



October 23, 2020

Where has October gone? Where has first quarter gone? Time is marching on at such a fast pace. It's hard to believe we only have one more week left in both October and in first quarter. The cold crisp air this past week along with the blustery weather are a stark reminder that winter is just around the corner. With it, power and internet outages can occur. Please be sure to have a contingency plan in place regardless of the circumstances. The district has put together a great website with more details, which you can find by [clicking here](#).

Below are some of the many great things going on around campus this coming week:

End of First Quarter: First quarter ends next week on **October 30th**. Please consider jumping into StudentVue or ParentVue and Schoology with your child to be sure there are no missing assignments, or things that need completed as we are now down to the final week of instruction before quarter grades come to a close. Remember that all 6th graders in quarter electives will see a final grade for those quarter classes. In all other classes, students will receive mid-term progress reports. Progress reports will be mailed home after the quarter ends on October 30th. For 6th graders with upcoming quarter class changes, their second quarter class schedule can be viewed on StudentVue or ParentVue. When logged in, click the Class Schedule tab and then click the Quarter 2/Semester 1 link on the top right corner. Second quarter teachers will begin contacting students via Schoology and/or NSD email next week with information about their class and zoom links to get the quarter up and running.

Materials Pick-Up for Second Quarter: The following days will be when we conduct materials pick up for second quarter. Not all students will need to attend as many classes do not need to distribute new materials. Teachers will communicate with their students if they need to come pick up materials for their particular class. Mark your calendar for the following:

- Wednesday, October 28th (using the bus loop):
 - Last names beginning with A-K from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - Last names beginning with L-P from 12:00pm-2:00pm
 - Last names beginning with Q-Z from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Make-up days are as follows (using the main office):
 - Thursday, October 29th from 2:00pm-6:00pm
 - Friday, October 30th from 12:00pm-3:00pm

PTSA/ASB Fund Drive: This drive kicked off this week and we hope you will consider a donation to support the many things that both PTSA and ASB fund for students. Please scroll down to the PTSA page for all the important details.

Clubs: We have a variety of clubs that all students can join. These clubs are still open so if your student wants to participate, please encourage them to join. Some clubs, simply by the nature of their content, may close soon as competitions begin. All clubs occur on Wednesdays and your child can join by following the detailed instructions provided in the Monday/Thursday morning announcement slides shown during homeroom.

Northshore Schools Foundation – Seeking Ambassador for Leota: The Northshore Schools Foundation does amazing work on behalf of NSD students and families. Each school has an Ambassador to aid in this work. Leota currently does not have an Ambassador. If you are interested in filling this role you can find more information at the following link: <https://www.northshoreschoolsfoundation.org/join-us/#beanambassador>

National Dyslexia Awareness Month: October is the month where we bring awareness to dyslexia. My brother struggled with dyslexia, before we knew much about it. It is my honor to help raise awareness of dyslexia. Please help me celebrate those individuals who are bright and talented who also happen to have dyslexia.

Wednesday, October 21st: Each Wednesday is an early release day. Students should check in with their 4th period teacher from 8:30-8:50. Attendance on all Wednesdays is required and will be taken either live during the 8:30 check-in or asynchronously by verifying each student's Working Wednesday plan, which they complete each Wednesday via Google Form. Students will complete their individualized learning plan with support from their teacher. The school day for students will end at 1:35.

Have a wonderful weekend and as always, thank you for sending us the very best students ever!

Warmly,

Audee Gregor
Principal

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

- Next Week at Leota
- Withdrawal Process (previously posted)
- Leota's Counseling Corner (previously posted)
- Library Curbside Checkout (previously posted)
- Leota PTSA Weekly Update



Next Week at Leota

- Oct. 26 Periods 1, 2, 3
PTSA Pave The Way Together Annual Giving Fund Kickoff (Runs through Nov 6)
- Oct. 27 Periods 4, 5, 6
- Oct. 28 Period 4 (8:30-8:50am) Check-in & Students Complete Working Wednesday Plan
Early Release-School Day Ends at 1:35pm
Library Book Check out 11-2pm (See detailed info below)
Materials Pick up for 2nd Quarter (using the bus loop):
- Last names beginning with A-K from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - Last names beginning with L-P from 12:00pm-2:00pm
 - Last names beginning with Q-Z from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Oct. 29 Periods 1, 2, 3
Make up Day for Materials Pick up for 2nd Quarter (using the main office)
- Thursday, October 29th from 2:00pm-6:00pm
- Oct. 30 Periods 4, 5, 6
End of 1st Quarter/1st Mid-Semester Grading Period
Make up Day for Materials Pick up for 2nd Quarter (using the main office)
- Friday, October 30th from 12:00pm-3:00pm

Withdrawal Process:

If you are going to be withdrawing from Leota, please contact our school registrar, Mary Hayes, mhayes@nsd.org, so she can make your transition to your new school as seamless as possible. Please try give one week's notice to allow for time to process the

withdrawal. If you are going to be homeschooling, parents need to file a Declaration of Intent to Homeschool. Our registrar can assist you with the declaration form as well.

