



September 11, 2020 Edition

Good afternoon Leota families!

As I'm sure you are feeling, this week has been an exciting, yet tiring one, but it's been wonderful seeing the students and teachers connect virtually, build relationships, and begin to form routines. This isn't to say that the week hasn't been without its glitches, especially with the recent internet outages, but I do believe we've all learned a lot. We continue to learn new work-arounds for technology, continue to build our knowledge and use of Schoology, continue to increase our Zoom competencies, and so much more. Thank you for the grace and patience you continue to show us, and each other. We strive to always show the same grace and patience as we are all in this together. I've heard it said that stressful times can bring out the worst in people, but I have to say a HUGE thank you because these last couple of weeks have actually brought out the **BEST in our Leota community!** I brag about you every chance I get! For this, I thank you! Please forgive the length of this week's message as there is lots to share, including:

**School Photos and Materials Distribution (see full plan with details and map below, including which day each last name, by alpha, are scheduled to attend):**

- **School Photos:** Dorian will be here taking staff and student school photos. Please be patient with this process as it may slow things down a bit, but is always a highlight for students. Have your child dress for the occasion if you select to have their school photo taken. All students must wear their mask to the picture location, remove the mask only for the picture, and then promptly put it back on to return to their car. They will be required to follow all the directions of the greeters. Please note:
  - Only students are allowed in the picture taking area. All others, please remain in the car.
  - Proper social distancing protocols will be strictly in place and enforced.
  - Photos will be in the cafeteria, accessed using the back parking lot (see map attached).
  - If you elect to not have pictures taken, please alert the traffic attendants so they can waive you into the Materials Distribution lot instead of the photo lot.
  - Picture make-ups will be announced for a later date for any who can't make it and/or don't feel comfortable having their photo taken at this time.

- Students who have their photos taken will immediately receive their Leota ID card.
- Dorian will provide a link/flyer with details in case you would like to purchase school photos.
- **Student Materials:** Bags full of materials will be ready for all students to pick up. Some bags will have more than others, but all students will receive a bag. In them will be the following:
  - Student Planner – all students will receive one
  - English Springboard Workbook – nearly all students will receive one
  - Math Book(s) – nearly all students will receive one or more
  - Variety of other materials, depending on teacher and class
  - Yearbooks – for last year’s students who have not yet picked them up
  - Curriculum Night flyer with information and details
  - PTSA flyer about membership and our annual Fund Drive
  - Printout of any fines/fees owed from last school year – these items can be returned to clear your child’s account
- **Backpacks Filled with Supplies:** A limited quantity of backpacks stocked with some basic supplies have been donated and are available for families in need. Let your greeter know when you drive thorough if you need one.
- **PTSA Donation Station** – There will be a station where families, if interested, can donate items for Leota teacher appreciation days. PTSA does so many fabulous things for our staff and for your child. Please consider joining and supporting PTSA.

#### **Curriculum Night:**

- September 16th from 6:30-8:15 p.m.
- Live sessions via Zoom (if you have trouble logging in, try your child’s NSD credentials)
- An email reminder with each teacher’s Zoom links, per period, will be sent Tuesday, September 15th.
- Teachers will post recordings of their Zooms in case you cannot make it to live sessions.

#### **iReady Baseline Assessments:**

- Monday, September 14th – iReady math baseline assessments will be given during the first 60 minutes via Zoom in periods 1, 2, 3
- Tuesday, September 15th – iReady reading baseline assessments will be given during the first 60 minutes via Zoom in periods 4, 5, 6,
- Since this is an official baseline assessment, teachers will be encouraging students to turn on their screens for monitoring purposes. However, if your child is uncomfortable with their screen on, we ask the following:
  - Each child messages their teacher using the “chat” feature that they will be keeping their video off
  - Each child works 100% independently on the assessment
- This is a simple baseline to see where students are with regards to reading and math. The results help teachers gauge the support needed for each individual student.
- **Most importantly:** Please encourage your child to simply do their best while not taking too long on any one given problem. It’s a tough balance, but I want to share with you

that, since it's a baseline assessment, your child will encounter questions that are easy for them and ones that are beyond their ability. The assessment is designed to level in and find your child's range of current ability in each subject. Please help reinforce this with them so they don't stress. Not knowing a problem is not a weakness. Every child, regardless of their ability, will encounter questions they will not be able to answer. *Mostly, this assessment is NOT graded.*

