



# LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## June 7, 2024 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

Congratulations to all. We are in the final stretch of the 2023-2024 school year. This is an exciting time of year.

Year end celebration activities are just around the corner. These events include:

- Lion's Day, Friday, June 21
- Talent Show, Monday, June 24

We want all students to have the opportunity to participate in each of the upcoming activities. As challenging as it is for each of us to think before we act, it is extremely important that each student feels safe and comfortable to learn. All of us play a role in creating a sense of belonging at Leota.

Students may be assigned an alternative activity, rather than participate in Lion's Day (field day) activities and/or be involved in the talent show. I want 100% participation, so the greater care we give to others, including how we provide Respect, Empathy, Effort (Leota Pillars) to classmates, teachers, substitute teachers, and other adults in the building, the greater likelihood we can achieve the 100% participation goal.

The final **Principal Chat** of the school year is next week. Please join me at 1pm, Thursday, June 14th. You are welcome to come in person, or join by Zoom. Here is the Zoom Link:  
<https://nsd.zoom.us/j/2375529365?omn=89261663334>

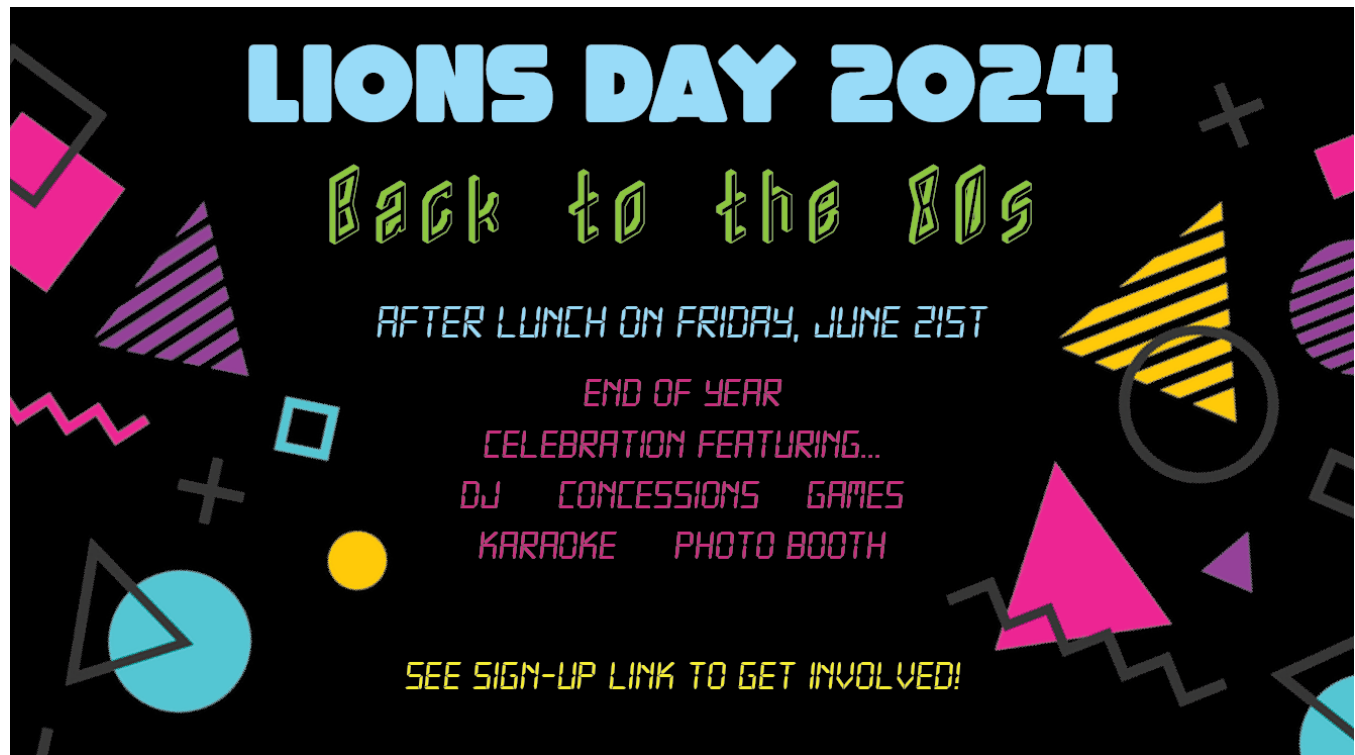
### **Yearbooks are on sale June 1-14**

Our final yearbook sale window is 6/1-6/14. We will have a limited number of yearbooks available and the cost is \$28. If you are not sure if you have already purchased a yearbook this year you can either check in the office or your student online history in Touchbase. Please use this [Link](#) to pay for your yearbook online.

If purchasing a yearbook is a financial hardship for your family, contact your student's counselor. Scholarships are available.

