



January 31, 2020 Edition

From Audee Gregor:

Happy last day of January! It's hard to believe we are in second semester, halfway through the school year, and entering February. There are so many great things going on around campus.

Below are just a few:

- **Algebra Readiness Testing:** Our math classes have been completing the algebra readiness testing this week. This test is one that helps the district determine if a student is ready to move into algebra. Our fabulous math teachers have been conducting these exams with their 6th and 7th grade classrooms this week.
- **Square Dancing:** Square dancing starts next week in our health/fitness classes. This is always a favorite unit by our students. Dancing Dave comes in and is the caller. We culminate this unit with a short Pride assembly on the Friday before mid-winter break where students can show off their newly learned skills.
- **Third Season Sports:** Our third season sports are all in full swing. This season comprises of both wrestling and girls' basketball. It's so exciting seeing so many students out there learning and competing.
- **Registration:** We have set our incoming 5th grade parent night for February 26th. Pre-sessions will begin at 6:00 and the general session will begin at 6:30. More information will be sent before mid-winter break to families of current 5th graders. Registration for our current 6th and 7th graders will take place in English classes beginning in mid-March. Additionally, both Woodinville High School and North Creek High School will be on campus in all our 8th grade science classes on March 4th presenting their registration information. Each high school will have a parent night on their individual campuses on February 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are a parent of a current 8th grader, you will be receiving information directly from your child's high school with more information.

Have a fabulous weekend. ☺

Upcoming Events:

February 3-7	National School Counseling Week
Monday, February 3	Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm)
Tuesday, February 4	WEB Leader Training during Pride Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm)
Wednesday, February 5	Early Release
Thursday, February 6	Chess Club (3:10-4:40pm) Spring Play Rehearsal (3:10-4:40pm) Star Time: Library (3:15-4:40pm)
Friday, February 7	WEB Leader Check-in during Pride Yearbook Club: Room 623 (3:15-4:40pm)

HiCap New Qualifications for the 2020-2021 School Year

If your child moved to the second stage of highly capable assessments and took the IOWA Assessments, he or she will bring home a letter indicating the results by backpack on Friday, January 31st. Please note that we give the IOWA assessment one full grade level above your child's current grade level and the assessment is one measure of your child's performance. We use the IOWA assessment in combination with the NNAT3 screener and often other measures to indicate whether or not your child demonstrates the skills necessary to perform in a highly capable classroom. Please direct any questions regarding the contents of the letter to the highly capable department website <https://www.nsd.org/highly-capable-services> or to their email at hipap@nsd.org.

Congratulations!!!!

Kudos to our 7th/8th grade girls soccer coach, **Bryan Cutter Smith**. Bryan will be awarded the Washington State Youth Soccer Association 2019 Girls Rec Coach of the year and has been told by US Youth Soccer that he will be awarded the USA Western Region (14 western states) US Youth Soccer Girls Rec Coach of the year. Wow!! This should be a huge boost to our soccer program! We are lucky to have Bryan as our coach. If you see him, be sure to congratulate him!

January 22, 2020

Dear Parents,

You may have heard in the news about the first diagnosis of a new viral illness, Coronavirus, in Snohomish County. While some strains of Coronavirus have been around for a while, this is apparently a new strain with potentially severe consequences, especially for vulnerable populations (elderly, children, or immune compromised people).

This first case was contracted by a person traveling through Wuhan City, China. While this is the first case in the USA, the CDC is expecting there will be more cases.

If you have traveled to, or through China, and have subsequently become ill, please contact your medical provider immediately, telling them you have recently traveled in China.

Please notify the school nurse if your child is sick and has recently travelled from China or has been in close contact with anyone under investigation for laboratory confirmed Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Symptoms may include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

If you have any questions about this important health concern contact your school nurse.

For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0121-novel-coronavirus-travel-case.html>

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.

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Weekly Update

January 31, 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



SKI & SNOWBOARD STORAGE **AT LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

For those traveling on the Lyon Ski Bus leaving from Leota MS, Leota PTSA is offering storage during the day.

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

You must label each piece of equipment or bag with your contact information and strap/bag ski poles to your skis to keep them together. Bus leaves at 3:30pm.

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.leotaptsa.com or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ACAD2CA1F58-volunteer>.

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 careerdayleotaptsa@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.

City of Bothell: Seeking Youth Applicants
Parks & Recreation Board, Bothell Arts Commission
DEADLINE: February 5, 2020

The City of Bothell is currently accepting applications for four new youth voting members to join the Parks and Recreation Board (two members) and Arts Commission (two members). Youth living in the City of Bothell between the ages of 14-17 are eligible for these volunteer positions and if selected, would serve up to a three-year term.

In meetings over the last few months, City Councilmembers discussed their desire for more youth participation in local government. To increase engagement with community youth and learn more about their priorities and needs, City Council amended Bothell Municipal Code Chapters 2.44 and 2.55 on January 20th, 2020 to allow youth members on these boards and commissions.

The current Parks & Recreation Board has seven members and advises council on expansion and operation of city Parks & Recreation facilities and programs, including comprehensive planning and the Capital Improvement Program. They currently meet on the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The Bothell Arts Commission advises council on the allocation of "Percent for Public Art" funding and helps promote arts and culture in the community. The commission currently consists of seven members and meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m., at City Hall.

The addition of youth members will bring each to nine members total.

Interested and qualified candidates should apply at:
<http://www.bothellwa.gov/1249/Current-Openings-and-Application>
before February 5th, 2020.

Questions can be directed to Laura Hathaway, City Clerk, laura.hathaway@bothellwa.gov.

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.