



February 26, 2021

Dear Leota Families,

Happy last Friday of February! Let's hope our snow events are done for the year. I'm a sun lover, so I'm hoping for brighter and warmer days ahead. We are heading into a very busy time of year, so please be watching each week for the many events that will be occurring. March is an especially busy time. Below are some of these events happening, or coming up, around campus in the coming weeks.

Classified School Employees Week – March 1st to 5th: Please help in celebrating our many Classified School Employees for their constant hard work on behalf of all our students, families and staff. We are so grateful for these employees and for the skills, compassion, and support they provide. Classified employees on our campus include the following staff/groups: Para Educators, Office Professionals, Custodial, Health Services, Maintenance, Transportation, Security, Grounds, Child Nutrition/Kitchen, and Technology. We have the best of the best at Leota.

Current 8th Grade Registration – March 3rd (4th period): Please mark your calendars and be sure to have your child **attend 4th period in person on Wednesday, March 3rd**. Both NCHS and WHS counselors will be available during 4th period classes to assist students with finalizing their registration. It will be a great time to get all their questions answered should they have any. If your child misses any dates that the high schools have "visited", they will also be available the week of March 8th. The high schools will be communicating directly with any students who haven't completed their registration information and will invite them to a meeting to assist them in doing so.

Current 6th & 7th Grade Registration – March 15th & 16th: All current 6th and 7th grade Leota students will register for next school year in their ELA classes on March 15th and 16th. If at all possible, please be sure your child attends their English class in person. Make-ups will be made available for any who are unable to attend.

Grade 5th Grade Registration – Week of March 8th: Leota counselors will be visiting our feeder elementary schools the week of March 8th to present registration information to our incoming students. If you also have a 5th grader, be watching for information to be coming home then.

WEB Social – Wednesday, March 3rd: Our final WEB Social for the year will be on March 3rd at 12:55pm. We will advertise, as always, to students via the morning

announcements as well as via email all 6th graders with the Zoom link. Please encourage your child to attend. They are a blast!

Career Day: Mark your calendars for our first-ever all-middle school Career Day on March 17th. This is going to be a fantastic, huge, and awesome event. More details will come out soon. If you are interested in being a presenter or a moderator, please be sure to reply to our fabulous Career Days team with your interest. You all have received emails about it, so be sure to check those out.

Enjoy the weekend.

Warmly,

Audee Gregor
Principal

Happy Friday to you! In this weekly bulletin, you will see:

- Next Week at Leota
- Yearbook Pictures Needed
- Leota PTSA Weekly Update



Next Week at Leota	
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Mar. 1	Periods 1, 2, 3
Mar. 2	Periods 4, 5, 6
Mar. 3	Period 4 (8:30-9:00am) Check-in & Students Complete Working Wednesday Plan 8 th Grade Registration Due in Period 4 WEB Social via Zoom 12:55pm Library Book Check out (11:00am-2:00pm) Early Release-School Day Ends at 1:35pm
Mar. 4	Periods 1, 2, 3
Mar. 5	Periods 4, 5, 6



Families,

Please email photos of your students to leotamsyearbook@nsd.org, so that we can include them in the yearbook. We have a lot of great photos and artwork submitted and want to make sure each student is showcased! Some ideas for photos:

- sports
- doing crafts/being creative
- dressed in pajamas for class
- working at their computer
- posing with a sibling/cousin/family member who also goes to Leota
- watching the Superbowl
- waving hello
- cooking or baking
- helping out in the community
- anything fun!

Leota Office Contact Info

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Weekly Update

February 25, 2021

Upcoming Events

3/5	Officer Nominations are Now Open Please contact us to find out more information or let us know your interest by March 5 th .
3/10	PTSA General Meeting with Officer Elections (@ 7pm-7:15pm)
3/10	PTSA Community Café teams up with Professional Chef Sam Spiva to make PIZZA He will demonstrate how to make pizza night something special. Includes both regular and cauliflower pizza dough recipes. (@ 7:15pm) <u>Register Here</u> to receive the meeting details.
3/17	Career Day: WE NEED A LOT MORE MODERATORS AND A FEW MORE SPEAKERS FOR THIS EVENT. A moderator will assist with running the zoom room you are assigned to and help the speakers with any of their needs. Training will be provided for Moderators and Speakers prior to the event.
3/8-23	The movie Screenagers – <u>Register Here</u>
3/31	Contact for Staff Appreciation: staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com (NEW REQUEST FOR ITEMS): <u>Leota Staff Appreciation 2020-2021 — Signup Sheet SignUp.com</u>
	Contact for Science Olympiad Club: scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com
	Contact for Math Olympiad Club: matholympiad@leotaptsa.com. Go to www.leotaptsa.com to sign up for communications and register for upcoming competitions.
	Contact the PTSA board: contact@leotaptsa.com
	Included in the newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer Nominations• Reflections Winners and State Qualifiers• Career Day• Staff Appreciation Pictures for January and February• Screenagers Information• Advocacy Update• Make your Volunteer Hours Count

PTSA Mission: Make Every Child's Potential A Reality!

