

## LMS- Family Communication



January 24, 2025 Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

We did it! We have just wrapped up the first semester of the 2024-25 school year. When the students return to school on Tuesday, they will have a new class or two. Please check in with your student to better understand what their second semester schedule looks like. This is a great time to push pause and reset.

One example of a reset at Leota Middle School is bathroom use during lunchtime. Unfortunately, an increasing number of students have been struggling to make good choices and use the bathrooms appropriately, specifically during lunches. Please help encourage your student to meet the following expectations.

### **Lunchtime bathroom Expectations:**

- Students will need a pass
- Only two passes per bathroom, at any one time
- Quietly go to and from the bathroom
- Return to the cafeteria immediately following bathroom use

Failure to follow the above expectations will result in lunch detention for the student

### **Important Attendance Notification Update**

Starting January 28, 2025, Northshore School District will begin sending notifications to parents and guardians regarding unexcused absences twice a day. In addition to the current evening notification at 6:00 p.m., secondary school parents will now receive a notification at 9:15 a.m., if their student is marked absent in their 1st period class and the absence has not been excused.

**Please Note:**

In accordance with District policy, any Leota student arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be considered absent, not tardy, for 1st period. As a result, parents may receive the morning unexcused absence notification after their student has arrived at school.

To ensure late arrivals and absences are excused in a timely manner, you have several options:

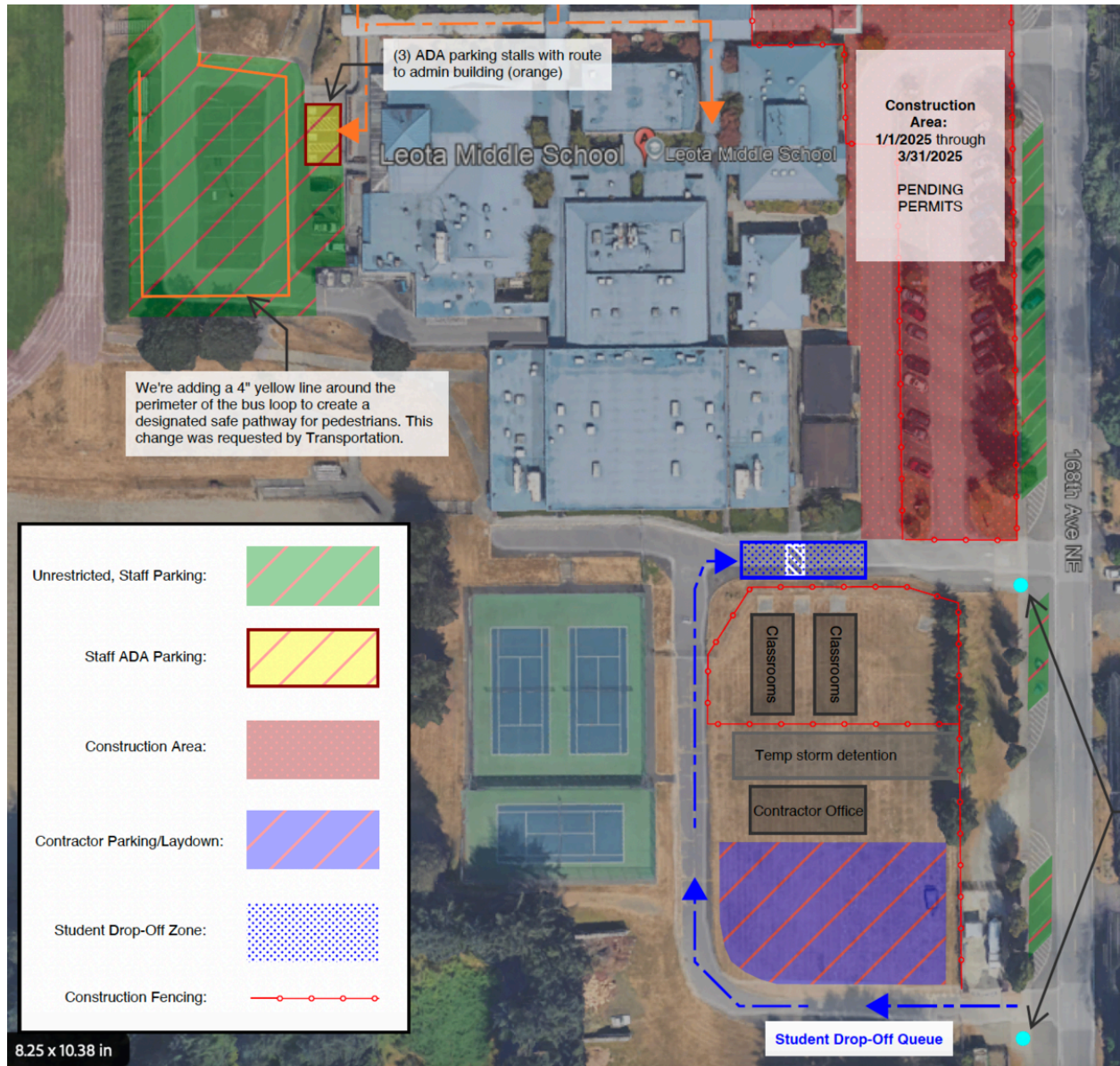
- Email the Attendance office at [imsattendance@nsd.org](mailto:imsattendance@nsd.org)
- Leave a note in the comments section of the Attendance tab in ParentVue
- Leave a message on the Attendance voicemail
- Send your student with a signed note
- Walk your student into the Attendance office