**Technology Needs:** For any family who has recently filled out a technology request for a device, these will be available through the main office parking lot from 8:00-3:00 on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 15. Please pull forward to the "sandwich board" and call the number written on it. A staff member will be out to help you.

**Attendance Updates:** If your child does not attend any given period and does not connect asynchronously before midnight of any given day, they will be marked absent by our attendance office. If you know your child will be absent, please email our attendance line at [lmsattendance@nsd.org](mailto:lmsattendance@nsd.org) to let them know. Clearly leave your child's name, student ID number and the reason for the absence. It sounds like, beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>, absent student calls (Robo Calls) will go out to any parent/guardian where the Attendance Office hasn't been notified in advance.

**Leota's Plan for M, T, Th, F from 2:15-3:05 p.m.:** Staff can invite and set appointments with students and/or students can request appointments with staff for the following individual or small group activities:

- Office hours
- Counselor appointments
- Specialist appointments
- Intervention & support time

**Leota's Plan for Wednesdays, called *Working Wednesdays*:** The plan for Wednesdays is below (the first one begins on Wed, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>):

- **8:30-8:50 a.m.** – 4th period check-in live via zoom. The 4th period teacher will:
  - Take attendance
  - Lead the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Share a Google Form/Survey in the "chat" feature with students. Students open the link and record their commitment/plan for the day. They will each receive an email confirmation of their commitments/priorities. This link will also be on each 4th period teachers Schoology page for access asynchronously.
- **8:50 a.m.-1:35 p.m.** – Students will select and commit to a range of offerings. All the particulars will be given at Curriculum Night. Essentially, this portion of the day is chunked into 40-minute segments where students commit to certain tasks, which include the following:
  - Work on class assignments
  - Attend scheduled appointments with staff
  - Work on iReady instructional components
  - Complete extension lessons

- Read
- Exercise
- Practice the arts (music, drama, art, etc.)
- Attend clubs/activities (12:55-1:35 on pre-set Wednesdays only)
- **Wednesdays are Early Release days that end at 1:35.**
  - Exception: Wednesday, September 16th is a FULL day, ending at 3:05
  - Students will work on their “commitments/priorities” and then will have from 1:35-3:05 to additionally connect with staff. Please encourage them to set up appointments as needed.

Thank you for allowing me to share this week’s long-winded Principal’s Message this week. There is just so much to share and I want to make sure you are fully informed. Enjoy the weekend.

Warmly,

Audee Gregor  
Principal

### **Distribution & School Photo Day – Detailed Instructions for Families:**

#### **Steps for families and students to prepare for drop-off/pick-up days:**

- Car pick-up/drop-off only (no walkers or bicyclists)
- Please try to adhere to the following pick-up/drop-off schedule as closely as possible:
  - **Monday, September 14th from 3:00-5:00pm (A-D Alpha by last name)**
  - **Monday, September 14th from 5:00-7:00pm (E-K Alpha by last name)**
  - **Tuesday, September 15th from 3:00-5:00pm (L-Q Alpha by last name)**
  - **Tuesday, September 15th from 5:00-7:00pm (R-Z Alpha by last name)**
- If families or students have been exposed to COVID, currently has COVID, or been recently had COVID, please do not attend the event. Please email the main office secretary, Felicia Casolary, at [fcasolary@nsd.org](mailto:fcasolary@nsd.org) to arrange for an alternate pick-up.
- Expectations during pick-up/drop-off:
  - [Please review the map at this link](#) to ensure proper flow of traffic for School Photos/Materials Distribution
  - Please follow all directions by traffic attendants and greeters
  - Please stay in your car with your seatbelts engaged and masks on
  - **Please place a paper with your child’s first and last name in the passenger side windshield**
  - Items to be returned to the school should be accessible without leaving your car
  - If returning materials from last school year, please hand items through the window to your station greeter

