Ms. Ponella signing off from LAMS, where what happens here will change the world.