Officer Nominations Now Open: Due by March 5



Election Positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Do you enjoy leading teams of people that want to make a difference in our kid's lives? There are many ways to do this that fit the time schedule you have. Contact us to find out more at contact@leotaptsa.com. We have a fabulous and talented group of leaders that are ready to welcome you.

Career Day: Be a Speaker or Moderator

This year all NSD Middle School PTSAs, along with the Northshore School's Foundation, have come together to organize a virtual Career Day! In order to make this happen, many volunteer speakers are needed.

There are TWO (2) ways someone can volunteer to help with Career Day this year: as a Presenter or as a Moderator.

We are looking for Presenters from ALL career fields and paths, including professional, trade, service industry, stay at home parents – you name it, we welcome it!

For more information about Career Day & how to volunteer email careerday2021@outlook.com or [Click here to see more details](#). Thank you!

Want to See Staff Appreciation Continue Next Year?

Staff appreciation for January and February were a huge hit. ☐ Thank you to our teachers, the staff appreciation team lead by Jana Sarti and of course the volunteers that donated the items. After three years at the helm, Jana would like to pass the torch to a new leader. If you are interested in leading a team to help this continue, please reach out to contact@leotaptsa.com.

We have another opportunity to provide a little encouragement to the Leota staff on **March 31st** - during the next Material Pick Up Day. Will you help by donating an item to our breakfast and snack bar? We plan to provide some bagels and fruit; but need your help with a few other items to help give our Leota staff a little boost and say thank you for all they are doing!

[Leota Staff Appreciation 2020-2021 — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)



Screenagers: March 8-23rd

Join Northshore Council PTSA for a virtual movie* presentation of the film "Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience". Filmmaker and physician Dr. Delaney Ruston takes the conversation around screens and teens to the next level with a film that examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

[Register Here](#)

Your PTSA Advocates for ALL Kids!

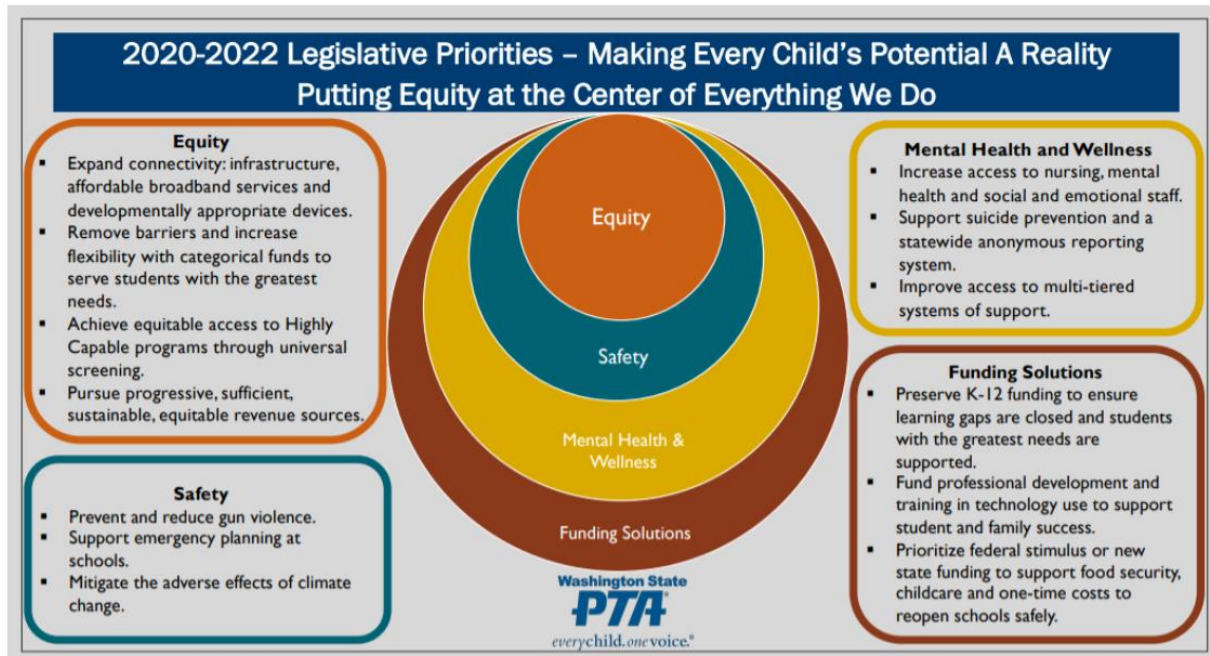
Advocacy is at the heart of Leota PTSA!

- ✓ Mark your calendar for the upcoming *virtual* PTA Focus Day on January 18th, 2021. This event is a great opportunity for parents and students to directly speak to legislators!
- ✓ Sign up for advocacy information and action alerts through the **[WSPTA Action Network Group](#)**. These action alerts are quick, easy ways to communicate with our legislators on topics they are actively working on.
- ✓ Visit our **[Leota PTSA Advocacy webpage](#)** to find more resources and learn about additional ways to get involved.

Advocacy at the District and State Levels

Attend a School Board Meeting! usually held on the second Monday of the month at 4pm and the fourth Monday at 7pm. **[Click here for more info.](#)**

Contact your state legislators: Find and contact your local Washington State Legislators at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>



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.



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