Yearbooks will be distributed on June 20 and will not be available prior to that date. Please check your Touchbase account to be sure to pay fines prior to yearbook distribution day.

Thank you and if you need help with your online Touchbase information please contact the main office at 425-408-6501.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADA729A20-49809535-volunteer>

### **Student Bus Passes**

The last day to request a bus pass is June 20 by 10:00am. There are no bus passes on June 21, 24, or 25. Please make other arrangements on those final three days of school.

The last day for activity buses is June 21. All students will be expected to leave campus following the final bells on June 24th & 25th.

As we are wrapping up this amazing school year, I want to provide some (almost final) thoughts and planning for the 2024-25 school year. Our final family newsletter will come out on June 21st. We will provide our 2024-25 **Back to School Newsletter** by the middle of August, please look for that electronic message while you are enjoying your summer. As you are aware, construction is scheduled to begin this summer at Leota, because of that, we will not be hosting our annual **Community Serve Day**. I will miss getting together to beautify the campus with students, families, and staff. One final announcement, Leota will again have a **Leota Launch Day**. This event will be

held on August 26th from 1-5pm. This is a great opportunity to get school pictures, explore the campus, and pay any fees.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal  
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Last Day to Check out Library Books Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 10</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym Game Club: 2:35 Library Chess Club: 2:35 Room 719
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 11</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride First Locker Clean-out during Pride Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym Bookworms End of Year Party: 2:35 Portable 6 ASB Meeting: 2:35pm P-5
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 12</b>	Periods 1-6 Leota Middle School Spring Concert 7:00pm Gym
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 13</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Principal Chat: 1:00pm Conference Room East Asian Club End of Year during Pride Choir Room Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym Star Time: 2:35 Library Geography Club: 2:35 Room 720 iReady Math- Math & Science class LCC Meeting during Pride Room 604
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Last Day to Purchase Yearbooks All Library Books Due Textbooks Due Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym Juneteenth Presentation during Pride D, F, & A final notification emailed home SAA End of Year Celebration: 2:35 Cafeteria
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 17</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Fine list published BSU & LCC End of the Year Celebration during Pride Cafeteria Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym Chess Club: 2:35pm Room 719
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 18</b>	Periods 1-6+Pride Final Locker Clean-out during Pride

End of Year Drama Club Celebration & Leony Awards: 2:35 Cafeteria/Theater  
Intramurals: Extreme Volleyball: 2:35 Gym

**Wednesday June 19 No School- Juneteenth**

**Revised schedules for the dates below will be posted on our Website.**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 20</b>	Revised Schedule - Yearbook Distribution
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 21</b>	Revised Schedule Lion's Day (after lunches) Talent Show Rehearsal: 2:35 Choir Room Last Day for Activity Buses
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 24</b>	Revised Schedule Talent Show
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 25</b>	Last Day of School (2.5-hour day)



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## **Announcing next year's PTSA Executive Board**

We're thrilled that several Leota parents have stepped up to fill our PTSA's leadership roles for the 2024-25 school year. They were voted in at last month's General Membership Meeting and already they are dipping their toes into PTSA business and preparing for a great year ahead.

Here is your 2024-25 Executive Board:

**Co-Presidents:** Julia Lacy and Jamie Stanislaus

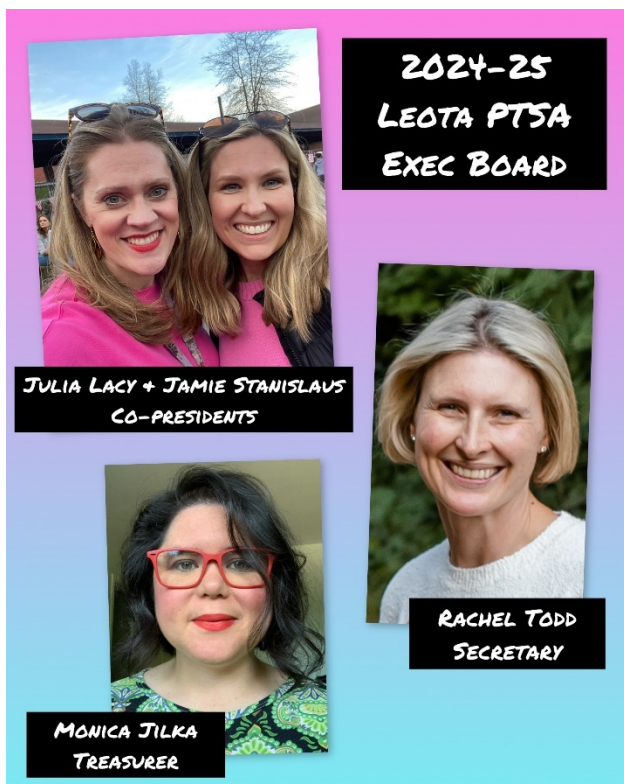
**Vice President:** Open

**Treasurer:** Monica Jilka

**Secretary:** Rachel Todd

The PTSA is in great hands with these volunteers! Best wishes for a fantastic year!

