



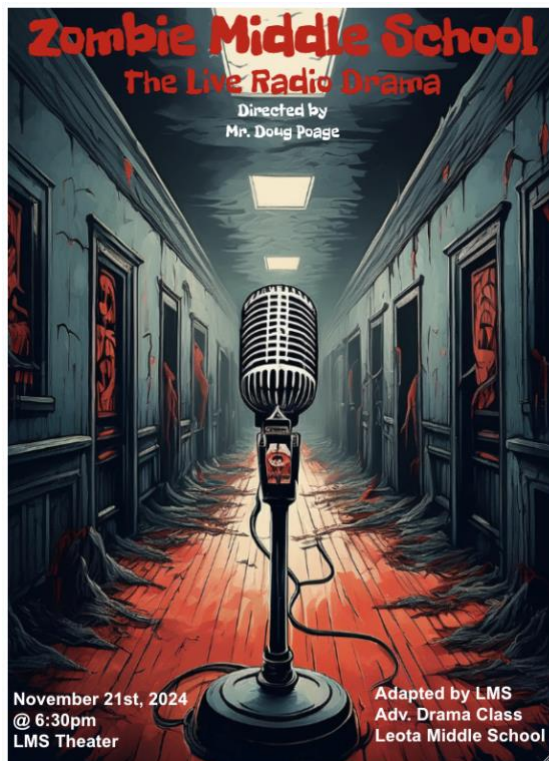
LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 15, 2024 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

It is amazing to think that this is the final newsletter for the month of November already. This is such a busy and exciting time of the year. We have begun Season 2 Athletics and the music performance season has begun. This past Wednesday, I was able to join the Leota Choir and future Lions at Inglemoor High School Performing Arts Center. They were amazing. There will be future opportunities for all of us to see.

**Leota Drama Club Presents:**



Wednesday, 11/20 @ 4pm

Thursday, 11/21 @ 6:30pm

TICKET REQUEST FORM:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmGvi2iHbDez\\_EkBZtnt0REPxMV4GQL4FsJLnmrOBiP\\_TiHA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmGvi2iHbDez_EkBZtnt0REPxMV4GQL4FsJLnmrOBiP_TiHA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

On Wednesday, November 27th, the Northshore School District will be on an early release schedule. For planning purposes, the schedule for that day is as follows:

**11/27/24 Half Day Schedule, Periods 1-6**

**Lunches based on 6<sup>th</sup> period**

Period 1	8:00 – 8:25
Period 2	8:30 – 8:50
Period 3	8:55 – 9:15
Period 4	9:20 – 9:45
Period 5	9:50 – 10:15

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b>	<b>10:15–10:45</b>
Period 6	10:50 –11:15

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Period 6	10:20 –10:45
<b>2nd Lunch</b>	<b>10:45–11:15</b>

**Principal Chat**

The next Principal Chat is for our Spanish speaking families on Monday, November 18th at 10am. This is an in-person session and we will meet in the main office conference room.

On Tuesday, December 3rd at 9am & 5pm will be the Principal Chat in English. You are welcome to join in-person or via Zoom. If you join me in person, please check in at the main office. For those planning to join me on Zoom, here is the link:

<https://nsd.zoom.us/j/2375529365?omn=82638063113>

**Lost & Found**

Our **Lost & Found** in the cafeteria is overflowing with hundreds of jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles, lunchboxes, and shoes! Please remind your student to check for lost items during lunchtime. Everything will be donated to Threads & Treads over Winter Break!





### **Traffic Flow**

I am seeking your support with the traffic flow on and around the Leota campus. Please be very careful of the other drivers and walking students. Also, please keep the main streets clear for others to drive down the road. The smoother the flow, the safer our streets and parking lots are.

The next grade updates, D, F, and A announcement is not until Friday December 6th. I encourage you to sit down with your student and discuss how they are doing, especially if you do not already access Parentvue. Second quarter is in full swing and before we know it, January will be here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [sleick@nsd.org](mailto:sleick@nsd.org) or by phone at 425.408.6505.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal  
Leota Middle School

### Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

**November 18** - 1-6, Pride

Principal Chat: 10:00AM (Spanish Speaking Families)