- **Curricular items** (textbooks, library books, teacher loaned classroom items, locker keys, etc.) should all be placed in one bag for return, if possible, for ease of exchange
  - Items will be scanned in and checked for condition (damage, etc.)
  - Your child can check their own account to see what is checked out to them (textbooks and library books) by clicking here. They will need their student ID number and their Google account password to log in. [Click here for directions.](#)
- **Athletic uniforms** should be in their own bag and clearly labeled with the students first and last name and student ID number
  - Staff will not be able to hug, high five, accept gifts, etc.
  - Most importantly, please exercise patience as this is new to us all
- Who can pick up items?:
  - Parent, guardian, or anyone already listed as an emergency contact
  - Anyone if the student is in the car (neighbor can bring your student)

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Happy Friday to you! In this weekly bulletin, you will see:  
(Some of this information is repeated from last week)

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<b>Next Week at Leota</b>
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- Sept. 14      Periods 1, 2, 3  
School Materials Distribution, School Photos:  
    ▪ Monday, September 14th from 3:00-5:00pm (A-D Alpha by last name)  
    ▪ Monday, September 14th from 5:00-7:00pm (E-K Alpha by last name)  
Tech Device Distribution: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Sept. 15      Periods 4, 5, 6  
School Materials Distribution, School Photos:  
    ▪ Tuesday, September 15th from 3:00-5:00pm (L-Q Alpha by last name)  
    ▪ Tuesday, September 15th from 5:00-7:00pm (R-Z Alpha by last name)  
Tech Device Distribution: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Sept. 16      Full day – No Early Release  
See Leota's Plan for Working Wednesdays above  
Curriculum Night Via Zoom 6:30-8:15pm
- Sept. 17      Periods 1, 2, 3
- Sept. 18      Periods 4, 5, 6

### **Notice from the School Nurse**

Hello Leota families!

I would like to inform you of some requirements for students who have life threatening conditions, or those who require health care plans or medication during the school day - when on campus.

Although we have a remote start to this school year, **we are still required to collect all health care planning documents, do all emergency care planning and individual health plans and collect medication authorizations and treatment orders at the start of the school year, as with any other school year.** Obviously, we are not collecting medications at school until your student will attend on campus. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=28A.210.320>

The reason for this is, at the point transitions occur from online to on campus learning, we anticipate there to be a very short turn around with not enough time to complete health care planning or for you to receive treatment orders and medication authorization forms in a timely manner in order for your student to start school on campus.

At the end of last year, you were given a packet of forms to complete for this school year if your student had medications at school. These can be mailed to Leota Middle School (attention: nurse); or you or your health care provider can fax or email any forms or medication authorizations. See contact info below. If you need any documents, or can't find yours, they are on the Leota website under resources, health room, and then under health forms. Here is a link to the [Authorization for Medication](#) form.

I will have intermittent office hours on campus and can be reached at the number below. Or for the quickest response, please email me with any questions. Thanks for your help and understanding,

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### **Tech Devices are available**

For those students who need to check out technology for this school year, please complete this form (<https://form.jotform.com/202085825509053>) in order to receive a device, exchange a device that is either not working or is one of the old white Chromebooks, or obtain a hotspot.

You will need a device if:

- You have a newly enrolled Leota student who doesn't have access to a device at home
- Your currently enrolled student's needs have changed and your student now needs a device
- Your student has an older white Chromebook and will need to exchange for a **newer** black Chromebook device for best connectivity and operation
- You do not have internet service at home. Hotspots are available. Please do not request a hotspot if you do have internet at home that is slow. The hotspot will not help with that.