Once you contact our registrar, she will provide the necessary withdrawal forms to be filled out and returned to her. All textbooks as well as district-issued technology including computers/iPads, hotspots, and all charging cables and power bricks need to be turned in at the time of withdrawal. Fines will be issued for the full replacement cost of unreturned technology equipment (including chargers and cables). Our registrar will provide a list of items checked out to your student and facilitate the return.

Leota's Counseling Corner



We are already in October! October is Bullying Prevention Month. Unfortunately, many students have experienced some form of bullying: physical, verbal, emotional, social isolation, and cyber, etc. We hope this month's newsletter will heighten our awareness of bullying and what we can do to stop it!

Along with bullying, Leota Counselors are available to meet virtually with you or your student if they are struggling with academic, social, or emotional issues. We look forward to supporting you and your student.

You or your student can schedule time directly with their school counselor through email. Please refer to our [website](#) to find out more about our program and contact information.

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October is Bullying Prevention Month



What does BULLYING look like in Middle School:

Taking screen shots in remote classes and then posting photos or comments on social media to make fun of other students – their house, bedroom, clothing, hairstyle etc.

Starting rumors about other students

Using social media to say mean things about another student in a very public and embarrassing manner

Hearing a rumor and then sharing it with other people

Teasing someone repeatedly but saying it's ok because "we're just having fun"

Focusing and commenting on differences in people in ways that leave them feeling "less than"

Specifically excluding one person from invitations, plans, classroom groups.



The solution to bullying can be as simple as
One Person Saying:

I don't want to be involved in treating people in a mean way
I don't want to participate in making people feel bad
I want people to feel included and welcome



Want to help prevent bullying?

**Here are some examples of things YOU can do to send a message of
INTOLERANCE for bullying:**

Week of October 5th (World Day of Bullying Prevention is Monday, 10/5/20)

- Wear Blue to Support the Cause
- Smile, say hello, or introduce yourself to someone you don't know (maybe in a breakout room?)
- Challenge others to be kind if you observe behavior that isn't very kind
- Think of ways to reach out to students who might be feeling isolated

Week of October 12th: STAND UP FOR OTHERS WEEK

- Celebrate the differences and similarities amongst different cultures at our school
- Create some positive messages to send to other students
- Create anti-bullying videos or inspirational stories and share them on the
- [STOMP Out Bullying site](#)

Week of October 19th: WEEK OF INCLUSION

- Think about ways to reach out to students who might have become disengaged since distance learning began – and then try out one of your ideas!!
- Reach out to students not involved in school activities – and invite them
- Use the Hashtag **#HereForYou** to let classmates/students know they have your support if they need to talk to someone

Week of October 26th: START THE WEEK WITH CONVERSATIONS AMONGST YOUR PEERS

- Share with teachers, counselors, administrators – ideas for ways to improve the culture in our school.
- Use the [Student Participation Toolkit](#) to begin conversations on how our school can be judgement and bully free
- Use classroom opportunities to write or speak about your own experiences with bullying and cyberbullying and how those experiences have affected you.

ALWAYS

- Be an **UPSTANDER** and speak up for victims and those who can't stand up for themselves!!!
- Focus on what you like about others not what you don't like. A compliment is nice to give and a compliment is nice to receive!!!





Leota Lions are readers! The Curbside Pickup/Book Bus Delivery is off to a great start. Over 80 students have already requested print books in the last two weeks. Your student can request books each week using the [Book Request Form](#) for curbside pickup on Wednesdays from 11-2 at the Leota main office or for delivery Fridays at a prearranged [Book Bus Location](#). Questions? Contact Mrs. Repp at krepp@nsd.org.



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Weekly Update

October 23, 2020

Upcoming Events

10/19-11/6	Pave The Way Together Annual Giving Fund – NEW 99pledges Donation Link Now Available.
10/24-25	WA State PTA Legislative Assembly (Virtual) – Includes Classes and Meeting with Legislators just for Students (\$25) – Register Today
10/31	Membership: Help us reach our goal by signing up you and your student up for a membership. (See Below)
11/02	Participate in Reflections Art Program. See category details and packets in this newsletter below. Details on how to submit are coming soon. Volunteer Chair(s) Needed
	Sign Up for Staff Appreciation: staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com
	Sign Up for Science Olympiad Club: scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com
New Sign Up Links	Sign Up for Math Olympiad Club: matholympiad@leotaptsa.com. Go to www.leotaptsa.com to sign up for communications and register for upcoming competitions.

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

Paving the Way Together Annual Fund: 10/19 – 11/06

WHY are we raising funds? PTSA and ASB are active in very different ways this year, but are dedicated to making our student, teacher, and parent experiences the very best they can be.

Especially in these unusual and difficult times, we want to provide impactful educational and community building programs to help our students and families thrive. Thus, we are kicking off our Annual Fund drive that will benefit both PTSA and ASB at Leota Middle School.

