



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 4, 2024 Family Newsletter
Hello Leota Middle School Families!

Happy October, Fall has officially arrived. We had a little excitement this morning when a tree fell down and took the power out in Portable 9. Besides having to relocate the students and staff in Portable 9 to the library, the day went on as normal.



Emergency Preparedness

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.

Here are links to our Northshore Safety and Security pages that gives our district emergency plans:

Main Safety and Security page: <https://www.nsd.org/our-district/who-we-are/safety-security>

Reunification information: <https://www.nsd.org/our-district/who-we-are/safety-security/reunification-process>

October Safety Drill: The Great Shakeout October 17, 2024

You may have seen advertisements about the Great Shakeout. The main goal of the ShakeOut is to get the world prepared for earthquakes, so NSD uses the ShakeOut as an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. At Leota, we will do an announcement over the intercom to alert students of what to do in the event of an earthquake. Teachers will be helping students in the classrooms practice the drop, cover and hold practice in the classroom. Then, weather permitting, we will evacuate the building when it is "safe" to practice leaving the building after an earthquake. We use drills as a way of teaching and practicing what to do in the event of a crisis. If you would like more information about the Great Shakeout, check out this link.

From the Nurse



The Health Room is looking for volunteers to help with our annual Vision and Hearing Screenings on Wednesday, October 30th. Screenings will take place from 8am until 12:45. We can take helpers for a full day or partial. If you are available to help, please contact the

nurse at vduncombe@nsd.org. All volunteers must have a current volunteer background check completed. Thank You!

Vicki Duncombe, MSN, RN (She/Her)
School Nurse, Leota Middle School
phone 425-408-6506/fax 425-408-6502
vduncombe@nsd.org

SAFETY/PARKING LOT

Please be courteous to your fellow drivers when dropping off or picking up students. The request is for you not to park/drop off/pick up at the entrance of the drop off area. This will help the traffic flow and not cause a jam of cars behind you leading onto the road. There are signs placed along the drop off area reminding drivers to move forward as far as possible - and the traffic supervisor is always indicating when traffic is flowing.

Technology Distribution

All Middle School Students will receive a **brand new Chromebook this school year**. Leota students will get them between October 8th and 10th.

Students **may be fined** for any damage to the current devices when they turn them in as they will be repaired and used for other students.

If you would like to enroll your student in the **Device Protection Program**, here is the code.

GO.NSD.ORG/DPP



Clubs and Sports at Leota

Students have the opportunity to join an existing club or if they have a desire to start a club with some friends, they can find the information to complete on the Library Schoology page. The first step of starting a club is to find a staff member who will be their advisor. After that, the advisor will help the students complete the process of presenting their idea to the ASB student group for approval. Once approved, student leaders for the club will create a poster for the cafeteria to advertise their club. Below are the clubs currently offered.

Club	Advisor	Meetings
Drama	Doug Poage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friday, September 27th-2:35-4:15 ● Friday, October 25th - 2:35pm - 4:15pm ● Wednesday, October 23rd @ 4pm-6:30pm musical "The Great Comet!" ● <i>NO MONTHLY MEETINGS TIME January-March</i> ● Friday, April 25th - 2:35-4:15pm - ● Friday, May 30th - 2:35-4:15pm ● Friday, June 13th 2:35-4:15pm
Art	Justine Hurley	2x/month 2:35-4:15 Tuesday
Geography	Kurt Schmidt	1st and 3rd Thursday Monthly 2:35-4:15 First semester dates: October 3 October 17 November 7 November 21 December 5 December 19
South Asian	James Kim	During lunch weekly 30 min lunch each
East Asian	James Kim	During lunch weekly 30 min lunch each
Black Student Union	Tevina Flood	Monthly- Thursday 2:00-2:35
Latino Club	Tevina Flood	Monthly- Thursday 2:00-2:35
GSA	Taryn and Doug	Weekly on Wednesday at lunches 30 min each lunch
Star Time	Janet Hobelman Lillian Russo	Tues/Thurs weekly 2:35-4:15 beginning Oct. 15-May 29

Sports at Leota include 4 seasons. We are currently in season 1. Below are the sports available.

Season 1: Sept. 5-Oct. 28

7/8 Girls' Volleyball

7/8 Girls' Soccer

6-8 Co-Ed Cross Country(no cut)

Season 3: Jan. 16-March 22

7/8 Girls' Basketball

6 Girls' Basketball

Season 2: Nov. 6-Jan. 9

7/8 Boys' Basketball

6th Boys' Basketball(starts Nov. 13)

Season 4: March 28-May 23

6 Girls' Volleyball

7/8 Boys' Soccer

6 Boys' Soccer

6-8 Co-Ed Wrestling (no cut)

6-8 Co-Ed Track (no cut)

iReady Screener Update

For the most part our students have wrapped up the fall iReady screener. Thanks for all of the support in encouraging your student to do their very best. Families will have access to their student's scores through Parentvue in the upcoming week.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

10/07

1-6, Pride

7th Girls Volleyball: 3:30pm SMS@LMS

8th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm SMS@LMS

7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm SMS@LMS

10/08

1-6, Pride

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Cross Country: 3:30pm TMS&CPMS@LMS (Girls Run First)

10/09

1-6, Early Release

Principal Chat 5:00 pm Spanish Translation)

10/10

1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during lunches: Room 711

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

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8th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm TMS@LMS

7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm TMS@LMS

10/11

1-6, Pride

10/14

1-6, Pride

7th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm LMS@NMS

8th Girls Volleyball: 3:30pm LMS@NMS
7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm LMS@NMS

10/15

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10/16

1-6, Early Release

10/17

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Geography Club: 2:35 Room 720
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10/18

1-6, Pride



E-Newsletter: For the week of Sept. 30, 2024

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Join the Leota PTSA!