### **Clever, Schoology, & Login's**

With the year beginning in 100% remote learning, it is critical that parents, caregivers, and students are able to access the variety of systems that we will be using for teaching and learning and for communication. Please read this info from our Technology Dept completely to ensure that you have up to date information about logging into these systems.

#### **Clever**

Clever is our District's new portal system. All parents and students have an account in Clever to help them get connected to all the other systems we will be using. Students and parents log into Clever differently.

**Parents will log in to Clever at <https://family.nsd.org>.**

*The parent portal will give parents access to buttons for ParentVUE, Schoology, and other district systems. It also provides a method for helping students to get logged in on their device. This is called "Instant Login" and should be used only when a student has trouble logging themselves into Clever.*

*Parents were sent invitations to join Clever the week of August 17. If you did not receive your invitation, please visit <https://family.nsd.org> and click "Reset Password". Enter the email associated with your Northshore account. An email will be sent with password reset information. If you have not received the email within 48 hours, please contact your school office.*



**Students will log in to Clever at <https://my.nsd.org>.**

*Student accounts follow this pattern: the username is their email address and their password is the password they ended last school year with or the default (for new students). Student accounts use the student's ID number. If you do not know your student's ID number please look at their information in ParentVUE. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can request an account and activation code here: <https://form.jotform.com/200321140182132>*

**Examples:**

*Returning student:*

*Username is studentid#@apps.nsd.org, for example [3333333@apps.nsd.org](mailto:3333333@apps.nsd.org)*

*Their password is the password they used last year. If they don't remember that password, a staff member can reset their password for them.*

*New student in grades K-3:*

*Username is studentid#@apps.nsd.org, for example [4444444@apps.nsd.org](mailto:4444444@apps.nsd.org)*

*Their password is their student id number followed by "nsd". For example, 4444444nsd.*

*New student in grades 4-12:*

*Username is studentid#@apps.nsd.org, for example [7777777@apps.nsd.org](mailto:7777777@apps.nsd.org)*

*Their password is their 8-digit birthdate, for example 04042010.*

## **Schoology**

Schoology is our district's new Learning Management System. It replaces systems that were used last year to distribute class assignments and learning materials, such as Google Classroom. All parents have access to an account in Schoology to monitor student progress, view course materials and assignments, and communicate with teachers.

*To login to Schoology, parents will login to Clever (<https://family.nsd.org>) and click on the Schoology for Parents tile. Enter your email and password. If you have not activated your account, click "Forgot your password" on the Schoology login screen. Enter the email associated with your Northshore account. An email will be sent with password reset information. If you have not received the email within 48 hours, please contact your school office.*

*Students will log into Schoology by logging into Clever (<https://my.nsd.org>) and clicking on the Schoology tile.*

## **Commonly Reported Issues:**

***I cannot see all of my children in Clever/Schoology.***

*This is likely due to incomplete information in Synergy, our student information system. Please log into ParentVUE and review the information associated with your account to ensure that you can see all children and have all contact and educational rights to all of your students. If that information is correct, please contact your school's main office to research further.*

***I never received an email invitation to Clever and/or Schoology.***

*Check your email spam and junk folders to ensure that the emails didn't get misplaced. If you still don't see those invitations, visit Clever and/or Schoology and use the "Reset My Password" or "Forgot your password" links to generate a new email from one or both systems.*

### **Family Orientations**

Northshore is providing ongoing opportunities to learn about our Remote Learning model and to gain an understanding of these new systems and getting started with Clever and Schoology. We are actively updating our website with information based on questions we are getting from our community. To see the schedule of Orientations and to view other important information regarding device checkout, meals, and other programs, please visit <https://www.nsd.org/northshore-learns/support>.

### **Additional Resources:**

#### **Schoology: Getting Started**

A couple of videos have been created to give the very basics of getting students and parents logged into Clever and Schoology

Video: Introducción a Clever y Schoology para los Padres [https://youtu.be/DanXj\\_HoEnM](https://youtu.be/DanXj_HoEnM)

Video: Getting Started with Clever and Schoology for Parents <https://youtu.be/NISz6bcZVW4>

Getting Started with Clever and Schoology for Students (English): <https://youtu.be/7R-NnJAo7E4>

Getting Started with Clever and Schoology for Students  
(Spanish): <https://youtu.be/1K1YbVOqzsU>

### **Schoology Sessions for Parents**

Schoology Orientation for Parents Sessions have been recorded in several languages.

