



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 18, 2024 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

October is moving very quickly and the weather and leaves have definitely changed. We have a number of upcoming events that I would like to bring to your attention.

Principal Chat- Spanish Translation

With the support of Ms. Maria Cisnero, I will be hosting a Principal Chat for Spanish speaking families on Monday morning. Please join me at Leota Middle School at 10am, Monday, October 21st. I look forward to this time with families sharing and listening.

Panorama Student Survey

All Leota students will have the opportunity to complete the Panorama Student Survey on October 22, 2024. The survey will take place during their Pride class. 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.

The comprehensive survey covers nineteen key topics: from pedagogical effectiveness and school climate, to student engagement and growth mindset. The survey has been used as a formative tool to help assess the effectiveness of our efforts and future interventions to support student success.

STAR Time

Leota Middle School is now offering Academic Tutoring, better known as STAR Time. Each Thursday, we have staff members available in Room 719, from 2:35-4:10 to support academic success. We are eager to support your students' academic success.

Short reminder about Halloween Costume Guidelines!

Here are some friendly reminders and guidelines for our students about acceptable clothing that day and, really, any day:

- Cultures are not costumes.
- Halloween costumes are only fun or funny when they don't hurt or make fun of other people (in any way).
- Student costumes must be appropriate for the school workplace as outlined in the dress code in the Student Handbook.
- Students must be **totally identifiable at all times** (this includes face paint)
- Halloween costume masks or other face coverings **NOT** allowed.
- Costumes and/or accessories are great so long as they:
 - o a) don't portray or perpetuate stereotypes or denigrate cultures or genders,
 - o b) are not distracting to self or others, and
 - o c) do not include any weapons (or items that appear to be weapons).

Picture Retake Day is October 22, 2024!

Did you miss picture day or want to take a new picture? Retake day is on October 22, 2024 during lunch. If your student did have their photo taken on picture day or they would like a new image please have them participate in photo retake day. Do not miss out on ordering pictures of your student. Orders may be placed online by searching for your school name at mydorian.com and selecting the green Order button next to your school retake day event. Online orders are available up to 2 days after retake day. **If you already ordered and want a new picture taken, please be sure to return your original picture packet to the photographer on retake day.**

Thanksgiving Break Revised Schedule

Wednesday, November 27th 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.

Just a reminder for our student-athletes and those interested in watching these events. Season 1 Athletics wraps up this coming week. Our final home competitions for Soccer and Volleyball are on Monday, October 21st. This means that Season 2 Athletics is just around the corner. Make sure if you are interested in playing Boy's Basketball you are cleared to tryout on Monday, November 4th. This is a few days earlier than originally shared.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

10/21

1-6, Pride
Principal Chat: 10:00am with Spanish Translation
Game Club: 2:35pm Library
8th Girls Volleyball: 3:30pm KMS@LMS
7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm KMS@LMS
7th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm KMS@LMS

10/22

1-6, Pride
School Photo Re-takes during lunches
East Asian Association during Lunches P-1
Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

10/23

1-6, Early Release

10/24

1-6, Pride
Yearbook Club during lunches: Room 711
South Asian Association during Lunches: Choir/Band Room
Star Time 2:35 Room 719
Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library
Cross Country: 3:30pm Culminating Event@NMS
8th Girls Volleyball: 3:30pm LMS@SMS
7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm LMS@SMS
7th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm LMS@SMS

10/25

1-6, Pride
Drama Club: 2:35pm Theater
Cross Country End of Season Party: 2:35 Cafeteria
Volleyball End of Season Party: 2:35 Gym

Next week's Schedule

10/28

1-6, Pride
8th Girls Volleyball: 3:30pm LMS@TMS

7th/8th Girls Soccer: 3:30pm LMS@TMS
7th Girls Volleyball: 4:30pm LMS@TMS

10/29

1-6, Pride
East Asian Association during Lunches P-1
Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library
Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

10/30

1-6, Early Release
Vision&Hearing Screening in 7th Grade Science Classes

10/31

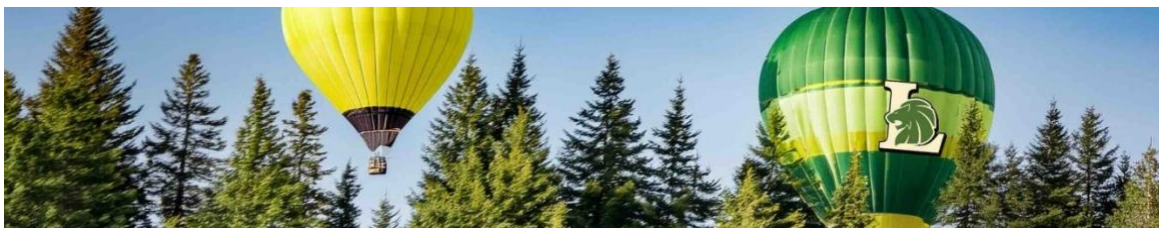
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11/1

