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WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Celebrations in Professional Development

We have already engaged in hundreds of hours of professional development! Please find some of the topics below that were enhanced for Remote and Hybrid Learning. Teachers now have access to a Professional Development Repository with hundreds of hours of PD courses, screencasts, and research find just a few below:

- Asynchronous Instruction Technologies
- Assistive Technologies
- Building Positive Relationships
- Distance Learning Playbook
- Enhancing Student Engagement
- Establishing Relationships Remotely
- Navigating Difficult Conversations with Students
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Social Justice
- Talking about Race
- STEAM in the Classroom
- Synchronous Instruction Technologies
- Teaching Activities to Support SEL in Remote/ Hybrid Learning Environment
- Technology, Technology, Technology
 - Seesaw
 - Literably
 - Flipgrid
 - Freckle
 - Nearpod
 - WeVideo
 - Google for Education
- Transition to Life
- Trauma Attuned Classroom
- ...and so much more!

Learning remotely~ a phrase none of us would have ever imagined prior to March of 2020, has now become part of education vernacular and the source of much research and discussion. Teachers in our district have quickly become experts in “zooming” and in teaching synchronous and asynchronous lessons...again words we could not have imagined would be utilized to describe our craft...ever. As parents, it must be incredibly overwhelming as you try to plan your work, family, and now school lives with an ever changing expectation all during the stress of a global pandemic.

We hope that this version of our newsletter provides you with access to information that will assist you in supporting your children, expanding your own understanding, and in finding comfort in the phrase “we got this”. In our newsletter you will find parent events throughout the year that you can Zoom into rather than leaving your children at home to attend in person. Though we normally plan for an entire year at once, it is likely we will be adding events as this ever-changing situation evolves. To find the most up to date calendar please click [here](#). During our time of quarantine last spring, it became increasingly more important that we share as much information as possible with families to support school at home. Please find a link to all of that information on our website [LPS Remote Learning for Parents](#).

Finally, we are hopeful that you will find comfort and encouragement in the work our staff has done to ensure they are not only instructing students, but are building relationships and developing lessons to ensure the social, emotional, academic, and health needs of our students are at the forefront of the work we are doing. Teachers and administrators are focusing on knowing our students, building responsive learning environments, and engaging students in all settings. We will continue to update our website with resources for families regarding Social-Emotional Learning and Well-Being resources regularly. Please find the most up to date information on our website [LPS Social Emotional Support](#).



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September 2020

September 15, 6:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School Media Center

September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Livingston High School

September 16, 6:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with a Disability
Mount Pleasant Middle School

September 16, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Mount Pleasant Middle School

September 17, 6:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with a Disability
Heritage Middle School

September 17, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Heritage Middle School

September 23, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Riker Hill Elementary School

September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Hillside Elementary School

September 29, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Setting Up a Remote Learning Space & SeeSaw Tutorial

September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Harrison Elementary School



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October 2020

October 1, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Mount Pleasant Elementary School

October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Collins Elementary School

October 7, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Burnet Hill Elementary School

October 15, 6:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School

October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Class of 2022—The Post-Secondary Search Process
Livingston High School

October 20, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Home Activities to Promote Fine and Gross Motor Development

October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Presentation for All Parents
Livingston High School

October 27, 6:00 p.m.

Math in Focus Parent University for
All Parents, Grades K-2



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November 2020

November 12, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Increasing Language Supports at Home

November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Internship Information Night
Livingston High School

November 18, 7:00 p.m.

ESL Parent Night for
All Parents of English Learners, Grades Pre-K-12

December 2020

December 17, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Promoting Independence at Home



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January 2021

January 7, 6:00 p.m.

Senior Internship Open House
Livingston High School

January 13, 6:30 p.m.

Science Pathways Parent Night
Livingston High School

January 16, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Math in Preschool at Home

January 21, 6:00 p.m.

8th to 9th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School

January 21, 7:00 p.m.

8th to 9th Grade Orientation Program for
All Parents
Livingston High School

January 28, 7:00 p.m.

Signs and Symptoms of Adolescent Substance Abuse and Current Drug Trends for
All Parents, Grades 6-12



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February 2021

February 3, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Exiting PRIDE: What to Expect?

February 4, 6:00 p.m.

Math Night Singapore Focus for
All Parents, Grades 3-5



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March 2021

March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Book Club with Dr. Blair Rosenthal & Dr. Emily Sortino
UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World
by Michele Borba

March 4, 7:00 p.m.

Family STEAM Night for
All Elementary Parents, Grades 2—5

March 10, 6:00 p.m.

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Heritage Middle School

March 10, 7:00 p.m.

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents
Heritage Middle School

March 16, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Behavior Supports for Home

March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Math Program Grades 7-12 Information Evening for
All Parents, Grades 6-12

March 18, 7:00 p.m.

College Admissions Panel for
All Parents
Livingston High School

March 24, 7:00 p.m.

“Breaking the Silence”
Presented by Marianne McCrone, LPC & Robyn Krugman, LCSW
of Jewish Family Services for
All Parents and Students, Grades 6-12



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April 2021

April 6, 6:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Understanding Behaviors

April 6, 6:00 p.m.

New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) Guest Speaker for
Parents of Students with a Disability, ages 16-21

April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Application Process for
All Parents, Class of 2022
Livingston High School

April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Livingston High School College, Career and Transition Fair for
All Parents
Livingston High School Fitness & Wellness Center/Auxiliary Gym

April 27, 7:00 p.m.

ESL Parent Night for
All Parents of English Learners, Pre-K-12



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May 2021

May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Literacy Night for
All Parents, Grades Pre-K-2

May 6, 6:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
The Transition from PRIDE to Kindergarten

May 20, 6:00 p.m.

Managing Expectations of the Junior Year for
Parents of Students with a Disability, Class of 2023

May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Planning Process: Overview of the Junior Year for
All Parents, Class of 2023

May 26, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Science Research Symposium
Livingston High School



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June 2021

June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Awards and Scholarship Program
Livingston High School

June 10, 6:30 p.m.

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability

June 10, 7:30 p.m.

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents