



January 15, 2021

Dear Leota Families,

Happy Friday! Please don't forget that there is no school on Monday, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. In order to balance class time, also please remember that Tuesday, January 19th students will attend ALL of their classes. Please see more information about the schedule below. This coming week is a busy one, so I'll keep things as short as possible to ensure the emphasis is on those events listed below.

**Bell Schedule Change on Tuesday, January 19th and Tuesday, January 26th:**

Students will attend all six periods on both days. Please help remind your child about these changes. They have also been informed several times this week via our morning announcement slides and their teachers.

Tuesdays January 19 & 26	
7:30-8:30	Special Services Optional Flex Time
8:30-8:50	Homeroom in Period 1
8:50-9:25	Period 1
9:35-10:10	Period 2
10:30-11:05	Period 3
11:15-11:50	Period 4
11:50-12:55	Lunch
12:55-1:30	Period 5
1:40-2:15	Period 6
2:15-3:05	Open Office Hours
3:05-4:05	Special Services Optional Flex Time
Green = go to class on zoom	
Blue = office hours scheduled by student or teacher	

**Second Semester Materials Pick-Up/Drop-Off:** Please mark your calendars for this **Wednesday, January 20th from 10:00am-4:00pm**. Students may return any materials not needed from 1st semester and will pick up new materials for their second semester classes. Your child's teacher will notify them if they need to return any items to school on this day. All students will receive a bag. It will include a printed copy of their second semester schedule, any mandatory district forms that need to be completed, and all materials given by their second semester teachers. Below are full details and instructions for this event. We look forward to seeing all families then.

**Steps for families to prepare for the 2nd semester drop-off/pick-up day on Wednesday, January 20th:**

- Car pick-up/drop-off only (no walkers or bicyclists)
- Please adhere to the following pick-up/drop-off schedule as closely as possible:
  - **10:00am-Noon (A-K Alpha by last name)**
  - **Noon-2:00pm (L-P Alpha by last name)**
  - **2:00pm-4:00pm (Q-Z Alpha by last name)**
  - Any walkers, bicyclists, or families that cannot attend on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, can return and pick up items on the **alternate dates of January 21st (2-6pm) and January 22nd (noon-3pm)** via the main office.
- Students who would like to have school photos taken should utilize Sign-up Genius by Dorian in advance. Families will receive an appointment time by Dorian for their designated photo time. [Click here to set up your appointment using Sign-up Genius.](#)
- If families or students who are sick, have been exposed to COVID or currently have 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 pick-up/drop-off
  - Please follow all directions by traffic attendants and greeters
  - Please stay in your car with your seatbelts engaged and your masks on
  - All items to be returned to the school should be accessible without leaving your car
  - Please hand items through the window to your station greeter
    - **Curricular items** (textbooks, library books, teacher loaned classroom items, 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). They will need their student ID number and their Google account password to log in. [Click here for directions.](#)
    - **Technology Items** only need to be returned if you are leaving the district. Please return your technology items in their own bag (Chromebook, hotspot, etc.). If you are not leaving the district, all students will keep their technology until the end of the school year.
    - **School Photos** are by appointment only. Families will pull as far forward using the main office drive-thru and follow all instructions by photo greeters. Only the student will exit the car and enter Portable 2 (P2) using the back ramp, have their photo taken and exit the front P2 door, looping back to their car. One student will be allowed in P2 at a time. Masks are required at all times along with proper social distancing for safety.
    - **Food Bank Donations** must be in a bag ready to be handed to a staff member through the car window.

- **6th grade social studies packets** that need to be returned can be handed to a staff member through the car window. 6th grade social studies teachers will communicate if this applies to their class.
- Unfortunately, at this time the district has advised that no treats, gifts, flowers, etc. may be accepted due to the requirement that all items must be quarantined for nine days
- No high-fives or hugs can occur due to distancing requirements
- 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)

**Honor Society Food Drive:** Our fabulous Honor Society students have coordinated a food drive to donate to a local food bank. ***Please consider dropping off canned or non-perishable foods when you come to the Materials/Photo Day on Wednesday, January 20th.*** Food should be in a bag or box that can easily be handed to a staff member. Please check expirations as expired food cannot be accepted. Thank you for helping our students support our community.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Assembly:** January 20th will be our virtual MLK assembly. All students will report in the morning as normal to their 4th period and will remain with their teacher for the duration of the assembly, which will run from 8:30-9:00. Follow up activities will be conducted during homeroom on Thursday. We've partnered with the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) where a dynamic speaker will deliver a wonderful message with additional interactive components. We will end promptly at 9:00 to allow families to watch the Presidential Inauguration if they choose.

