



February 7, 2020 Edition

From Audee Gregor:

This week we've been honoring our fabulous counselors in honor of National School Counseling Week. It's been a joy to shower our counselors with gratitude and well-wishes. They work so hard to support all our students. Additionally, they were honored with a proclamation by Dr. Reid for this work, which includes:

- Helping students reach their full potential;
- Helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as they relate to career awareness and development;
- Helping parents focus on ways to further the growth of their child;
- Working with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves;
- Identify and utilize community resources to enhance student growth; and
- Enabling all students to achieve success in school.

Other amazing things going on around school are:

- **Future Problem Solving (FPS):** Mr. Bohannon was recognized and was invited to speak at Dr. Reid's annual State of the Schools Address where he spoke to the innovation that FPS embodies. We are so proud of Mr. Bohannon and all his hard work!
- **WEB:** Our awesome WEB leaders had a training on Tuesday and will be in all 6th grade Prides on Friday touching base with their "WEBlings". This is such an amazing program where 8th grade WEB leaders mentor and connect with their 6th grade groups. It's so fun to see these deep bonds and connections grow throughout the school year and beyond!
- **Chess Club:** Chess club is now in full swing. They meet after school on Thursdays from 3:15-4:40 in room 615. Students can then take the activity bus home or be picked up by a parent/guardian. If your child is interested, please encourage them to join.
- **National Junior Honor Society:** Please don't forget that all NJHS paperwork must be turned into Ms. Hurley's room no later than Friday, February 14th. **No late paperwork will be accepted.** Additionally, there is no after school meeting on the 14th. Please remind your child to not procrastinate as no exceptions will be made for late paperwork.

As always, it's such a joy working with your child(ren). We feel like the luckiest staff in the world to have such amazing young people to teach, nurture, and grow with each and every day! Have a fabulous weekend. 😊

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 10	Season 3 Team Photos Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm) 7 th Grade Basketball Canyon Park@Leota 4:00pm 8 th Grade Basketball Canyon Park@Leota 5:15pm
Tuesday, February 11	Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm) Wrestling Jamboree@Leota Middle School
Wednesday, February 12	Early Release PTSA Staff Appreciation – Italian Lunch
Thursday, February 13	Chess Club (3:10-4:40pm) Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm) 7 th Grade Basketball Leota@Kenmore 4:00pm 8 th Grade Basketball Leota@Kenmore 5:15pm
Friday, February 14	Square dancing assembly during Pride Yearbook Club 3:15 Room 623

Update from NSD Transportation Department

The following Leota buses are FULL. We have been asked by transportation not to issue bus passes for the following buses:

Bus 114

Bus 131

Bus 135

Bus 152

Bus 172

We are so sorry for the inconvenience! Please contact transportation directly 425-408-7900. if you have any questions.

Yearbook News

If you have any great photos of students from this school year, we would love to have them for consideration in the Leota yearbook. Please send pictures to Mrs. Hurley at the following mail file site <https://mailfile.nsd.org/filedrop/jhurley@nsd.org>. Thanks!

National Junior Honor Society News

If your child is interested in becoming an NJHS member, please check out the Leota website under "activities" for more information. Volunteer forms are due the week of Feb. 10 through Feb. 14. *No late forms will be accepted*, so please plan ahead. Last year we had lots of snow that created some difficulty for students attempting to complete their hours. This year could be similar, so please ensure your child's volunteer hours are not put off to the last minute. Students should check with their teachers to complete their Leota volunteer hours or even the main office (more info on the website). You must submit your paperwork in person either directly to Mrs. Hurley after school in Room #623, or to a designated representative in the cafeteria during all three lunches. **PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE LEOTA OFFICE. All students will be required to sign-off on paperwork turned in; paperwork cannot be left without a signature to verify it was received.**

Also, there is an important correction to the Activity Information Form --- turn in date for forms is NOT 3/10/20-3/14/20 --- this should read **2/10/20-2/14/20**. This is stated correctly on the website main page, but is *incorrect* on the form itself.

Justine L. Hurley
Leota Middle School
Art Studio Instructor
(425) 408-6553

North Creek High School Registration

North Creek High School will be hosting a Family Registration Event on Thursday February 27th.

5:00 - 6:00 PM Electives Fair, Main Gym

Pre-meetings -

5:30 - 6:00 PM Students with Hi- Cap Services RM 3194

5:30 - 6:00 PM Students with ELL Services RM 3196

5:30 - 6:00 PM Students with Special Education Services RM 3142

Registration Presentation for all Incoming 9th Grade, (current 8th grade), students & Families

North Creek Commons 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Weekly Update

February 7, 2020

Upcoming Events

Fridays, 1/10 - 2/14	Lyon Ski School Bus (Storage provided by Leota PTSA)
2/11	Parent Education Night <i>Angst: Screening and Discussion</i> @ Kenmore Elementary School, 6:00-8:00pm
2/12	February Staff Appreciation: An Italian Lunch VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
2/26	Parent Education Night <i>Hidden in Plain Sight</i> @ Northshore Middle School, 6:30-8:30pm
3/04	Officer Nominations Due: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer contact@leotaptsa.com to nominate or get more information
3/18	PTSA General Meeting – Officers Elected for 2020-21
3/19	Career Day 2020: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

LEOTA PTSA Needs Your Leadership – Nominations Due March 4th


For the last two years we have had an amazing team that has provided outstanding leadership and continuity. However, many will be graduating to high school or have served their full 2 year term. So WE NEED YOU!!!