The Vice President role remains open if anyone is interested. If you'd like more info about it, please email [president@leotaptsa.com](mailto:president@leotaptsa.com).



## Honoring outstanding staff, volunteers, students

At the May General Membership Meeting we had the pleasure of presenting awards to several outstanding individuals in our community. Going above and beyond in their service, each individual has made meaningful and impactful contributions to Leota. The 2024 Leota PTSA Awards went to:

**Golden Acorn Award: Ms. Melanie Spencer**

**Outstanding Educator: Ms. Meghan Newell**

**Outstanding Advocate: Mr. James Kim**

**Outstanding Student Advocate: Julian Sieu**

We also spotlighted the three Leota students whose Reflections entries achieved state- and council-level accolades:

**State qualifier, Literature: Anika Bhandari**

**Council qualifier, Visual Arts: Lasya Vadakuppa**

**Council qualifier, Visual Arts: Anika Sharma**

Bravo to all for your contributions and achievements! You make Leota proud! *Pictured here, clockwise from top left, Anika B., Anika S., Lasya, Mr. Kim, Julian, Ms. Newell, and Ms. Spencer.*



## Is your 8<sup>th</sup> grader on the guest list?

Parents, don't let your 8<sup>th</sup> grader miss out! When they're 30 and reminiscing about their youth, they won't be talking about algebra. They'll be talking about that epic 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party!!

We are rolling out the red carpet to all Leota 8<sup>th</sup> graders! **“Lights, Camera, Lions!” will be Tuesday, June 18, 5:30-8:30 pm, at Brightwater Center** in Woodinville. We’ll have a dance party with a professional DJ, photo booth, lawn games, table games, food, and more! The event is presented by Leota PTSA.

## Cost

- \$35 per ticket
- Financial assistance available--please see a school counselor

## Action items for parents

Put your 8<sup>th</sup> grader on the guest list by completing these 2 steps by Sunday, June 16. **Both** steps need to be completed by June 16 for your student to attend the party:

- **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#) and request your child’s preferred size. We will do our best to provide that size, but we cannot guarantee it now that the order has been submitted to the T-shirt manufacturer.

## Volunteers needed

We need lots of volunteers to make this happen. Having an 8<sup>th</sup> grader is not a requirement to volunteer. If you’d like to help on the day of the event, [please sign up here](#). Thank you!

## More info

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





## Help us seize new opportunities at June 11 meeting

Our WSPTA representatives recently came back from the WSPTA Conference with a lot more knowledge and some updated information. In order to set up our Leota PTSA for success next year, a few changes to the budget need to be voted on before the beginning of the next school year. **Please join us for an emergency virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 pm.** A Zoom link will be sent out the day of the meeting.



## Volunteer at Lions Day, the most fun day of the year!

Leota is looking for parents/guardians to help at Lions Day, one of the best traditions on the school calendar. This end-of-year celebration will include a DJ, concession stands, games, karaoke, photo booth, and more—all '80s-themed! **Volunteers are needed the afternoon of Friday, June 21, to put on this amazing event.** Please check out the signup sheet and see how you can help: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADA729A20-49809535-volunteer#/. All volunteers must have a current background check on file with NSD.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADA729A20-49809535-volunteer#/)

If you have questions about the event, please email Lissy Stuart at [mstuart@nsd.org](mailto:mstuart@nsd.org).



## Reimbursement forms due ASAP



*A message from PTSA Treasurer **Monica Jilka**:*

If you spent money on behalf of the PTSA this year, please be sure to **submit your reimbursement forms and receipts as soon as you can--the sooner, the better.** [Download the reimbursement form here.](#) The Treasurer will issue reimbursement checks no later than June 21. Please help us close our financial books for the year by cashing your check no later than June 25. Thank you!



## **Is your student headed to high school this fall?**

If you'll soon have a 9<sup>th</sup> grader in your family, be sure to connect with your new PTSA. Visit their website or social media page to find out about events over the summer, volunteer opportunities, and how to become a member of their PTSA in the fall.

**Bothell HS PTSA:** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Join online](#)

**Inglemoor HS PTSA:** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Join online](#)

**Innovation Lab HS PTSA:** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Join online](#)

**North Creek HS PTSA:** [Website](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Join online](#)

**Woodinville HS PTSA:** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Join online](#)

## **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!

## **Lionheart Champions**

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.leotaptsa.com](http://www.leotaptsa.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@leotaptsa.com](mailto:communications@leotaptsa.com).

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