**End of First Semester – Finish Strong:** Please encourage your child to finish first semester strong by attending each class, completing and submitting any current or missing work, and consistently engaging to the very best of their ability. The last day of the semester is Friday, January 22nd. Second semester officially begins on Tuesday, January 26th. Teachers will be working on grades on Monday, January 25th so all work needs to be completed no later than the 22nd. Thank you for partnering with us to help you child finish strong.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

Warmly,

Audee Gregor  
Principal

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

- Next Week at Leota
- Retake/Makeup Picture Day at Leota
- Leota PTSA Weekly Update



### Next Week at Leota

Jan. 18	No school – Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 19	Adjusted Schedule – Period 1-6
Jan. 20	Period 4 (8:30-9:00am) MLK Jr Assembly in 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Check-in & Students Complete Working Wednesday Plan Early Release-School Day Ends at 1:35pm Library Book Check out 11-2pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Materials Distribution vis bus loop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am-Noon (A-K alpha by last name)</li><li>• Noon-2:00pm (L-P alpha by last name)</li><li>• 2:00pm-4:00pm (Q-Z alpha by last name)</li></ul>
Jan. 21	Periods 1, 2, 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Materials Distribution make up day via Main Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2:00pm-6:00pm</li></ul>
Jan. 22	Periods 4, 5, 6 Last Day of First Semester 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Materials Distribution make up day via Main Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12:00pm-3:00pm</li></ul>

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## Retake/Makeup Picture Day is Coming To Leota!

*¡El día de la foto llegará pronto a su escuela!*

You have the ability to order pictures online by visiting [dorianstudio.com](https://dorianstudio.com) and searching for your school's name. Your online order can be placed before and up to four (4) days after picture day.

*Los padres pueden ordenar fotos en línea en [dorianstudio.com](https://dorianstudio.com) buscando el nombre de su escuela. Su pedido en línea se puede realizar antes y hasta cuatro (4) días después del día de la foto.*

After the 4-day grace period expires, a personalized access key will be sent home with picture delivery. A \$7 shipping and handling fee will be added to all orders made with a personalized access key and orders will ship directly to your home. *DESPUÉS DE QUE EXPIRE EL PERÍODO DE GRACIA DE 4 DÍAS: Un código de acceso personalizado le será enviado a su hogar con sus pedidos. Estas órdenes incluyen una tarifa de \$7 de envío.*

## Here are some tips to make picture day great!

*Aquí tiene algunos consejos para hacer de día de la foto un gran día.*



### Schedule haircuts

7-10 days prior to picture day is best!

#### ***Programe los cortes de cabello.***

*Es el mejor 7 a 10 días antes del día de la foto!*



### Simple Clothing

Solid shirts or small patterns, along with sleeves, photograph best. A simple collared shirt is a timeless classic.

#### ***Ropa sencilla.***

*Las camisas sólidas o los diseños pequeños junto con las mangas fotografían mejor. Una camisa sencilla con cuellos es una prenda clásica que siempre queda bien.*



### Logo and Text

Graphics or wording may not photograph completely and become partially cropped out of your picture.

#### ***Logos y texto.***

*Es posible que los gráficos y los textos no sean captados completamente o se vean cortados en la foto.*

### Questions?

Call our Customer Advocate Department at (800) 826-3535.

 **LEOTA  
PTSA**

# Weekly Update

January 15, 2021

## Upcoming Events

01/31	Take the Remote Learning and Return to School Survey. We want to hear from you. <a href="https://bit.ly/PTSAReturnToSchoolFeedback">bit.ly/PTSAReturnToSchoolFeedback</a>
01/18	WSPTA Focus Week: See details below for all the ways you can get involved!
	Contact for Staff Appreciation: <a href="mailto:staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com">staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com</a>
	Contact for Science Olympiad Club: <a href="mailto:scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com">scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com</a>
	Contact for Math Olympiad Club: <a href="mailto:matholympiad@leotaptsa.com">matholympiad@leotaptsa.com</a> . Go to <a href="http://www.leotaptsa.com">www.leotaptsa.com</a> to sign up for communications and register for upcoming competitions.
	Contact the PTSA board: <a href="mailto:contact@leotaptsa.com">contact@leotaptsa.com</a>

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

## Your PTSA Advocates for ALL Kids!

### Advocacy is at the heart of Leota PTSA!

✓ Mark your calendar for the upcoming *virtual* PTA Focus Day on January 18th, 2021. This event is a great opportunity for parents and students to directly speak to legislators!