This year we would like to continue offering grants for the classroom, library, special education, WEB Leaders, staff appreciation, Career Day, Science Olympiad Club, Math Olympiad Club, 8th Grade Party, and ASB programs. These only happen through amazing volunteers and

donations from our community.

We thank everyone for their generosity whether it is a donation, being a volunteer or an awesome community member. It is completely understandable if a donation is not possible at this time. We wish all our Leota families stay safe and healthy.

WHY are PTSA and ASB combining forces? Because we want to make it clearer and easier than it has ever been while slashing the cost to raise funds by over 90%.

WHY are we asking for \$25 per student? The current goal is \$25 per student to offer the programs identified. Donations above \$25 will allow all kids to participate through lower program fees or scholarships.

How Can I participate? There are two ways to participate. Option 1 is able to accept membership + sponsorship + Corporate Matching + Donations through the www.leotaptsa.com website. For Option 2, a separate website has been set up on a platform called 99pledges that will accept donations and allow you to engage friends and family to participate. On Monday, October 19, each family that has not opted out of information sharing will have a link sent to them



LEOTA PTSA ANNUAL FUND

HOW TO PARTICIPATE— NOW THROUGH NOV 6

Membership
leotaptsa.com

+

Sponsorship
leotaptsa.com

+

Corporate
Matching
contact@leotaptsa.com

+

Donate to
Annual Fund
bit.ly/LeotaTogether2020

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\$25
Per Student
Average

Option 1: Leota PTSA
Membership + Sponsorship + Corporate Matching +
Donations can be made at:
www.leotaptsa.com

Option 2: 99Pledges
Donations + Ask Friends and Family to Participate +
Follow Individual and Pride Level Totals at:
Bit.ly/LeotaTogether2020

Note: Qualifying purchases made on www.leotaptsa.com will be added to the rewards totals on the 99Pledges website. Bit.ly/LeotaTogether2020 is case sensitive so the L and T must be capitalized. Link is also on leotaptsa.com website. **ALL DONATIONS ABOVE \$25 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED.**

Participate in This Year's Reflections Program by 11/20



Participate in this year's Reflections program! The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works for the theme of "I Matter Because...". This year it's even easier to participate as Reflections is Virtual!

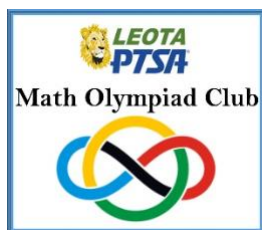
Find out more about the guidelines for each category as well as a submission form in the links below:

- [2020-21 Entry Form \(2020-21 Fillable Entry Form\)](#)
- [2020-21 Dance Choreography Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Film Production Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Literature Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Music Composition Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Photography Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Visual Arts Packet](#)
- [2020-21 Special Artist Rules](#)

Each student can submit one (1) piece of art per category. Submission deadline is Nov. 2nd, 2020.

Have questions or need to submit your student's entry? Contact us at reflections@leotaptsa.com

Join the (NEW) Math Olympiad Club



We have heard from you that MATH/ STEM-related enrichment is high on the wish list; We heard from you that your student is enthusiastic about Math, Math puzzles, Math problems and Applied Math scenario analysis - so here at Leota PTSA is excited to offer you with all of these opportunities.

The Math Club program is a **free** school-wide math enrichment program for middle school students, consisting of a series of challenging and interesting math problems provided to you. The purpose of this program is to engage and challenge students to solve interesting math problems, strengthening their math fundamentals, critical thinking and problem-solving skills - improving their confidence along the way.

What can you expect: We send emails about Math problems, News about Math, Share Math Articles and of course share information on upcoming Math Olympiads.

These opportunities cover problem solving strategies such as drawing a picture or model, making an organized list, looking for patterns, working backwards, and guess and check.

[Club Info and FAQ](#)

[Sign Up for Communications](#)

[Register for Upcoming Competitions](#)

Science Olympiad: Sign Up



**EXPLORE THE DYNAMIC
WORLD OF STEM!**

**JOIN OUR CLUB, & DIVE
INTO TOPICS SUCH AS:**

- **GEOLOGY**
- **CHEMISTRY**
- **ENGINEERING**
- **TECHNOLOGY**

**FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
SCIENCEOLYMPIAD@LEOTAP TSA.COM**

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CLUB

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 boomilever. 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.

Any parents interested in volunteering as coach, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience at scienceolympiad@leotapta.com. A science background is not necessary to coach.

HAVE YOUR PTSA MEMBERSHIP?

We invite you to become a member of the Leota PTSA at www.leotapta.com.



Membership

Your membership is very important to investing in students:

- Direct classroom grants to enrich educational outcomes
- Strong show of support for PTSA volunteers, community, and advocating for ALL students.
- Provides voice and vote in programs offered at Leota
- Voting rights at Washington State and National PTA level
- Over \$500 in member discounts
- 100% tax deductible



Get your membership today
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.