



December 6, 2019 Edition

From Audee Gregor:

Happy Friday. We've had a fabulous week around campus. Below are a few of the things going on and/or coming up:

- Ms. Kilgore's AAP English classes competed in a poetry Spoken Word Competition. The following are the winning results in each of her classes:
 - 1st Period - Inaya Lala - 56 lines!
 - 2nd period - Samikshaa Prabhu - 112 lines!
 - Special recognition to Tanya Bhandari - 104 lines!
 - Akshat Mundra - 61 lines and Lindsay Hatlestad - 61 lines
 - 3rd period - Ishita Mundra - 61 lines
- Our entire social studies department conducted the first annual Leota Geography Bee this week. It was so fun seeing students compete by using their knowledge of geography. The top winners from each class then competed in a final competition. Congratulations to all!
 - Our finalists were: Atticus Pak, Naren Bala, Lola Sarti, Griffin McKnight, Abhhay Sankar, Kate Stuart, Nabu Bruk, Bennie Storey, Trax Allen, Liliana Da Gama, Jaden Cuthina, Danny Roberto, and Ruthu Mavnur.
 - The school champion was Jaden Cuthina and our 2nd place winner was Bennie Storey.
- Ms. Lin's choir students had a fabulous field trip to both Wellington Elementary and then on to Bellevue Square where they were able to perform for a variety of viewers. Ms. Lin raved about their performance skills and was incredibly proud of how well they represented Leota.
- Our D, F & A phone calls will go out again next Wednesday, Dec. 11th. These are simply meant to give parents a brief snapshot/update on their child's progress. We decided a couple years ago that we wanted these calls to not only remind families when attention to work or grades was needed, we also wanted the call to be celebratory in nature for our many students who work so hard to maintain high grades. Be watching for these calls to happen next Wednesday.
- Leota's Hour of Code is also next Wednesday, Dec. 11th, which will take place in all of our tech classes. Collaboration. Communication. Creative problem-solving. Critical thinking. These four skills, known in some education circles as the 4Cs, are the skills

necessary for the future and are the hallmarks of innovators. They are also skills utilized by coders. We are excited to engage our students in various Hour of Code activities as yet another example of how Northshore encourages innovation. This year, our school is excited to once again participate in the Hour of Code. When students engage in coding activities they are immediately curious about how a line of code causes a computer, bot, or robot to respond. This curiosity motivates them to use creative problem-solving and critical thinking to think through the required logic related to a coding situation. Coding inherently involves trial and error, and students naturally begin to share their successes with others. Communicating about coding efforts with peers is the way students share what they learn and support one another as they work on coding projects. We are excited about the day.

I hope you each have a wonderful and restful weekend! Thank you for sharing such amazing students with us!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 9	Drama Club: Rock the Audition Workshop (3:10-4:40pm) 6 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Timbercrest (4:00-5:15pm) 7 th Grade Boys Basketball: Timbercrest@Leota (4:00-5:15pm) 8 th Grade Boys Basketball: Timbercrest@Leota (5:15-6:30pm)
Tuesday, December 10	Auditions for Spring Play (3:10-4:40) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm)
Wednesday, December 11	Early Release PTSA Staff Appreciation- Charcuterie Board and S'mores Bar Winter Concert Choir & All Bands: Woodinville HS (7:00-9:00pm)
Thursday, December 12	Auditions for Spring Play (3:10-4:40) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm) Basketball Team Photos: Gym (3:15-3:30pm) 6 th Grade Boys Basketball: Canyon Park@Leota (4:00-5:15pm) 7 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Canyon Park (4:00-5:15pm) 8 th Grade Boys Basketball: Leota@Canyon Park (5:15-6:30pm)
Friday, December 13	Auditions for Spring Play (3:10-4:40)
Saturday, December 14	Choir Sings at WHS Holiday Bazaar

Honor Society News

Thanks to all who were able to participate in the Honor Society meeting on 11/22. With your help, the veterans will be receiving some beautiful holiday cards.

Congratulations to Amy Tran (newly elected HS President), to Allison Pope (newly elected HS Vice President), and to Saanya Marok (fulfilling the role of HS Secretary).

The sign-in sheets will be used to verify attendance at the meeting. You do NOT need a signature to prove you were present. This meeting can count towards your 12 required service hours. To document this meeting on the Activity Information Sheet (print from the Leota website under "activities"), on the line that says "Club Service", write "Veterans' Cards". This meeting will count towards ONE hour of service. The meeting can replace one hour of Leota service, or one hour of the remaining 10 hours of service. In other words, if you attended the meeting, you can either do one less hour for Leota, or one less hour for the remaining 10. Your choice.

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



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Weekly Update

Upcoming Events

12/6	Parent Education Night: Basic Disaster Preparedness @ Woodmoor
12/11	Staff Appreciation: Charcuterie Board and S'mores Bar VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
12/23 - 1/03	Winter Break: No School

PTSA Parent Education: Basic Disaster Preparedness

December 6, 2019 @ Woodmoor Elementary School, 6:30pm

The Woodmoor Elementary PTSA is holding a parent education night—*Basic Disaster Preparedness*—on December 6th, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm. This education night is designed to help you develop, practice, and maintain emergency plans that will guide you about what to do before, during, and after a disaster to protect yourself and your family.

Staff Appreciation, December 11, 2019: Charcuterie and S'mores

Volunteers Needed!

December Leota Staff Appreciation is right around the corner and we need your help to encourage and appreciate our wonderful Leota staff! We are making a really long Charcuterie Board and would love ALL the fixings. Please sign up to bring a couple of items. Feel free to also donate your favorite addition to a holiday charcuterie board.

We will also have a s'mores bar - what is your favorite treat on a s'more? Send it in!

Please have all of your items in the staff lounge by 10:00am on Wednesday, December 11th. Feel free to put items in the refrigerator if needed, but please label them STAFF APPRECIATION.

Thank you for all your help! It is really 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>

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.

