



## LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Family Newsletter

October 6, 2023

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

Happy October! In the following message you will find upcoming events and activities that your students will be participating in during the month of October.

#### **Washington State Healthy Youth Survey 2023**

6th and 8th graders will take the Healthy Youth Survey on October 11, 2023 in their science class. The Healthy Youth Survey takes about 45 minutes and is completely voluntary and anonymous and provides important information to guide policy and programs that serve our youth.

**Please read the linked Parent and Student Notification Letter for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey.**

[Healthy Youth Survey Parent Information - English](#)

[Healthy Youth Survey Parent Information - Spanish](#)

[Healthy Youth Survey Parent Information - Russian](#)

**If you would like more information about the Healthy Youth Survey, or to opt out, please visit the school office or contact Nurse Vicki at [vduncombe@nsd.org](mailto:vduncombe@nsd.org)**

#### **Panorama Survey**

All Leota students will have the opportunity to complete the Panorama Student Survey on October 20, 2023. The survey will take place during their Pride class. The Panorama Student Survey gathers feedback from students about their classroom experiences. Research has shown that student perceptions strongly correlate with learning outcomes and can be an important improvement tool for school systems.

The comprehensive survey covers nineteen key topics: from pedagogical effectiveness and school climate, to student engagement and growth mindset. The survey has been used as a formative tool to help assess the effectiveness of our efforts and future interventions to support student success.

#### **Principal Chat**

The first Principal Chat session is Monday, October 16th at 1:00pm. You can come visit in person or on Zoom. Here is a Zoom link for those planning to join online: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/2375529365>. If you are unable to attend, please know there will be additional opportunities to share and learn. I look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

## **Great Shake Out**

As hopefully you already know, we conduct monthly safety/emergency drills on campus. Each year in October, we have the "Great Shake Out", which is to practice and prepare for an earthquake. The Great ShakeOut is the world's largest Earthquake drill! Each year in October, participants all over the world use this opportunity to practice what they would do in case an earthquake occurred suddenly: Drop, Cover, and Hold On! Leota will be practicing our earthquake drill on October 20, 2023 at 1020am.

Washington is earthquake and tsunami country – either of these hazards could strike at any time. The Great ShakeOut is the perfect annual opportunity to learn about these hazards, practice how to protect yourself from earthquake and tsunamis, and take action to get prepared for disasters, so they won't impact you as much when they occur.

## **Closed Campus**

I just want to remind families that Leota Middle School is a closed campus for visitors while school is in session. This includes the tennis courts, athletic fields, and track. We really appreciate your support and cooperation. We ask that when you come onto campus, please report directly to the main office.

See you soon!

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal  
Leota Middle School

## **Upcoming Events**

### **10/9**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Drama Club Fall Play Rehearsal 2:35-4:15pm

6th Girls Soccer, 7th Girls Volleyball, 7/8th Boys Tennis@Kenmore3:30

7/8th Girls Soccer, 8th Girls Volleyball@Kenmore 4:45

### **10/10**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during both lunches Room 711

ASB Meeting 2:35 P-5

Drama Club Fall Play Rehearsal 2:35-4:15pm

Cross Country Timbercrest&Skyview@Leota: 3:30-5:30pm

### **10/11**

Periods 1-6, Early Release

### **10/12**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Star Time: 2:35-4:05pm Library

Drama Club Fall Play Rehearsal 2:35-4:15pm

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

6th Girls Soccer, 7th Girls Volleyball, 7/8th Boys Tennis: Timbercrest@Leota 3:30

7/8th Girls Soccer, 8th Girls Volleyball Timbercrest@Leota

4:45

**10/13**

Periods 1-6

**10/16**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Principle Chat: 1:00-2:00pm

Drama Club Fall Play Rehearsal 2:35-4:15pm

7th/8th Girls Soccer, 8th Girls Volleyball, 7/8th Boys Tennis Skyview@ Leota 3:30

6th Girls Soccer, 7th Girls Volleyball Skyview@Leota 4:45

**10/17**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during both lunches Room 711

Drama Club Fall Play Rehearsal 2:35-4:15pm

ASB Meeting 2:35 P-5

Cross Country Kenmore & Canyon Park@Leota: 3:30-5:30pm

**10/18**

Periods 1-6, Early Release

PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Bagels and Salads

**10/19**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Star Time: 2:35-4:05pm Library

School Photo Retakes: Room 710 During Lunches

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

7/8th Girls Soccer, 8th Girls Volleyball, 7/8th Boys Tennis: Northshore@Leota 3:30

