



December 13, 2019 Edition

From Audee Gregor:

Happy Friday. Only one more week to go before winter break. It's so hard to believe! Yet again, we've another fabulous week around campus. Below are a few of the things going on or coming up:

- **PTSA Luncheon:** We have the most generous PTSA. They spoiled our staff on Wednesday with a Charcuterie Board and S'mores Bar. They decorated the staff lounge so beautifully and the food was amazing. Thank you so much to all those who donated food, decorations, and time. We appreciate you all so much!!
- **Lunch Bunch:** Lunch Bunch started last week. Lunch bunch is hosted on Thursdays and Fridays during all three lunches by counselors for any student who feels they need a quieter space. It's a great way for students to meet others with similar interests. Counselors have all kinds of games that students can play and they also help students make new friends.
- **Haggen Market:** We'd like to give a huge shout-out to a local grocery store that donated supplies to our science department. Here is a thank you from our science team: "The Science Department at Leota Middle School would like to give a special thank you to our Woodinville Haggen store for their generous donation of flowers for dissections in our study of plant reproduction. Community support for our students' education is always greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!" When you stop in at Haggen, please help us in showering them with thanks! Their generosity is so appreciated.
- **Music Concert:** Ms. Lin, Mr. Meucci and their fabulous choir, band, and orchestra students performed at Woodinville High School on Wednesday evening. What a joy to the ears their performances provided. We are so proud of all our singers and musicians. It was easy to see how much their hard work and dedication continues to pay off. They sounded amazing! It was also so great seeing so many families there supporting their children. The theater was packed!
- **Drama Club:** Mr. Poage, our drama teacher, has been hosting many fun and exciting events for students. First, he had his drama club students participate in a "Rock the Audition Workshop" to prepare students for auditions that he conducted this week for our upcoming spring play. He was so excited to share that over 60 students are slated to audition. It's wo wonderful seeing our drama program grow and flourish.

- **Hour of Code:** All our tech classes participated in “Hour of Code” on Wednesday. It’s incredible to see so many of our students learning how to code in fun and creative ways. Please be sure to ask your child about it!

In closing, I wanted to share a very sweet quote with you. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Being a mom of two boys, both of which were very different from each other by growing, maturing, and learning at different rates, I found this quote to be so profound. It states:

*“Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet...the kernels do no **pop** at the same time. Don’t compare your child to others. Their turn to **pop** is coming!”*

I hope you each have a nice weekend! Thank you for sending us such awesome students!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 16	Auditions for Spring Play (3:10-4:40) 6 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Kenmore (4:00-5:15pm) 8 th Grade Boys Basketball: Kenmore@Leota (4:00-5:15pm) 7 th Grade Boys Basketball: Kenmore@Leota (5:15-6:30pm)
Tuesday, December 17	Auditions for Spring Play (Call backs) (3:10-4:40) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm)
Wednesday, December 18	Early Release
Thursday, December 19	Web Leader Training during Pride Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm) 6 th Grade Boys Basketball: Skyview@Leota (4:00-5:15pm) 8 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Skyview (4:00-5:15pm) 7 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Skyview (5:15-6:30pm)
Friday, December 20	Dr. Reid Parent Meet and Greet: Leota Staff Lounge (8:05-8:35am) Web Leader Check In during Pride

Yearbook Sales

Yearbooks will be on sale starting the first of the YEAR!

If you have not purchased a yearbook for your student. You can purchase one on-line or in the office from January 6th- January 24th.

*If you are not sure if you have already purchased a yearbook please contact Mrs. Spencer in the office 425 408 6503

SPRING PLAY AUDITIONS



**December 10th, 12th, 13th,
16th, & 17th**

3:10-4:40pm

in LMS Theater

Sign Up Online

On the LMS Drama Club Webpage

Or see/email Mr. Poage for questions.

AUDITIONS:

12/10, 12/12, 12/13, 12/16

Group auditions will include participating in Improv activities & reading from cuts of the play. Cuts from the play will be available for pickup (LMS Theater) starting Monday, Dec. 2nd.

Please prepare to read **ALL** parts. A cast of 20-25 will be selected.

CALL BACKS: 12/17

Will be by invitation only. Check your student email, Drama Club Webpage, or Call Back list posted on the Theater door. Call backs will consist of additional and more in-depth reading from the script.

CAST LIST:

Will be posted on Drama Club Webpage and emailed to auditionees after Christmas holiday. Rehearsals begin Jan. 6th, 2020 @ 3:10pm-4:40pm

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Events

12/23 - 1/03	Winter Break: No School
1/15	January Staff Appreciation: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
3/19	Career Day 2020: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

December Staff Appreciation: THANK YOU!

