



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 4, 2025 Family Communication

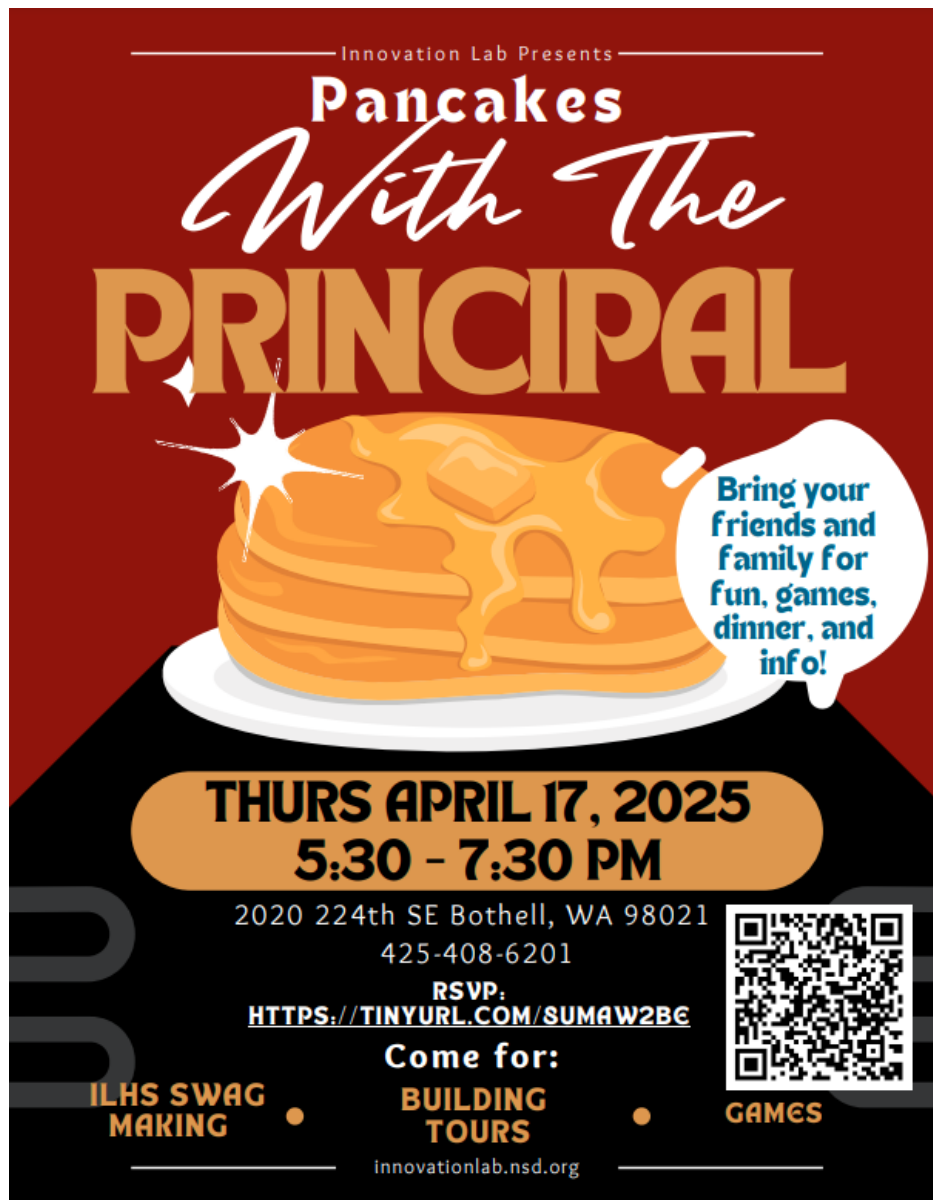
Hello Leota Middle School Families!

Happy Spring Break! I hope you and your family are able to have a wonderful week. April will be halfway over when we return. How quickly this time of year goes. We have officially completed three quarters of the school year. You will have access to your student's report card by Friday, April 18th.

I want to provide you with a health alert. This message is intended for all three grade levels. We have noticed an uptick in poor bathroom behaviors, including vaping. As a staff, we are frequently asking students to stop just hanging out in the restrooms, they are to be used for bathroom use and washing hands. There is also only one person in a bathroom stall. Because of the increased concern with vaping and other safety concerns, if there are multiple students in a stall, this will result in being searched. A search consists of going through their backpacks, as well as emptying pockets and taking off shoes. For more information on the health concerns of vaping, I would encourage you to read the following article.

<https://www.seattlechildrens.org/healthy-tides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-vaping>

Current 8th grade families interested in learning more about Innovation Lab High School



Upcoming assessments for our students. Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing: Adjusted Schedules will be provided at a later date. Participation and attendance is extremely important. If possible, please schedule appointments on other days.

- 8th Grade WCAS (Science) Testing May 5 and 6
- SBA ELA CAT and PT Testing May 8 and 9
- SBA Math CAT and PT Testing May 13 and 14

Again, I hope you have a wonderful Spring Break. I look forward to returning on April 14th to begin our academic 4th quarter.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal

## Leota Middle School

### Upcoming Events:

#### **April 7-11 Spring Break - Schools are Closed**

##### **April 14** - 1-6 Pride

Game Club: 2:35 Library

##### **April 15** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Drawing Club during Lunches Room 604

Season 4 Team Sports Photos: 2:35

##### **April 16** - 1-6, Early Release

PTSA Staff Appreciation Lunch - Salads

##### **April 17** - 1-6, Pride (BSU Meeting: Pride /Room 604)

South Asian Assn. during Lunches Choir/Band Room

Star Time: 2:35 Room 714

Peer Tutor Club: 2:35-3:45 (Leota Rm 606/Wellington)

