



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

October 20, 2023

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

I hope this message finds you doing well. Please take your time to read the information below. It has information about upcoming events and changes to the schedule.

Revised Schedule

Wednesday, November 22nd is a newly designed half-day schedule. The school day will be from 8:00-11:15 am. The day will include lunch. The students will attend all six classes. We will share the bell schedule soon.

Panorama Survey

A final notification, all Leota students will have the opportunity to complete the Panorama Student Survey this month. The survey will take place during their Pride class on Thursday, October 26. 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.

Emergency Contacts

While we never want an emergency or natural disaster while at school, we have a responsibility to plan for such events. To help us in a situation where students need to be reunified with families, please take a moment to **update your student's Emergency Contact information in ParentVUE**. Family, friends, and neighbors can be added to pick up students in an emergency. Just a reminder: if a person is NOT on the designated emergency contact list, we cannot release your student to them. Also, just a reminder that a valid picture ID is required in all emergency pickup situations, including reunification. We know situations change, and this information may be updated at any time.

STAR Time

Leota Middle School is now offering Academic Tutoring, better known as STAR Time. Each Thursday, we have staff members available in the Library, from 2:35-4:10 to support academic success. Following Star Time, your student can ride the activity bus home. We are eager to support your students' academic success.

Morning drop off

The back parking lot is for the buses to drop off students and for staff parking. Please do not use that area for drop off in the morning. It causes a safety concern for our students and for the bus drivers.

Sports

Season 1 sports is wrapping up next week. Intramurals will be October 31, November 2 and November 3. It will be from 2:35-4:10 and students will be able to take the activity buses home. Students will be notified of sign up next week. All students participating must have an ASB card to participate. Season 2 sports is Boys Basketball. 7 and 8th grade is a cut sport and 6th grade is not. All students must have sports physicals on file, register in final forms and have an ASB card. Practice for 7 and 8th grade will begin on November 6 from 2:35-4:10. Practice for 6th grade will begin on November 13 from 2:35-4:10. Students will be able to take the activity buses home after practices. Parents must pick students up after games.

Have a wonderful weekend.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Events

10/23

Periods 1-6, Pride

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

Cross Country Walk Through Culminating Event@Big Finn 3:30

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

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

10/24

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 Culminating Event@Big Finn 3:30

10/25

Periods 1-6, Early Release

Black Student Union: 7:30am Room 604

10/26

Periods 1-6, Pride

Latino Cultures Club: 7:30am Library

Panorama Survey during Pride

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

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

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

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

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

4:45

Cross Country End of Season Party: 2:35 pm Cafeteria

10/27

Periods 1-6, Pride

6th Grade Soccer End of Season Party: 2:35 pm Cafeteria
Volleyball End of Season Party: 2:35 pm Gym

Next week's Schedule

10/30

Periods 1-6, Pride

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

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

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

10/31

Periods 1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during both lunches Room 711

Intramurals: 2:35 Gym

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

ASB Meeting 2:35 P-5

11/1

Periods 1-6, Early Release

Drama Club Fall Play Dress Rehearsal (w/school audience) 4:00-6:00pm Theater

11/2

Periods 1-6, Pride

Intramurals: 2:35 Gym

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

7th/8th Grade Soccer End of Season Party: 2:35 pm Cafeteria

Drama Club Fall Play: 6:30-8:00pm Theater

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Periods 1-6, Pride

Last Day of Quarter 1

Intramurals: 2:35 Gym

Drama Club Fall Play: 6:30-8:00pm Theater



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Introducing the new PTSA Executive Team

The PTSA is thrilled to introduce the new Executive Team for 2023-24. We are incredibly grateful to these parent volunteers for stepping up. Because of them, the Leota PTSA can operate this year. Let's learn a little about each of them:

Sarah Wolf

Co-president

This is my 2nd year at Leota. I'm looking forward to meeting new families and helping our school community grow. I currently have a 7th grader and a 5th grader at Wellington. I hope you will consider volunteering with us!

Angela La Tourette

Co-president

This is my 5th year at Leota. I'm excited to co-chair with Sarah after having been Secretary and Treasurer. I've had a great experience with all the Leota PTSA parents and can't wait to see what the year brings. I have a 10th grader at Innovation Lab and a 7th grader.

Monica Jilka

Treasurer

This is my 1st year at Leota and I'm eager to be a part of this community. I have two boys, a 6th grader and the younger is at Woodin.