1-6, Pride
Last Day of Quarter 1



E-Newsletter: For the week of Oct. 13, 2024



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Lion's Pride Fundraiser Results**We Raised \$8,065 plus \$3k+ in Corporate Matching!**

Our one and only fundraising event of the year has come to an end. Although we didn't quite meet our goal of \$20,000, we are so thankful for the donations we received. Every dollar raised will be used to support our Leota students, teachers and community. Although our official fundraiser is over, we will gladly accept donations anytime. You can donate any amount - even just one dollar! - on our website [here](#). **If you make a donation and your company offers matching, please make your request on behalf of Leota Middle School PTSA.**

PRIDE Class Pizza Party Winners: #1: Drake; #2: Poage; #3: Davidson

A Huge Thank You to our 2024-25 Sponsors!



Champions (\$500+): The Greek Family, The Lopez Family

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

We want YOU in the Leota PTSA!

Membership as of 10-15-24	
Member Type	First Name (Count All)
Faculty/Staff	1
Grandparent	2
Other	1
Parent/Guardian	73
Student	13
Grand Total	90

Our goal is 100% family and staff membership, and we're not quite there! When you become a member of Leota PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association), you automatically join the Washington State PTA and National PTA, and gain access to many benefits and discounts! *Your PTSA membership pays for itself when you use one or more discounts available to you!* To learn more about these discounts, go to:

[WA State PTA Benefits](#)

[National PTA Benefits](#)

Our PTSA Creates Connections: We're all in this together!

Our PTSA Supports Your Child: Our data-backed, nationally recognized programs give your children access to opportunities they might not have otherwise.

Our PTSA Amplifies Your Voice: We'll give you a voice in decisions that affect your family.

[Join today!](#)

General Membership Meeting - Oct. 23rd



Our first Leota PTSA meeting is next week! We will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 10/23 at 7:00 p.m. The link will be sent out before the event. Door prizes will be available for several families in attendance!

Snow Sports Bus Survey



Are you interested in a Snow Sports Bus at Leota? We are exploring the feasibility of a weekly snow sports bus for interested students for six weeks starting in January.

If you are interested in knowing more, please join us at our PTSA general meeting on October 23 and take a few minutes to complete this interest survey: <https://forms.gle/jLR1xZgYQ2ExDjFd7>.

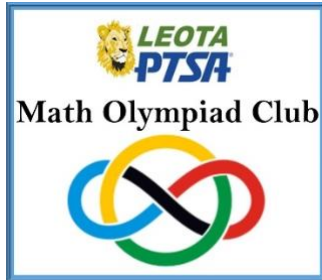
October Staff Appreciation



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

We are also looking for a Co-Chair for the Staff Appreciation committee 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@leotaptopsa.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](#).

Financial Review Committee



Our PTSA needs to conduct financial reviews in order to be allowed to continue to operate.

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@leotaptsa.com for more information.

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 – January 10th



This year's first school dance, originally scheduled for November 4th, has been rescheduled to January 10th due to time constraints.

We could use some help organizing and planning! If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please email us at social@leotaptsa.com.

Calling All Leota Artists



Get your creative juices flowing for this year's PTA Reflections, an art competition that includes categories for Visual Art, Dance Chorography, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Film Production. The theme of your work for this year's competition is "Accepting Imperfection".

Entry forms will be available throughout the first quarter in the Main Office. You can also submit your entry online [here](#). The entrance deadline for Leota students is November 22nd. Questions? Email us at reflections@leotaptsa.com. For more information about the Reflections PTA competition, categories, and work format, please click [here](#).

Advocacy for the PTSA is supporting and speaking up for children, families, and schools!

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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Have you ever...

- Helped spread the word about something a classroom or school needs?
- Invited others to an event at school or in the community that might benefit them?
- Met with school leaders to discuss a topic of importance to the district?
- Attended a school board meeting and/or served on the school board?
- Sent a message to your members of Congress?

- Encouraged someone to vote in an election?
- Joined and/ or supported PTA?

All of these actions and many others are Advocacy!

Please [visit our newly updated Advocacy website](#) to learn even more about how you can get involved.

Thank You from the Health Room!



Thank you to everyone who was so generous and sent in donations to the Health Room. They are now fully stocked on menstrual supplies and snacks, and have opened a personal hygiene corner where students can get supplies as they need.

Your support of our Leota community is amazing and will help so many students!