

05.17.2020 Weekly News

Good Evening LAMS Family Members,

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

I hope everyone is having a restful weekend and when going outdoors remembering to have a face covering and practicing social distancing. You matter to me and I need you.

I'm so pleased to announce that we have formed committees to ensure our Seniors will have a remote graduation and awards assembly. It's important that our Seniors are honored and have these ceremonies still take place. This will be a herculean effort by our school team and I'm sure it will be memorable and moving. More information is to come.

I'd like to give a big shout out to all of our students who made honor roll for the third marking period! Congratulations on your hard work and achieving this award! I'm so proud of you all. With that said we would also be having a remote Arista ceremony.

Thank you parents for continuing to remind your children for submitting their daily attendance Google form. This is important for them to be counted for attendance for the day. It's important for each student to attend their classes, participate and submit their work, as stated in yesterday's letter sent on grading policy. The fourth marking period will be numerical. If your child is unable to attend class, please let the teachers know. Also, remember to ask your child what they are learning in each of their classes to ensure they are attending.

Our teachers will be receiving training this week on Pear Deck. It's a new feature they can use in Google Classroom that will be more engaging for your children. Our teachers are continuing to

learn the needed technology to strengthen their tech skills. I'm so proud of all their efforts.

As mentioned last week, Parent/Teacher conferences are currently taking place through May 22. If you would like to meet with your child's teachers, please reach out to them.

As always, I'd like to thank all our first responders, healthcare workers and essential workers for the sacrifices they are making for all of us. We couldn't do it without you.

Always remember to remind your child to wash their hands frequently, stay inside, and 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.