Our December Staff Appreciation event on December 11th treated our teachers and staff to very full charcuterie boards and a beautiful s'mores bar! Thank you to all who donated and helped us show our staff how much we appreciate them this holiday season!



Staff Appreciation, January 15, 2020: A Healthy Start ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

Can you believe the new year is just around the corner?

For our January staff appreciation event, we are going to help our staff kick off a healthy start to the new year with a full salad bar and all the fixings. Sign up to bring such items as veggies, fruits, nuts, cheese, and bacon crumbles to allow our teachers and staff to assemble their own personal salad creations.

Thank you for all your help! It is fun to see so many people helping in all different ways--it comes together so beautifully. We couldn't do it without you!

Sign up to participate: <https://signup.com/go/ARwKQWV>

Career Day 2020: Sign Up and SAVE THE DATE!

March 19, 2020: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Career Day 2020 will take place on **Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 9:30am-12:00pm** at Leota Middle School. We need over 60 panelists plus event volunteers to make this day a success! Please consider participating in this rewarding community event!

Career Day is a PTSA event that offers our students insight into many different career paths. It gives our students an opportunity to learn what is needed to be successful in their career interests. But more importantly, we want our students to understand that no career path is ever a straight line and within any career there are lots of different avenues they can follow.

We are looking for panelists from ALL career fields and paths, including professional, trade, service industry, stay at home parents--you name it, we welcome it! Our past surveys show that students are eager to hear about every type of job, not just those in the STEM fields.

As a speaker, you will be a part of a three to four person panel that will meet 3 rounds of students. During each round each panelist will have approximately 5 minutes to share their **career journey**. Students will then be given an opportunity to ask questions of the panel. The question and answer session is the place where panelists have a chance to share real life experiences and advice based on questions from the students.

Past speakers have raved about how engaged the students were and thought it was an incredible experience.

Please sign-up as a panelists or event volunteer for the event by emailing careerdayleotapta@gmail.com.

If you want to participate as a panelist, please include the following:

- Your Full Name
- Field of Work
- Current Position (Or the field and position you would like to present)
- Company Name

Do you have other skills or time you'd like to share? If you want to participate in Career Day in a non-panelist role, we would love to have your help! Please include **EVENT VOLUNTEER** in your email message.

This will be our 6th year offering Career Day at Leota, but it can **ONLY** happen with your help and support! Our goal is to have all panelists secured by mid-January. Please sign up today!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Suzette Hart at 360-815-3018 or at careerdayleotaptsa@gmail.com.

2019-2020 Reflections: Congratulations!



PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. It helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas; develop artistic literacy; increase confidence; and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school but in life.

In late November, all submissions were on display during the Leota Art Walk, and students voted in the student choice awards. Congratulations to all students who participated, the creativity on display was wonderful!

This year, we received submissions in Art, Literature, Photography, and Music.

Art	Literature	Photography	Music
Anvitha Suresh Chloe Haworth Gayarthri Karth Niveda Raj Shriya Patel Tanveer Almet Mohama Saleed Nandika Ajith	Aadit Aggarwal Allison Pope Amogh Patil Jiya Joshi Tanya Bhandari	Vibhuti Garg Jiya Joshi Aadit Aggarwal	Kouroush Shafaei

Awards

1st place: Amogh Patil (Literature)

2nd place: Kouroush Shafaei (Music)

3rd place: Allison Pope (Literature)

Honorable Mentions

Chloe Haworth (Art)

Vibhuti Garg (Photography)



HAVE YOUR PTSA MEMBERSHIP? Come join us!
We invite you to become a member of the Leota PTSA.

In addition to being in the know about what happens in the school, your membership is a big show of support for all volunteers and activities that our PTSA hosts throughout the year.

No volunteering is required to be a member, but membership has its benefits. Sign up at www.leotaptsa.com.

Make your volunteers hours count!

Did You Know Your Company May Donate When You Volunteer?

Many companies will donate for hours volunteered in addition to matching financial donations. Please check with your company to see if you have a dollars for doers or similar volunteer hours matching program and take a few minutes to register your hours towards a Leota Middle School PTSA donation.

Amazon Smile is Also A Great Way to Donate

Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/> all year long, every time you are making purchases with Amazon. Whenever a purchase is made with Leota PTSA as the beneficiary, Amazon will send us a donation. Be sure to select Leota PTSA as your beneficiary.

Join the Leota PTSA Volunteer And Info Facebook Group

Join our Leota PTSA Volunteers and Info closed Facebook group if you would like to hear more about volunteer opportunities:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeotaPTSAVolunteers/>.

There is no requirement to volunteer. By joining, we hope you feel part of the Leota parent community and are better informed about what is happening at our school.