Kelsey Pritchett

Secretary

My daughter is a 7th grader. This year will be my 2nd as our Leota PTSA Secretary. I love having some insight as to what's going on at the school through this position and enjoy being a part of the Leota community.



All welcome at PTSA General Meeting on Wednesday

It's the first PTSA General Meeting of the school year, and you're invited! Get to know the leadership team, meet the principal, reunite with Leota parents, and learn more about the school and wonderful PTSA programs that are just getting started. You do not need to be a PTSA member to attend.

What: Leota PTSA General Meeting

When: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7 pm

Where: In-person at Leota Library or on Zoom (link will be sent closer to date)

Agenda includes:

- Executive Team introductions
- Remarks from Principal Leick
- Budget approval
- Standing rules
- Let's bring back the school dance!
- Overview of programs/committees



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Meeting

Informational meeting for Science Olympiad

Is your student interested in science topics such as anatomy, optics, wind power, and the process of building plane, rollercoaster, or wind turbine? With 23 different topics to explore in the curriculum, the middle school Science Olympiad team is a great opportunity for students to dive deep into science. They'll learn to develop innovative ideas and apply their creativity. Leota parents/guardians are invited to learn more about Science Olympiad at an informational meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 21, at 4-5:30 pm** on Zoom. Join the meeting using this link:



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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88632728693?pwd=0i4wtGKhsqQL46QpWtsVqM7XR8Tevc.1>

At the meeting learn what students experience and accomplish on the Science Olympiad team, as well as expectations and requirements, including:

- 4-hour commitment from students each week
- 2-hour volunteer commitment from parents (hours are flexible)
- ~\$100 registration fee per student, which can be reduced or waived if financial assistance is needed

If you have questions or are unable to attend the meeting, please email the Science Olympiad chair at scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com.

Artists, it's your time to shine!

Calling all student artists! It's time to think about your PTA Reflections art project. **The theme for 2023-24 is "I am Hopeful Because..."**

Entries can be submitted in the following categories: Dance, Film, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts (sculptures, drawings, paintings, etc.), and Special Artist Division. For more information about categories and art requirements, visit the [National PTA Reflections webpage](#).

Entry forms will be available in the Leota Main Office beginning Monday, Oct. 23.

Entries are due Dec. 1. Physical artwork can be turned into the Main Office. Electronic/digital works can be sent to the Leota Reflections Chair at heatherjenks@hotmail.com. Please contact Heather Jenks if you have questions.



Want to spend Spring Break touring D.C.?

Hello 7th and 8th grade families! Mrs. Flowers (of Leota) and Mrs. Van Avery (of Wellington Elementary) are offering an amazing East Coast historical trip over Spring Break to Washington, D.C.; Baltimore; and Gettysburg for all 7th and 8th grade families who are interested. Because this trip happens only once every 2 years, the trip in 2024 be **both grades' only chance to participate.**

Mrs. Flowers and Mrs. Van Avery will host a parent informational meeting on Zoom on **Monday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 pm.** Join the meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508131634>.

(This meeting is only for families who have not yet registered. If you've already signed up for the trip, you do not need to attend.)

IMPORTANT: This trip is independently sponsored by Apple Student Tours and Mrs. Van Avery and Mrs. Flowers. This trip is NOT affiliated with nor sponsored by Leota Middle School, Leota Middle School PTSA, or the Northshore School District.

See you at the meeting! For more info, please email lookingforwardtodc@hotmail.com.



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Student Store is looking for volunteers

Sign up to volunteer in the Student Store at lunchtime! 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 or sign up and make a new friend. NSD Level 1 volunteer clearance required. [Click here to sign up to volunteer!](#)



Reminder: Volunteer background checks

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, visit the district's [Become a Volunteer](#) webpage.

Let's get social

For the latest news and opportunities, follow us on social media:

- Join the Facebook page [Leota Middle School PTSA](#)
- Join the Facebook private group [Leota PTSA Volunteers and Info](#)

About us

Leota PTSA is a parent, teacher, staff, and student membership organization that advocates for all students. We make a variety of educational and community programs possible at Leota. For more information, visit www.leotapta.com.

Thanks for reading our e-newsletter! We hope you find it a valuable resource to learn about the events, programs, and opportunities available to all Leota families. If you have feedback or suggestions, please reach out to us at communications@leotapta.com.

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