6th Girls Soccer, 7th Girls Volleyball Northshore@Leota

4:45

**10/20**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Earthquake Drill (Duck & Cover): 10:20am

Panorama Well Being Survey during Pride

**Star Time**

Star Time begins on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 2:35-4:05 in the Library. Star time will be weekly on Thursday to allow students to stay after school to work on homework and get additional help. Students must report directly to the Library when school is out and stay the whole time unless a parent makes arrangements to pick them up early. Activity buses are available for students participating in Star Time.

**Photo Retake Day October 19th**

If your student needs to have photo retakes they will be on Thursday 10/19. Dorian studios will be here to take retakes during both lunches. Please have your student go to Room 710 with their smiles for retakes. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs.Spencer @ 425 408 6503

**National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that recognizes students based on five traits: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. If your student gets excellent grades and enjoys volunteering in their community, then they may be a great fit for this group! The requirements to

join NJHS or continue to be a member are the same (except for one difference). The requirements are the following:

1. Join the Schoology group with code: G7JX – TP52 - VZRCV
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above
3. 10 or more hours of community service with at least 2 hours here at Leota (need to fill out the community service hours tracking form)
4. A personal narrative essay explaining how they meet the five traits of NJHS (only required for new members)
5. No detentions, Saturday School, or suspensions

Students must join the Schoology group before the last day of first semester (January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024). At that time their GPA's will be checked and they will be notified if they qualify to apply or not. Then in February 2024 the application to join NJHS will be posted on Schoology. Both new and returning members complete this application. This is where students will submit their service hours tracking form and essay. Applications are due March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by 3:00 pm.

To learn more about NJHS watch this video that Hannah Fast (Leota's NJHS advisor) filmed explaining the requirements in more detail: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMDGZZFDOK0>

You can also find the requirements and all the needed forms at the NJHS pages of the Leota website: <https://leota.nsd.org/activities/national-junior-honor-society>

If you have any questions feel free to email Hannah Fast at [hfast@nsd.org](mailto:hfast@nsd.org)

### **Leota PTSA needs your vote on Wednesday**

Before the Leota PTSA can start planning the programs and events that make our community so awesome, they need to elect the new Executive Board. **This election needs to happen for Leota PTSA to operate this year.**

**Parents, please plan to attend the meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 pm.** *(This is the correct date. Apologies for the typo in last week's communication.)*

The meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting details, including a meeting link, will be sent closer to the date.

**What:** Election of Leota PTSA Executive Leaders

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 pm

**Where:** Remotely on Zoom (link to come)

**Why:** An Executive Board is necessary for Leota PTSA to operate this year

For more info, please contact [presidentleotapta@hotmail.com](mailto:presidentleotapta@hotmail.com).

### **Volunteer opportunities at Leota**

**Staff Appreciation event:** Welcome back to another amazing year at Leota! Since the last Staff Appreciation event of 2022-23 was such a hit with the Leota staff, we're going to repeat it to kick off 2023-24. We hope to have PTSA leadership voted in at next week's meeting, which will allow us to provide the bagels and spreads. Please take a look at the sign up and see whether you can bring one or more of the other items we need to make this event successful. **Bagel lunch on Oct.**

**18:** <https://signup.com/go/HiRETuT>.

**Student Store:** Sign up to volunteer in the Student Store! Each Wednesday students have the opportunity to use their hard-earned Pride Tickets to purchase popcorn, candy, and—NEW this year—North Creek HS or Woodinville HS swag! Grab a friend and sign up together, or sign up and make a new friend. Click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA9A922A7F85-44205802-leota#/>.

**Lunchtime Volunteers:** Are you interested in volunteering at Leota during lunchtime? We could use help with general supervision in the cafeteria - it's always nice to have an extra set of eyes on things 😊. There is a sign-up link below for October dates:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADA729A20-44609900-lunchtime>

**Volunteer background check:** IMPORTANT! To volunteer on campus at Leota or any other facility in the Northshore School District, you'll need to submit an online application for a Level 1 background check. Volunteers must update the application every year, and it must be completed before the first day of volunteering. To begin the process, click here: <https://www.nsd.org/get-involved/volunteer/become-a-volunteer>.