



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 3, 2024 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

Happy May! We are in the final two months of the school year. The time is and will continue to go quickly. It is important for all of us to work in partnership to ensure we create a safe and supportive environment.

SAFETY/PARKING LOT

- A kind reminder to parents and students for drop off/pick up. While on campus it is important that we treat each other with kindness and respect. All of our students are watching how we interact with one another.
- Please be aware of your surroundings. There are cars and students constantly moving for a short but busy time - with the crosswalk in use.
- Please keep your speed down to 5-7 mph when leaving the area
- No student drop off/pick up in the bus zone before or after school

The next Principal Chat is on May 17th at 3pm. Here is the Zoom Link:

<https://nsd.zoom.us/j/2375529365?omn=89123386316>. This is a great way to ask questions and provide your thoughts.

SBA testing begins this week, please remind your student to arrive at school with their fully charged Chromebook and wired headphones. If they need to borrow headphones, we will have them available. On the topic of Chromebooks, we average about 20 students each day needing to borrow a Chromebook. This takes time away from learning. Please check to see that your student is taking quality care of their device, and bringing it to school. The Chromebooks need to be in their cases, to help reduce the risk of damage and fines.

New student store incentive: open field time during PRIDE in 3 weeks

Criteria to sign up:

1. no missing assignments
2. on time to classes for the three week period
3. no administrator referrals
4. 5 PRIDE tickets.

Review expected behavior with your children. This time of year, students are excited and/or anxious about the end of the year which can result in unusual behavior. We expect students to demonstrate the 3 Pillars: respect, empathy and effort all year. We have many fun end of year activities and we want all students to be able to participate.

NCHS Athletic Info Mtg memo to LMS 8th grade families

Are you a parent of or an incoming 9th grader to North Creek High School that might have some interest/questions about high school athletics? Hello, I am Melton Jefferson, Athletic Director at North Creek High School. I will be hosting an informational meeting at North Creek High School's Main Gym on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30pm. During this meeting we will talk about what sports are offered and what season they are included in the school year. We will also talk about expectations and the importance of grades. I will be bringing with me members of the NCHS coaching staff for all sports. Parents and incoming 2024-25 9th graders are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for all that you do to support the success of your child and the success of our entire learning community. Leota Middle School is a special place.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

5/6

8th Grade WCAS Testing in Science Classes (Adjusted Schedule Per 1-3, Pride)

Chess Club: 2:35 Room 719

Game Club: 2:35 Library

7th/8th Grade Boys Soccer: 3:30pm Timbercrest@Leota

Girls Tennis: 3:30pm Timbercrest@Leota

6th Girls Volleyball: 3:30 Timbercrest@Leota

5/7

8th Grade WCAS Testing in Science Classes (Adjusted Schedule Per 4-6, Pride)

Yearbook Club during first and second lunch: Room 711

Peer Tutor Club: 2:35 Room 606

Co-Ed Track: 3:30 Skyview@Leota

5/8

Periods 1-6, Early Release

ASB Meeting: 7:30am P-5

PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Bagels)

5/9

SBAC ELA CAT Testing (Adjusted Schedule Per 1-3, Pride)

East Asian Club during Lunches: P2

LCC Meeting during Pride: Room 604

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

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

5/10

SBAC ELA PT Testing (Adjusted Schedule Per 4-6, Pride)

5/13

Per 1-6, Pride

Chess Club: 2:35 Room 719

Game Club: 2:35 Library

7th/8th Grade Boys Soccer: 3:30pm Northshore@Leota

Girls Tennis: 3:30pm Northshore@Leota

6th Girls Volleyball: 3:30 Northshore@Leota

5/14

SBAC Math CAT Testing (Adjusted Schedule Per 1-3, Pride)

Peer Tutor Club: 2:35 Room 606

Co-Ed Track: 3:30 Leota@Timbercrest

5/15

SBAC Math PT Testing (Adjusted Schedule Per 4-6), Early Release

ASB Meeting: 7:30am P-5

South Asian Club during Lunches: Choir Room

5/16

Per 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches: P2

BSU Guest Speaker during Pride: Cafeteria

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

6th Girls Volleyball: 3:30 Leota@Canyon Park

7th/8th Boys Soccer: 3:30 Leota@Canyon Park

Girls Tennis: 3:30 Leota@Canyon Park

5/17

Per 1-6, Pride

Evaluation Team (ET) via Zoom 7:25am

Principal Chat: 3:00pm Conference Room



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- Next PTSA meeting: May 15
- Science Olympiad state results
- Staff Appreciation signup
- Student Store signup

- Thank you, sponsors

Tickets on sale for 8th Grade Party!

