



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 15, 2024 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

The month of March is moving so quickly. I hope the sunshine brings joy to your day. We have a lot of exciting events planned for the next couple of weeks. Please take time to review upcoming events involving Leota students.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 20th is the next Principal Chat. You can join me in the library, or on Zoom. Here is the [zoom link](#). The Principal Chat begins at 6pm. Immediately following the Principal Chat, you are invited to participate in the quarterly PTSA Meeting. The parent and school partnership is very important.

Thursday, March 21st a group of students will be taking a field trip to Everett Community College. The students will participate in a Students of Color Conference.

Friday, March 22nd, is the ASB Social/Dance. If your student has an ASB sticker, it is free, otherwise you can pay the \$5 cost in person from 7:30am to 2:25pm or online. Thank you to PTSA for providing chaperones and financial support.

Friday, March 22nd, the Northshore School District Middle School Orchestra Festival will take place at Inglemoor High School. The event kicks off at 9am.

Friday, March 22nd all students will participate in the Panorama Survey during Pride. This information provides Leota with valuable information on our areas of strength and areas for growth. We value our student voice, and appreciate what they share with us.

Thursday, March 28th starts the first day of Season 4 Sports Practices. Season 4 often has the greatest number of participants. The sports include Co-ed Track & Field (6-8), Boy's Soccer (6-8), Girl's Tennis (7/8), and Girl's Volleyball (6).

We are still in need of a 6th grade boys soccer coach. Here is a link to the [job description](#). If you are interested in enjoying the sun with fun 6th grade students helping them learn the game of soccer, reach out to DeAnn Henley at dhenley@nsd.org by Monday, March 18, 2024.

I hope you have an amazing March. If you have any questions or concerns, please make sure you reach out to me.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

03/18

Periods 1-6, Pride

Chess Club: 2:35 Room 719

Game Club: 2:35 Library

Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater

6th Girls Basketball: 3:30 Leota@Kenmore

8th Girls Basketball: 3:30 Kenmore@Leota

7th Girls Basketball: 4:30 Kenmore@Leota

03/19

Periods 1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during lunches: Room 711

Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater

ASB Meeting: 2:35 P-5

Peer Tutor Club: 2:35 Room 606

Girls Basketball End of Season Party: 2:35 Cafeteria

Wrestling: Timbercrest@Leota 3:30pm

3/20

Periods 1-6, Early Release

Principal Chat: 6:00pm at Leota Library or Via Zoom

03/21

Periods 1-6, Pride

Student of Color Conference Fieldtrip: 8:00am-2:00pm

Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

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03/22

Periods 1-6, Pride

NSD Middle School Orchestra Festival: 8:00am-2:00pm at Inglemoor

Panorama Well-Being Survey during Pride

ASB Social: 2:35-4:05pm

03/25

Periods 1-6, Pride

Chess Club: 2:35 Room 719
Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater

03/26

Periods 1-6, Pride
Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater
ASB Meeting: 2:35 P-5
Peer Tutor Club: 2:35 Room 606

03/27

Black Student Union: 7:30am Room 604
South Asian Club during Lunches Choir Room
Choir Concert: 6:30pm Inglemoor HS

03/28

Periods 1-6, Pride
Latino Cultures Club: 7:30am Library
East Asian Club during Lunches: P2
Drama Club Spring Play Rehearsal: 2:35 Theater
Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library
Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720
First Day of Season 4 Sports

03/29

Periods 1-6, Pride
Bookworms Book Club: 2:35 Library



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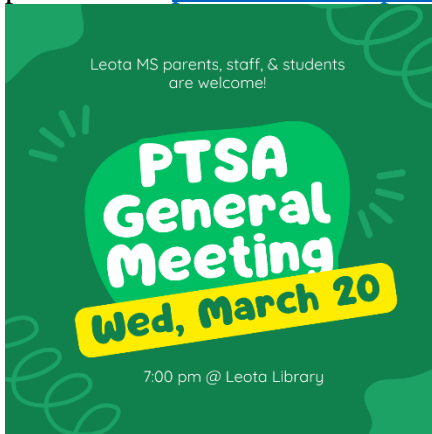
We'd love to see you at the PTSA meeting next week!