To view orientation recordings, [visit our website](#).



### **School Supplies**

Every year the Northshore School District evaluates the list of needed school supplies for students to bring. In recent years we have worked to reduce the amount of money and time parents spend purchasing items, while still providing those basics needed for academic success. This year, as we start in an online format in the midst of a pandemic, that task seems even more important. At this time we ask that **all students** have at their disposal writing utensils (pens and/or pencils), paper for note-taking, and a way to organize their subjects. This last item can be a series of bins or boxes, a notebook, an accordion folder, or some other way in which students can learn and practice keeping track of important work. In addition to paper and pencils, **middle school students** may need additional items, such as highlighters. Please check the [Leota website](#) for a full list by grade level. Specific classes in middle school, like art, may also have additional items that will be used for specific experiences throughout the year. We understand that the beginning of this school year looks differently than in years past. Please do not feel obligated to purchase all of these supplies right away. Our posted school supply list is designed to meet student needs when we are in person. While we are learning virtually, most assignments will be completed virtually and online as well. However, we know that purchasing school supplies can put your child in the frame of mind that school is beginning. We will leave this fully up to each family. It is important to us that these items not create a burden on family budgets. For 18 years, many of our families have received extra help with school supplies, and that assistance will continue this year. The Northshore Schools Foundation has collected, organized, and distributed school supplies to families who have needed them. We want to thank NSF as well as the many businesses, families, and individuals who have contributed. If you would like to order supplies from NSF, please use the following link: [requesting school supplies](#). Similarly, if you would like to contribute to their school supply drive, please use the following link: [donate school supplies](#).



### **Free and Reduced-Price Meals Information**

The Free and Reduced-Price Meal application for the 2020-21 school year is now available. Don't forget! Families must re-apply every year. Please [click here to apply online](#) for the 2020-2021 school year for free or reduced-price meals.

Parents whose income falls within specified guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture should apply for free or reduced-price meals for their students. All students who qualify for reduced-price meals can receive a breakfast at no charge. Students K-3 who qualify for reduced-priced meals also receive lunch at no charge.

If you qualify for Free or Reduced Meals you may also qualify for:

- School fee waivers (a fee waiver form must be completed, available in August).
- Other services such as health insurance. Contact your school nurse for more information.

[The online application](#) only takes a few minutes and is the fastest, easiest way to get approved. Parents wishing to have a paper application mailed to them should contact the Food Services office at 425-408-7657.

### Optional Student Insurance



As a service, we are providing information regarding optional student accident and health insurance coverage administered by Myers-Stevens & Toohey, Inc. These low cost plans are distributed by many districts across Washington. Although they are not the only provider of this type of coverage, they have been recommended by our Washington Schools Risk Management Pool. For more information: <https://www.nsd.org/our-district/departments/business-services/risk-management/student-insurance>

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### NSD Links to Community Assistance

During the COVID-19 outbreak, our community has come together to provide assistance to families in need. The organizations linked on the [NSD Community Assistance](#) page are ready to help with food, housing, healthcare and more.

Please visit <https://www.nsd.org/covid19/community/assistance> as another option for locating resources in a time of need.

### **Financial Assistance for Bothell families (Northshore Senior Center)**

We know many of our families have been financially impacted due to COVID-19. Due to this unforeseen circumstance, your families may be eligible for an emergency grant funds!

**-Only Bothell residents can apply.**

-They do not need to be a US citizen or have citizenship to apply.

-Families can apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/bothellhelp> or contact [Northshore Senior Center](#) for assistance @ (425) 487-2441.

Applications will be accepted through October 8th, 2020.