We currently have 71 members. Please join to help support our school and receive awesome discounts! You can join today by clicking [here](#).

Roar for More! - Lion's Pride Fundraiser



Our one and only fundraising event of the year is live! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 between by Oct. 11th.

The three Pride classes that raise the most money will win pizza parties sponsored by Pizza Coop! Currently in the lead are Davidson, Hurley and Flood.

To learn more about what your fundraising dollars support and to make a donation please visit our [website](#).

A Huge Thank You to our 2024-25 Sponsors!

Champions (\$500+): Anonymous

Heros (\$350+):

Friends (\$250+): Kirkland Dance Center, The Skinner Family, The Miller Family



Follow the QR code or click [here](#) to donate today!



Volunteers Needed for the Student Store



Every Wednesday students have the opportunity to use their hard-earned Pride Tickets to purchase popcorn, candy, and North Creek HS or Woodinville HS swag! We **NEED** volunteers each Wednesday to make this possible. **Click [here to sign up!](#)** NSD Level 1 [Volunteer clearance](#) required. If you have any questions, please email our Student Store Coordinator, Emily Cavanaugh, at studentstore@leotaptsa.com.

Staff Appreciation

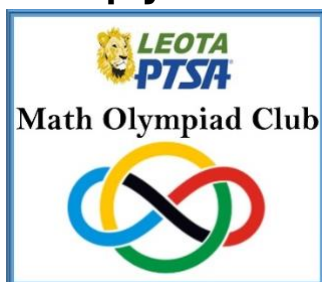
The September Staff Appreciation day went well! Teachers were able to come in and grab some treats and a drink.

A Signup Genius will be sent out later this month asking for volunteers to bring in items for the October Staff Appreciation day, so please be on the lookout!

We are also looking for another volunteer for the Staff Appreciation committee as Geneva Anderson has taken a position with Leota. This makes her a staff member who we get to celebrate, but that means she is unable to be there to help with set up and tear down on a regular basis.

If you are interested in filling this role, please contact Angela La Tourette at staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com.

Multiply Your Math Skills with Math Olympiad



The Leota Math Olympiad Club is now enrolling participants for the 2024-25 school year! This **free** school-wide math enrichment program is **open to any Leota student at any math level or grade.**

Students participate in weekly Zoom meetings (Wednesdays 3-4 pm) with the North Creek High School Math Honor Society Club to hone their math problem-solving skills. They also participate in many math competitions throughout the year and have won many Team school awards and Individual recognitions in past few years.

To learn more about Math Olympiad, including how to access the online sessions and club/competition info, sign up [here](#).

Request For Health Room Donations

The Health Room is running low on snacks and menstrual supplies!

The Health Room provides snacks to kids for a variety of reasons and we are currently running low. If you are interested in donating snacks to the health room they would love snack sized packages or bars. They also need menstrual supplies including pads, tampons, and new packages of underwear.

Please send any donations to school or order off of their [Amazon wish list](#) to have it delivered directly to the Nurse.

Financial Review Committee

Our PTSA needs to conduct financial reviews in order to be allowed to continue to operate. Last year Katie Nicoara, Prajinesh Jayan, Anya Stolyarova, Rachel Todd, Alma Fernandez, Liz Wong and Lauren Randolph joined our Financial Review Committee, and thanks to them we were able to complete both reviews! Thank you to Liz Wong, Lauren Randolph and Alma Fernandez for completing the year end review this August.

If you would like to be a vital part of our PTSA with a smaller time commitment please consider joining the Financial Review Committee for this school year! Contact our Treasurer, Monica Jilka at treasurer@leotapta.com for more information.

New Leota Spirit Wear!



Social Club Sweatshirts, a local women-owned business, will donate a portion of the profits to Leota to help fund programs, scholarships, events, and supplies. Check out their offerings [here](#).

School Dance - Save the Date!

Leota's first dance will be on Monday, November 4th immediately after school. More information to come!

Calling All Leota Artists!



Get your creative juices flowing for this year's PTA Reflections, an art competition that includes categories for Visual Arts (drawing/painting/sculptures/etc), Dance Chorography, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Film Production. The theme of your work for this year's competition is "Accepting Imperfections."

Entry forms will be available throughout the first quarter in the Main Office. Entrance deadline for Leota students will be November 22nd, 2024.

Questions? Email us at reflections@leotapta.com

For more information about the Reflections PTA competition, categories, and work format, please click here <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>

Be a PTSA Advocate!

Advocacy is central to the work your Leota PTSA does - and we want you to get involved, too!

Did you know that PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the country? Since its inception in 1905, PTA has been a driving force behind the creation of kindergarten, hot lunch programs, early education, and so much more.

6 Ways YOU Can Be an ADVOCATE!

1. Become a PTSA member. 
2. Attend a school board meeting.
3. Write your legislators.
4. VOTE!
5. Connect with your Leota PTSA Advocacy Chair by emailing advocacy@leotaptsa.com.
6. Sign up for Action Alerts. 

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Check out these six ways you can be an advocate or [visit our newly updated Advocacy website](#) to learn even more.

Be in the Know!

For the latest news and opportunities, follow [Leota Middle School PTSA](#) on Facebook and join the [Leota PTSA Volunteers and Info](#) private group on Facebook. You can also follow us on [Instagram](#).