Please keep an eye out for an official notification from Northshore School District. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

MaryLynn Kaiser  
Leota Attendance  
[mkaiser@nsd.org](mailto:mkaiser@nsd.org)  
425-408-6589

### **Construction Update**

Tuesday, January 28th is the first day of our new student drop off and pick up route. The first, and most important piece of this information is that you drive safely and watch out for students and adults walking across the street. Below is a map of the new route:



When you arrive on Tuesday, there will be a lot more fencing up around the building, preparing these areas for construction. Other key areas to be aware of including:

- No driving or parking in the back of the school (during school hours)
  - Back Parking Lot- New bus drop off and pick up
- The old bus zone, will now be staff parking
- Parent Parking- main road parking (front of the building)

I hope you have another wonderful three day weekend. 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:

**Athletic Schedule & Clubs**

**This week's Schedule**

**January 27 - No School- Teacher Grading day**

**January 28** - Girl's Basketball, COED Wrestling practice

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Drawing Club: 1st lunch Flood's room

Musical Rehearsals 2:35-4:10 - Theater

**January 30** - South Asian Association during Lunches Choir/Band Room

Yearbook Club during lunches Room 711

Geography Club: 2:35 Room 720

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Musical Rehearsals 2:35-4:10 - Theater

**January 31** - D&D Club: 2:35pm Room 604

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**Next week's Schedule**

**February 3** - Girls Basketball, COED Wrestling practice

**February 4** - Girls Basketball, COED Wrestling practice

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Drawing Club: 1st lunch Flood's room

Musical Rehearsals 2:35-4:10 - Theater

**February 6**- South Asian Association during Lunches Choir/Band Room

Girls Basketball, COED Wrestling practice

Yearbook Club during lunches Room 711

Geography Club: 2:35 Room 720

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

**February 7** - D&D Club: 2:35pm Room 604

Girl's Basketball, COED Wrestling practice



**Leota PTSA E-Newsletter:** For the week of Jan. 20, 2025

**Join the PTSA!**



Have you joined the Leota PTSA yet? If not, click [here](#) to learn about the benefits and money-saving discounts that come with being a member! We currently have 120 members....our goal is 100%!

**Staff Appreciation**





Thank you to all who made the January 15th Salad Bar a success! The staff loved it.

Next up is a Baked Potato Bar on February 12th. Please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to help out!

### **8th Grade Celebration**



The first of many meetings to get ready for a great 8th grade party was held on Jan. 21st. There is still room for anyone who would like to help! Maybe you have a passion for decorating? Love directing traffic? Setting up tables for the food choices? Please reach out to [lalatourette@gmail.com](mailto:lalatourette@gmail.com) if you would like to get notice for the next meetings. Our next one will be February 11th, 6:30pm, on Zoom.

The party will be on June 18th at Brightwater, and we will also need people to help day of and will send out more information in March which will include directions on getting your background check approved. You must sign up ahead of time to volunteer day of.