If you need additional assistance completing the application please contact Elizabeth Meza [emeza@nsd.org](mailto:emeza@nsd.org).



#### **Leota Office Contact Info**

Office Manager Felicia Casolary: [fcasolary@nsd.org](mailto:fcasolary@nsd.org)

ASB Secretary Melanie Spencer: [mspencer@nsd.org](mailto:mspencer@nsd.org)

Attendance Secretaries: Barb Roetcisoender: [broetcisoender@nsd.org](mailto:broetcisoender@nsd.org);

MaryLynn Kaiser: [mkaiser@nsd.org](mailto:mkaiser@nsd.org)

School Registrar Mary Hayes: [mhayes@nsd.org](mailto:mhayes@nsd.org)

School Nurse Deb Park: [dpark@nsd.org](mailto:dpark@nsd.org)

Principal Audee Gregor: [agregor@nsd.org](mailto:agregor@nsd.org)

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at [www.leotaptsa.com](http://www.leotaptsa.com)

# The Lions Den

The Leota PTSA monthly newsletter

## Welcome and Introductions

Hello and Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year.

In these times of great change and need, we intend to be here for our community. For those impacted by COVID or its rippling consequences, our first goal is to help students get to a new normal but we also want to be here for all our families. Reach out to us if you think we can be of service to you.

Many of you may think that PTSA is not active because kids are not in school; however, I am pleased to share that your Leota PTSA has been active and engaged.

This summer the Leota PTSA Community Café teamed up with Monahan Studios to provide 4 virtual art classes in which 68 students participated in one or more sessions. Due to your generosity, we were able to offer this at no cost.

On the advocacy front, PTSA has been active at the school, district, state and national level advocating on behalf of kids to help families in these challenging times. I met with Principal Audee and AP Bryan multiple times throughout the summer to share ideas, coordinate for the return to school and be a trusted partner

for the understanding the needs of students and parents.

While PTSA represents all students and families, it matters more than ever to have a PTSA membership. We want to build a stronger more inclusive PTSA and to do that we have come to realize that PTSA is a verb. Together we act to invest, volunteer and advocate for each child's success.

Please join us in making every child's potential a reality.

[Become a Member!](#)

Sincerely,  
Carrie McKenzie,  
President

**NEW TO LEOTA?** Like our Facebook Page and Join our Private Group to get up to date information.



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## Introducing Your 2020-2021 Board Members

<i>Officer Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>	<i>Board Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
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<i>Board Position</i>			Lions Day	Beth Bishop	<a href="mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com">contact@leotaptsa.com</a>
Advocacy	Rachel Fitzgerald	<a href="mailto:advocacy@leotaptsa.com">advocacy@leotaptsa.com</a>	Reflections	OPEN	<a href="mailto:reflections@leotaptsa.com">reflections@leotaptsa.com</a>
Emergency Prep	Robin McKenzie	<a href="mailto:eprep@leotaptsa.com">eprep@leotaptsa.com</a>	Communications	OPEN	<a href="mailto:communications@leotaptsa.com">communications@leotaptsa.com</a>
Back to School	Val Kok	<a href="mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com">contact@leotaptsa.com</a>	Career Day	OPEN	<a href="mailto:careerd@leotaptsa.com">careerd@leotaptsa.com</a>
Community Cafe	Carrie McKenzie	<a href="mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com">contact@leotaptsa.com</a>	Watch DOGS	OPEN	<a href="mailto:watchdogs@leotaptsa.com">watchdogs@leotaptsa.com</a>
Special Education Rep	Liz Wong	<a href="mailto:spedrep@leotaptsa.com">spedrep@leotaptsa.com</a>	Volunteer	OPEN	<a href="mailto:volunteer@leotaptsa.com">volunteer@leotaptsa.com</a>

We would love to have you on our team! Our biggest need is in communications. If you are interested in any open position, please reach out at [contact@leotaptsa.com](mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com).