Before the 8th graders go their separate ways to high school, let's celebrate this milestone moment. **All Leota 8th graders are invited to "Lights, Camera, Lions!"** on Tuesday, June 18, at 5:30-8:30 pm at Brightwater Center in Woodinville. There will be a dance party with a professional DJ, photo booth, lawn games, table games, food, and much more! The event is presented by Leota PTSA.

Cost

- \$25 per student if purchased by May 17
- \$35 if purchased on or after May 18
- Financial assistance available--please see a school counselor

Action items for parents

Put your 8th grader on the guest list by completing these 2 steps:

- **Step 1:** Fill out the [Parent Consent and T-shirt Size Request Form](#).
- **Step 2:** Pay online at the [Leota PTSA website](#), bring a check to the office, or see a school counselor about financial assistance.

Free T-shirt for every 8th grader

Even if your child doesn't attend, they will get a Class of 2028 T-shirt, compliments of Leota PTSA. Please fill out the [Parent Consent and T-shirt Size Request Form](#) by May 17 for the best chance at receiving your preferred size. After that day, we cannot guarantee preferred size.

Volunteers needed

Thanks to all the parents already working hard to plan an amazing finale to middle school. If you'd like to help on the day of the event, please [sign up here to volunteer](#). Having an 8th grader is not a requirement to volunteer.

More info

Check out our [FAQs about the 8th Grade Party](#). If you have questions, please email 8thgradeparty@leotapta.com.



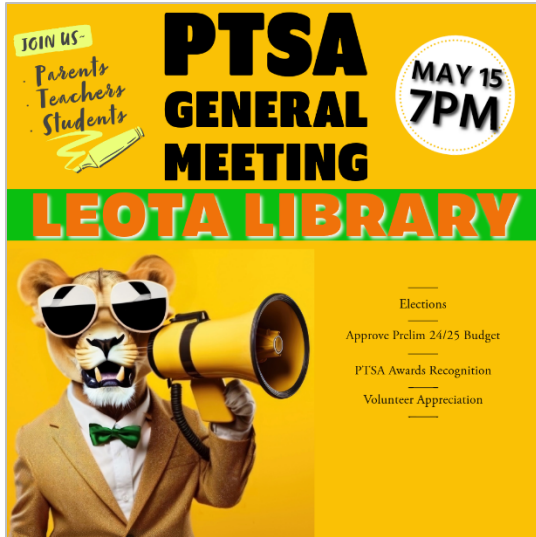
Save the date: PTSA meeting May 15

*Come one, come all, don't be late,
For the final PTSA meeting, let's congregate.
Elections, budgets, awards, and more,
Important matters we can't ignore.
So come along, don't hesitate,
Your presence adds to our debate.
Join us now, lend us your ear,
For the last PTSA meeting of the year!*

Join us in the **school library on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 pm for the final General Meeting** of the school year. Parents, teachers, and students are all welcome. Agenda includes:

- Election of new board members
- Approval of preliminary 2024-25 budget
- PTSA awards recognition
- Volunteer appreciation

See you there! For more info, email president@leotaptsa.com.



Science Olympiad students get top marks at state

Congratulations to the Leota Science Olympiad team (*pictured below*) on their successes at the state level!

They were among 21 middle schools that qualified for the state competition at Central Washington University in Ellensburg on April 13. Some key achievements:

- **1st position, Flight:** Sushanth Vegineti (7th), Sushrut Yearva (7th)
- **3rd position, Microbe Mission:** Laya Mohan (8th), Maia Starkebaum (8th)
- **4th position, Write It & Do It:** Vanya Kaushik (7th), Lasya Vadakuppa (8th)
- **5th position, Optics:** Sameer Hussaini (8th), Sushant Vegineti (7th)
- **7th position, Anatomy & Physiology:** Sushrut Yearva (7th), Laya Mohan (8th)

Would your student like to be part of the fun? Fill out the [Science Club Student Sign-up](#) to begin receiving communications about 2024-25 Science Olympiad and Science Bowl.



Gearing up for Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is NEXT WEEK, and we'd love to show our amazing Leota staff how much we appreciate them. Please consider signing up to bring something from the following two signups. Our wonderful PTSA will provide the bagels.

Treats and gift cards: <https://signup.com/go/BRXZReM>

Bagel lunch: <https://signup.com/go/qtSnpxc>



Volunteers power our Student Store

It's not too late! We're still welcoming new and returning volunteers to the Student Store each Wednesday. Leota students 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 for the few remaining open spots:

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



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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Anonymous

Cheng Peng & Jerry Zhang

Noli Bruk

Gene & Sharon Park

Lionheart Heroes

Mosaic, Pablo Sala, Vijay Ankireddi

Lionheart Friends

Carrie Mosley, Paul Chang, Held Family, Stodola Family, Prajinesh & Priya, Peter Waddington, Randy Graybeal, Dynamic Natural Medicine, Theresa Miller, Tracey Ward

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.leotapsa.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@leotapsa.com.

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