##### **April 18** - 1-6, Pride (Kick off Quarter 4 Assembly during Pride)

D&D Club: 2:35pm Library

##### **April 21** - 1-6 Pride

##### **April 22** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Drawing Club during Lunches Room 604

Slavic Club during first lunch Room 607

##### **April 23** - 1-6, Early Release

##### **April 24** - 1-6, Pride

South Asian Assn. during Lunches Choir/Band Room

Star Time: 2:35 Room 714

Peer Tutor Club: 2:35-3:45 (Leota Rm 606/Wellington)

6th Gr Boys Soccer: Northshore@Leota 3:30-4:30

6th Gr Girls Volleyball: Northshore@Leota 3:30-4:30

7/8th Gr Boys Soccer: Northshore@Leota 4:30-5:30

##### **April 25** - 1-6, Pride

Drama Club: 2:35 Theater

D&D Club: 2:35pm Library



## Recommendations for Nomination



# Be part of the 2025-2026 Leota PTSA Board!

Make a difference in the Leota Community by serving on  
the PTSA.

Our Nominating Committee is currently taking  
recommendations for officers to be elected in May.

Complete this form to be  
contacted to learn more!

<https://forms.gle/u7EDmpgLSnTeYMyd8>

**Deadline to submit: April 25th**





## Call for Award Nominations

Every year Leota Middle School PTSA recognizes people that have gone above and beyond in their service to our community. Please take a few minutes and nominate someone you feel has made an impact and a difference! Let's recognize their hard work, sacrifice, and contributions! Click [here](#) to submit your nominations.



## April Staff Appreciation

Thank you to all who contributed to our Pi Day celebration in March! The next Staff Appreciation day is April 16th. Our theme will be "Any Salad Goes". Fruit salad, potato salad, leafy green salad, pasta salad....if it's a salad, the staff will appreciate it!

Start thinking about what you'd like to contribute; a sign up link will be sent out soon!



## Science Olympiads Update

Leota Lions Science Olympiad Team competed at NW Regionals at North Shore Middle School on March 15th. The Team stood **4th** out of 23 teams and advanced to State level competition, which is happening at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA on April 12th.

The team achieved medals in 9 events out of 23 events. Notable achievements include:

**Gold Medals (1st place):**

**Anatomy & Physiology:** Sushrut Yearva (8th), Sushanth Vegineti (8th)

**Helicopter:** Sushanth Veginati (8th), Sanshray Chundru (8th)

**Sustainable Power:** Vanya Kaushik (8th), Avisha Agrawal (8th)

**Silver Medals (2nd place):**

**Meteorology:** Nia Aslam (8th), Shaaz Alicherry (8th)

**Road Scholar:** Liam Chang (8th), Samuel Joseph Thommana (8th)

**Scrambler:** Samuel Joseph Thommana (8th), Sushrut Yearva (8th)

**Bronze Medals (3rd place):**

**Crime Busters:** Nishka Bansal (8th), Saisha Agarwal (8th)

**Reach for the Stars:** Alan Zhu (8th), Kashyap Vellore (8th)

**Tower:** Nia Aslam (8th), Pranav Sharma (8th)

We are so proud of all of our Science Olympiads! Congratulations!



## Math Olympiads Update

Leota Math Olympiad Club is a free math enrichment program made possible by Leota Middle PTSA and North Creek High School Mu Alpha Theta club. It is open to all Leota students at any math level or grade level to hone their math problem-solving skills. We currently have 65+ students enrolled, and they attend weekly online training sessions conducted by North Creek Mu Alpha Theta volunteers on Wednesday's 3pm-4pm.

This year students participated in two competitions: MATHCOUNTS and Math is Cool. Our club's results are listed below.

## **MATHCOUNTS - PUGET SOUND CHAPTER Results and advancing to WA State**

### **MATHCOUNTS:**

Leota Middle School - 1st Place Team

## **MATHCOUNTS - PUGET SOUND CHAPTER Results -Individual Awards and advancing to WA State MATHCOUNTS:**

Maxim Kolosov - 2nd Place Individuals

Aiden Aron - 4th Place Individuals

Trishul Bodala - 5th Place Individuals

Aiden Kim - 7th Place Individuals

Cloud Hu - 11th Place Individuals

Cynthia Gao - 14th Place Individuals

Kaylee Hu - 19th Place Individuals

## **Math is Cool Championships School Team Awards and advancing to WA State Math is Cool Masters:**

6th grade - 2nd Place Team

7th grade - 1st Place Team

8th grade - 3rd Place Team

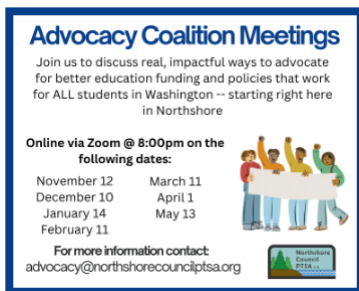
## **Math is Cool Championships - Individual Awards and advancing to WA State Math is Cool Masters:**

Arusha Khante - 3rd Place Individuals

Aiden Aron - 4th Place Individuals

Maxim Kolosov - 9th Place Individuals

A huge congratulations to all of our Math Olympiads! We are so proud of you!



## **Advocacy**

**Join Northshore PTSA's Advocacy Coalition!**



Are you ready to spark some meaningful change? Whether you're passionate about education reform or eager to foster greater engagement and representation in Northshore, this is your space to share, listen, and lead -- as much or as little as your heart desires!

Their next Zoom meeting is on May 13th at 8:00 p.m. Register [here](#)!



## 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. **We have many open spots in April and May!** 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.



## 8th Grade Celebration

The 8th Grade Celebration will be held at Brightwater on June 18th. There is still room for anyone who would like to volunteer - 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) 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](#).