### LEOTA PTSA SUPPORTS

... AND SO MUCH MORE

<b>INVEST</b>  <b>FOR YOUR CHILD</b>	<b>JOIN</b>  <b>FOR YOUR CHILD</b>	<b>ADVOCATE</b>  <b>FOR YOUR CHILD</b>
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With members, your PTSA can advocate and create the programs that make a difference.

Be apart of it by getting a membership for you and your student.

We Appreciate Our Community!

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## We Have a Lot Planned for This Year

### PTSA Community Café

The Community Café is one way we at Leota PTSA connect the students and families. There will be virtual events, guest speakers, sharing of ideas and more. To make this the best community experience we can, please take the short 3 question survey and watch for upcoming activities.

[What's Important To You?](#)





## PTSA General Meeting: October 14 @ 7pm

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This is another way we connect with parents. PTSA members are able to provide input into the activities that we will be offering this year, have an opportunity to meet with Leota staff and often we try to get a guest speaker. Oh and we also try to have a lot of fun! No one wants to attend a boring meeting...including us! If you are new or experienced, please attend because we would like to meet you. Please register and get the meeting details emailed to you.

[Register Here](#)

## Science Olympiad: Get on the Mailing List

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Hello, I am Shraddha Bhargava and the chair of this year's Science Olympiad. Explore a variety of topics and have fun while



learning about science by joining

the Science Olympiad! Become a disease detective and solve medical mysteries by examining the details. Apply STEM skills to help build a robust boomerang. Craft a battery buggy that defies speed yet can run precisely to the millimeter. Try missions like these and more by participating in the 2020-2021 Science Olympiad! With almost 25 different topics included in the curriculum, participants will delve deeply into a variety of scientific topics and learn to develop and apply creative and innovative ideas.

This is a great opportunity for students to apply book learning to hands-on experiments and see scientific lessons in action. Learn more at: <https://www.soinc.org/>

The Science Olympiad is not classroom or a teacher-led activity. It is a student-directed, parent-mentored activity. Parents should be prepared to

assist with their child's participation. Possible activities include: scheduling study time, finding new/enriching resources, purchasing supplies, perfecting designs, arranging meetings with local experts or hosting build parties. Coordinating efforts between similar events is encouraged and at the parent's discretion. Parents and students will be asked to agree to a Code of Conduct to participate.

Registration will be open to all grade levels. However, as everyone's safety is top priority, the SO Club will operate in a modified format this year. The details are still being finalized so please get on the mailing list to get more information as soon as it comes available.

Any parents interested in volunteering as coach, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience at [scienceolympiad@letoaptsa.com](mailto:scienceolympiad@letoaptsa.com). A science background is not necessary to coach.

[Sign Up for SO Notifications](#)

## PTSA Staff Appreciation: Sign Up to Get Notifications

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each month the PTSA provides a meal or treat for our staff as a way of saying thank you for taking such care of our kids. It is a great way to volunteer and become involved in our Leota community! It is truly beautiful to watch so many people get involved and see all the little details come together to make a big impact.

Our 2020-21 staff appreciation efforts will take a different form this year and we need all the creative ideas and helpers we can get to make staff appreciation successful. Please sign up to get event notifications if you are interested in participating.

[Click Here To Get Staff Appreciation Notifications](#)

If you are interested in helping PTSA appreciate the Leota staff please [email staffappreciation@leotapta.com](mailto:emailstaffappreciation@leotapta.com) to get involved!

The PTSA team is already putting together a great opportunity to get involved - click on the link to learn more <https://signup.com/go/AwQjgHN>

Donated items can be dropped off at Leota on Sept 14th and 15th during Leota's Materials Distribution. Please leave items at the PTSA table.

Thank you for getting involved and helping support our wonderful Leota staff.

### **Legislative Assembly is October 24-25 with Student Sessions**

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On behalf of your Washington State PTA board of directors and staff, I would like to invite you to attend the 42nd annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly taking place virtually from October 24-25, 2020. Caucusing, education sessions, and other activities will begin September 29, 2020.