Involvement with PTSA at middle school is much different from elementary which makes it a reasonable time commitment. The students are able to get involved to a much greater extent which makes PTSA impactful in new and different ways. Please consider stepping forward to take on a role with us. Contact Carrie McKenzie at contact@leotaptsa.com if you would like to learn more or nominate.

Non-Elected roles also need persons to lead them: Communications Chair (newsletter, social media, etc), Membership Chair, Advocacy Chair, Career Day, Reflections, Watch DOGS, and more. All positions can have two persons co-lead the position.

Ski School Storage at Leota, Fridays January 10 – February 14

	<p>SKI & SNOWBOARD STORAGE AT LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <p>For those traveling on the Lyon Ski Bus leaving from Leota MS, Leota PTSA is offering storage during the day.</p> <p>Drop Off: 7:30-8:30am Pick Up: 3:10pm—3:25pm (students must pick up) Location: Side entrance to 600 building behind school Dates: Every Friday 1/10—2/14</p> <p>You must label each piece of equipment or bag with your contact information and strap/bag ski poles to your <u>skis</u> to keep them together. Bus leaves at 3:30pm.</p>
<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Students and Parents are needed for drop off and pick up times. It is a simple check in and check out process and COUNTS TOWARDS STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS. Please sign up at www.leotapta.com or https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ACAD2CA1F58-volunteer.</p>	

Staff Appreciation, February 12, 2020: An Italian Lunch

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In the cold depths of February, let's warm up our staff with pasta and breadsticks!

For our February staff appreciation event, we are going to put together an Italian themed lunch including pasta, breadsticks, and salads. Sign up to bring such items as salad fixings, cooked pasta, and breadsticks and pasta sauce to provide our teachers and staff with a warm and filling lunch.

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>

Parent Education Night @ Kenmore Elementary School

February 11, 2020, 6:00-8:00pm @ Kenmore Elementary School Gym
Angst Screening & Discussion

Kenmore Elementary PTA and Northshore Council PTSA are working together to present the movie "Angst." This movie is for parents and caregivers to help us navigate anxiety in our students and ourselves. It provides hope and help!

This FREE film screening and discussion event will be on Tuesday, February 11th, from 6-8 p. in the Kenmore Elementary Gym (19121 71st Ave NE, Kenmore, WA 98028). The movie is 55

minutes and will be followed by a moderated panel discussion afterwards. The YMCA will be providing childcare on campus for children ages 3 and up.

If you are interested in attending, please reserve your tickets through Eventbrite to help us plan (please include a note in your reservation if childcare is needed):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/angst-movie-screening-tickets-88561470743>

To learn more about the movie, visit: <https://angstmovie.com/>.



Parent Education Night @ Northshore Middle School

February 26, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

Hidden in Plain Sight

Parents and caregivers are invited to participate in the "Hidden in Plain Sight" experience on Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Northshore Middle School (12101 NE 160th St, Bothell, WA 98011). Space is limited, so reserve your FREE ticket today!

The "Hidden in Plain Sight" initiative helps parents spot signs of at-risk behaviors, using an interactive display of a teenager's bedroom. After walking through the display, participants will learn more about adolescent development and common signs of substance use provided by professionals in treatment, law enforcement, substance abuse prevention and other parents.

This exhibit educates and empowers parents to communicate with their children about at-risk behavior that could lead to substance use disorders. A strong parent-teen relationship is the most effective tool to prevent youth substance use.

*Looks can be very deceiving -
Especially if you don't know what to look for.
Come to a "Hidden in Plain Sight" exhibit and learn what
to look for and what to do if you do find something.*

Reserve your ticket via EventBrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hidden-in-plain-sight-tickets-90501403133>



We Need YOU! 2020 Career Day at Leota Middle School
Happy New Year! Please Save the Date - Thursday, March 19, 2020

Planning is underway for PTSA's Career Day 2020 for Leota's students and we need over 60 panelists to make this day a success. We are currently 1/2 of our needed panelists confirmed. Please make a gift of your time—you will truly impact a student! This amazing day can only happen with YOUR help. Please sign up today!

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 3-4 person panel that will meet 3-4 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.

Career Day will be held on March 19, 2020. Are you able to give a few hours (9:30 am - Noon) to serve as a panelist? If you can help, please email careerdayleotapta@gmail.com as soon as possible with your information:

- Your Full Name

- Field of Work
- Current Position (Or the field and position you would like to present)
- Current Employer

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.

If you know of someone that you feel would be an asset to our panels, please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone interested.

We will be getting back to you in late January with more details. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

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.