Please join us for the next-to-last General Meeting of the school year! Parents, staff, students, and supporters are welcome at this **in-person meeting in the Leota library on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 pm**. Our agenda includes:

- **Principal Chat** with Mr. Leick, optional (6-7 pm)
- **School Dance/Social** updates
- **8th Grade Party** updates

- **Make birthday cards** and donate them to a local senior home--open to students and parents (National Junior Honor Society students can earn volunteer hours)
- **Nominations for board members**, to be voted on at May meeting
- **Vote on motion to help families in need**, plus vote on other efforts to meet future needs

In addition, you'll get to see old friends and make new connections with parents, staff, and students. A Zoom option will not be provided. We look forward to seeing everyone on March 20! For more info, please email president@leotaptsa.com.



!! Save the date !!

8th Grade Party

Evening of Tuesday, June 18

Brightwater Center

We can't wait to celebrate our amazing 8th graders! More details to come this spring. Parents, please remind your 8th grader to check their email for a poll about the event theme. Poll closes Friday, March 15.

Science team qualifies for state

Congratulations to the Leota Science Olympiad team, which advanced to state after their 8th place overall finish at Northwest Regionals at Northshore Middle School on March 9. Students representing about 30 middle schools from across the Northwest participated. Some of the team's key achievements included:

- **1st position, Microbe Mission:** Laya Mohan (8th), Maia Starkebaum (8th)
- **3rd position, Anatomy & Physiology:** Sushrut Yearva (7th), Laya Mohan (8th)
- **4th position, Experimental Design:** Maia Starkebaum (8th), Laya Mohan (8th), Sushrut Yearva (7th)
- **4th position, Can't Judge a Powder:** Laya Mohan (8th), Sushanth Vegineti (7th)
- **5th position, Flight:** Sushanth Vegineti (7th), Sushrut Yearva (7th)

Good luck to the team when they travel to Ellensburg for the Washington State Science Olympiad at Central Washington University on April 13!

For more info about Science Olympiad, email leotascienceolympiad@gmail.com.



Honoring arts, creativity at Reflections reception

Celebrate student artists at the Northshore Council PTSA Reflections reception on March 14, including **Leota 6th grader Anika B.**, whose literature submission “One Day” advanced to the state competition.

The reception will be held at Brightwater Center at 4:30-7:30 pm. Come admire all Council-qualifying entries and enjoy refreshments from the Bothell High School Culinary Arts program.



Next Staff Appreciation event in April

Although we're not holding a Staff Appreciation luncheon in March to give our wonderful volunteers a little break, we want to make sure you know that the next opportunity to treat our amazing staff is coming up right after Spring Break, on April 17. Please put the date on your calendars and look for the sign up in the next PTSA newsletter. Thank you! --*Staff Appreciation Committee Co-chairs Vicki Johnson and Karla Pak*



Student Store needs volunteer help

It's not too late! We are still welcoming new and returning volunteers to the Student Store each Wednesday. Now is the perfect time to get involved and try out our **new popcorn machine** (*pictured here alongside parent volunteers*)! Leotians are working hard and earning lots of Pride tickets to spend at the store, so we need help making sure the store can run each week. Sign up today:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA9A922A7F85-44205802-leota#/>



Ideas for the next guest speaker?

Who would you like to hear from next? Our last General Membership meeting featured a wonderful guest speaker who touched on the topic of artificial intelligence. What topics are you interested in learning more about? Email us your suggestions: contact@leotapta.com.

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.

Thank you to our sponsors

The Leota PTSA thanks all the Paving the Way Together donors, and especially this year's sponsors (*listed below*). Our programs and events are possible because of you all!

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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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