At the legislative assembly, you will discover the power PTA has to advocate for the success of every child – the whole child. In PTA every member has an equal voice, and your input matters a great deal to me, and to the success of our grassroots member-driven platform. PTA is needed more than ever right now, and you can help.

**THERE ARE SPECIAL SESSIONS JUST FOR STUDENTS and student members can VOTE! Registration will be opening soon.**

### **Leota Ski & Snowboard Club Students and Chaperones**

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The Lyon Ski & School takes the bus from Leota to Stevens Pass and offers ski and snowboard lessons for those interested. Normally registration opens on September 1, but they are waiting for more information from Vail in order to move forward. We will post as soon as we hear anything, but watch the [www.lyonskischool.com](http://www.lyonskischool.com) website for the most up to date information.



If you would like to Chaperone, the bus fee is refunded if you attend all 7 weeks and a free lift pass is provided each week that can be used anytime in the season. As soon as registration opens, you can register to become a Chaperone on the Lyon Ski School website. It's great fun and so easy to do.

## PTSA Reflections 2020-2021

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**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.

**Enter your art this year!** The theme for this year is “I Matter Because...” and categories for submissions include: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

Student winners from our school have the opportunity to move up through their school, district, region council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections winners are announced in May and celebrated annual at the National PTA’s Convention and Expo in June. National PTA then collects and curates the traveling exhibit for the next year. The deadline for submissions this year is mid-November.



[Click Here for More Information](#)



# PTSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

## JOIN THE LEOTA PTSA

LEOTA PTSA is a vibrant parent, teacher, staff and student membership organization with a powerful voice that advocates for ALL students and offers educational and community programs with a goal of ***Making Every Child's Potential a Reality***. Membership is open to EVERYONE including students, families, community members, and businesses. *Your membership provides:* PTSA voting rights at the local, state and national level; fund important PTSA programs; strong show of support for your PTSA volunteers; \$500 in member only discounts; added to fundraising totals for rewards and membership drawings; and is 100% deductible.

**PTSA PROGRAMS:** Career Day | Science Olympiad (NEW) | Watch DOGS! | Leota PTSA Community Café (NEW) | Teacher Grants | Parent Education | Staff Appreciation | Student Leadership Opportunities | Advocacy | WSPTA Legislative Assembly Focus Day | Library Grants | 8th Grade Party | Ski Club | National PTA Reflections | Families in Need | Member Discounts ...

## Membership and Contribution Levels

Apply online at [WWW.LEOTAP TSA.COM](http://WWW.LEOTAP TSA.COM) or Complete this Form

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS VERY HELPFUL or make CHECKS TO LEOTA PTSA (P.O. Box 1142, Woodinville, WA 98072)

### Member 1:

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Parent | Student | Teacher | Gift T / F

If Student: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Pride \_\_\_\_\_

### Member 2:

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Parent | Student | Teacher | Gift T / F

If Student: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Pride \_\_\_\_\_

### Member 3:

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Parent | Student | Teacher | Gift T / F

If Student: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Pride \_\_\_\_\_

### Member 4:

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

For: Parent | Student | Teacher | Gift T / F

If Student: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Pride \_\_\_\_\_



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### Lionheart Members

Level	# of Memberships	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub	(1)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	(2)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	(3)	\$37
<input type="checkbox"/> Pride	(4)	\$48

\*Consider Gifting a Teacher or Family (T / F) membership

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### Lionheart Sponsors

Level	# of Memberships	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	(4)	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Hero	(4)	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/> Champion	(4)	\$500

\*See benefactor benefits attached or at [www.leotaptsa.com](http://www.leotaptsa.com)

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### Leota PTSA Annual Fund

- ☐ \$25
- ☐ \$75
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership + Sponsorship + Annual Fund + Corp Matching are counted in rewards

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### Corporate Matching

- ☐ Yes, my company \_\_\_\_\_ matches
- Email confirmation of match to [contact@leotaptsa.com](mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com) if you would like added to Paving The Way Together rewards totals.

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