Game Club: 2:35 Library

**November 19** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

**November 20** - 1-6, Early Release

Drama Club Fall Play Dress Rehearsal: 4:00pm Theater

**November 21** - 1-6, Pride

BSU Meeting during Pride: Room 604

Yearbook Club during lunches: Room 711

South Asian Association during Lunches: Choir/Band Room

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

6th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Northshore@Leota

7/8th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Northshore@Leota

Drama Club Fall Play Performance: 6:30pm Leota Theater

**November 22** - 1-6, Pride

**November 25** - 1-6, Pride

6th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Leota@Canyon Park MS

7/8th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Leota@Canyon Park MS

**November 26** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

**November 27** - 1-6, Dismissal 11:15am

**November 28&29** - No School

**December 2** - 1-6, Pride

Game Club: 2:35 Library

6th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Leota@Kenmore MS

7/8th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Leota@Kenmore MS

**December 3** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Principal Chat: 9:00am and 5:00pm

**December 4** - 1-6, Early Release

**December 5** - 1-6, Pride

Yearbook Club during lunches: Room 711

South Asian Association during Lunches: Choir/Band Room

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

6th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Skyview@Leota

7/8th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Skyview@Leota

**December 6** - 1-6, Pride

D,F&A Notifications emailed home



## **Join the PTSA!**

Have you joined the Leota PTSA yet? If not, click [here](#) to learn about the benefits that come with being a member!

## **November Advocacy Update**



On October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, delegates from across the state attended Washington State PTA's 2024 Legislative Assembly. Delegates for Leota PTSA were Rachel Fitzgerald, Monica Jilka, and Liz Wong.

Delegates attended panels dedicated to learning more about the school budget crisis in Washington, hearing from school board directors and school superintendents. Delegates also discussed, debated, and voted on new issues and resolutions, including the adoption of WSPTA's 2024-2026 Legislative Platform and Top Five Issues.

At the close of the assembly, WSPTA President Angela Steck announced the results of voting for the 2024-2026 Top 5 legislative priorities, which are as follows:

1. Closing the Funding Gaps
2. Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis
3. Addressing Funding, Inclusion, and Supports in Special Education
4. Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide
5. Expanding School Construction Funding Options

The remaining issues, Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change and Increasing Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide will be added to the "Also Supported" list of our short-term legislative priorities.

PTA Advocates will be meeting with their legislative representatives to encourage them to pass legislation in support of these PTA priorities. Check out the WSPTA events below for ways you can get involved:

- December 17, 2024 - What to Expect in the 2025 Legislative Session – Hosted by Marie Sullivan, WSPTA Legislative Consultant | 7pm | Online
- January 8, 2025 - 2025 Legislative Session Preview: Legislator Panel – Hosted by Marie Sullivan, WSPTA Legislative Consultant | 7pm | Online
- February 17, 2025 - Focus Day in Olympia (kids welcome!)
- February 10 – 14, 2025 - Advocacy Week (sign up for daily action alerts to send emails to your representatives!)

For more information on how you can get involved in PTA Advocacy work, please reach out to Leota PTSA's Advocacy Chair, [Rachel Fitzgerald](#).

### **Snow Sports Bus Survey**

Are you interested in a Snow Sports Bus at Leota? A group of families are exploring the feasibility of a weekly snow sports bus for interested students for six weeks starting in January. If you are interested to know more, please take a few minutes to complete this [interest survey](#) and block off your calendars for a Zoom info session on Weds. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. More details to come!

### **November Staff Appreciation**

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

### **Our Student Store Needs Volunteers!**

Each Wednesday students have the opportunity to use their hard-earned Pride Tickets to purchase popcorn, candy, and North Creek HS or Woodinville HS swag! Grab a friend and sign up or come on your own and make a new friend. NSD Level 1 [Volunteer clearance](#) required. Click [here](#) to sign up! We especially need volunteers after the new year.

Training is provided if it is your first time volunteering. Feel free to contact Emily at [studentstore@leotaptsa.com](mailto:studentstore@leotaptsa.com) with any questions.

### **Multiply Your Math Skills with Math Olympiad**

The Leota Math Olympiad Club is still enrolling participants! 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 years.

To learn more about Math Olympiad, including how to sign up and access the online sessions and competition info, click [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](mailto: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!](#)

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information about the Reflections PTA competition, categories, and work format, please click [here](#). Questions? Email us at [reflections@leotaptsa.com](mailto:reflections@leotaptsa.com)

### **Advocacy for the PTSA is supporting and speaking up for children, families, and schools! 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 [Advocacy website](#) to learn even more about how you can get involved.