### **All-School Dance**



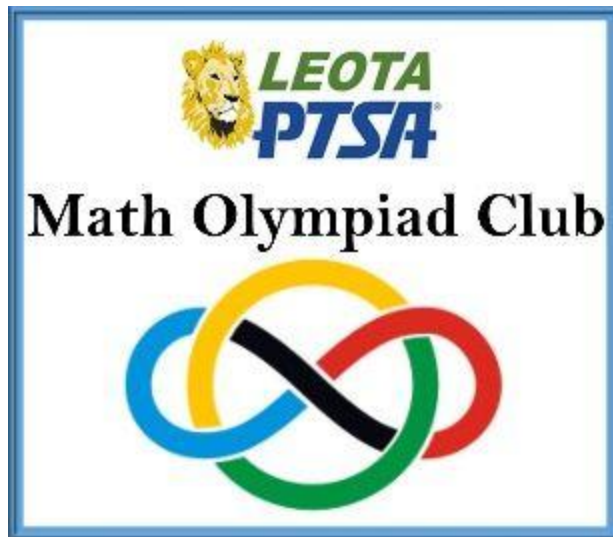
Save the Date! Our first all-school dance of the year - co-sponsored by our fabulous SBA - has been rescheduled to February 28th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will need volunteers with a [Level 1](#) volunteer clearance to chaperone and/or clean up after. More information to come!

### **Reflections Update**



Congratulations to all of our participants in this year's Reflections art contest. We ended up having two entries move on to State! More updates to come as the contest progresses.

### **Math Olympiad Update**



On January 15th, 45 Leota Math Olympiad students participated in the MATHCOUNTS School Competition. The 14 students listed below are advancing forward to the Chapter competition at Skyview Middle School on February 1st. Congratulations to all students for their consistent efforts and perseverance!

Name	Grade	
<b>Aiden Aron</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>Maxim Kolosov</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>Anirudh Ulabala</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>Cloud Hu</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Team</b>
Aiden Kim	Grade 6	Individual
Cynthia Gao	Grade 7	Individual
Trishul Bodala	Grade 7	Individual
Alan Siyuan Zhu	Grade 8	Individual
Kaylee Hu	Grade 7	Individual
Manvik Arora	Grade 8	Individual
Arnav Boyed	Grade 8	Individual
Mila Fong	Grade 7	Individual
Sarina Rahman	Grade 6	Individual
Saisha Agarwal	Grade 8	Individual

**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 sign up and make a new friend. NSD Level 1 [Volunteer clearance](#) required. Click [here](#) to sign up!

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.

**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!](#)

### **Financial Review**

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you!

A huge thank you to Jena Lagasse, Angela La Tourette, Lauren Randolph and Alma Sanchez for completing our Mid - Year financial review. We truly appreciate your time and effort!

### **Billion Dollar Bake Sale**



Washington State is required by State Constitution to provide ample funding to support basic K-12 education, but it does not provide enough to support students' needs. This is a main reason why school districts across the state are making budget cuts or closing schools. School districts are providing what students need – such as qualified educators, materials and supplies, insurance, transportation, and special education services – but the state has not increased funding to cover these costs! Many districts are therefore raising local levies or making major programming cuts or harmful school closures, which is hurting communities across Washington.

The Billion Dollar Bake sale has been created in an effort to mobilize Washington State communities to tell our lawmakers that they must fully fund public education.

To find out about the many ways you can participate - including their Advocacy Day on January 30th - please visit their website [here](#).

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### **Student Trip to New York, PA, and D.C.**



Attention 6th and 7th Grade families!

Next year students will have an opportunity to participate in an east coast historical trip to Washington D.C., Hershey, PA, Amish Country and New York City over Spring Break (April 6 - 11, 2026) when they will be in 7th and 8th grade. Because the trip only happens every 2 years, this will be both grades' only opportunity to participate. Tiana Flowers (Leota teacher) and Nicole Van Avery (Wellington teacher) will be hosting an informational zoom meeting on **Thursday, January 30th at 7:00p.m.** for all interested families (they will record the meeting for anyone who is unable to attend). Here is the link to that meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411979730>

If you have any questions that cannot wait for the meeting, please email [lookingforwardtodc@hotmail.com](mailto:lookingforwardtodc@hotmail.com) or the tour company representative, Yuval Bauman, at [yuval@apple-tours.com](mailto:yuval@apple-tours.com).

**\*\*This trip is an independently sponsored event by Apple Student Tours and Mrs. Van Avery / Mrs. Flowers. This trip is NOT affiliated with nor sponsored by Leota Middle School, Leota Middle School PTSA or the Northshore School District\*\***