✓ Sign up for advocacy information and action alerts through the [WSPTA Action Network Group](#). These action alerts are quick, easy ways to communicate with our legislators on topics they are actively working on.

✓ Visit our [Leota PTSA Advocacy webpage](#) to find more resources and learn about additional ways to get involved.

### Advocacy at the District and State Levels

**Attend a School Board Meeting!** usually held on the second Monday of the month at 4pm and the fourth Monday at 7pm. [Click here for more info.](#)

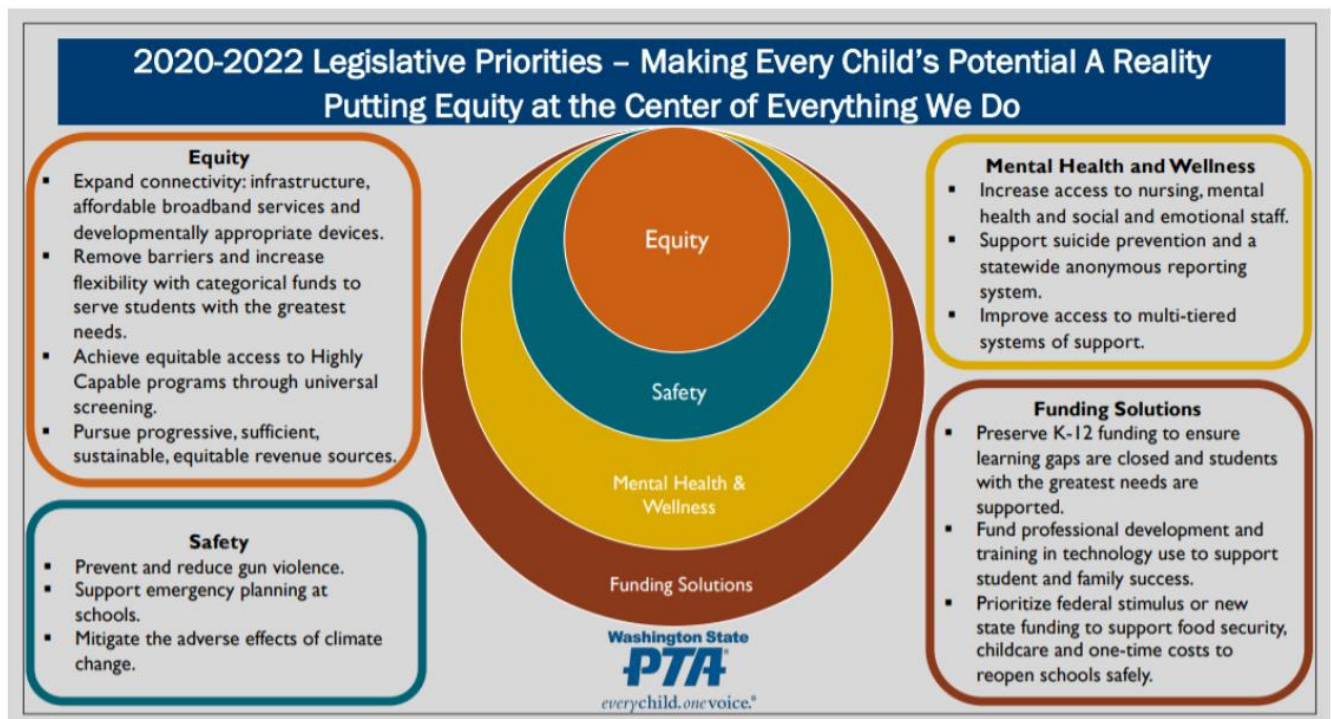
**Contact your state legislators:** Find and contact your local Washington State Legislators at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

## Advocacy Week: January 18 – 22, 2021

In addition to our ongoing efforts, WSPTA will be asking members to take action from home or your phone throughout an entire week. To participate, subscribe to the [WSPTA Action Network](#) to stay informed.

- Monday, January 18 – Call to Action: Focus on anti-racism
- Tuesday, January 19 – Call to Action: Focus on equity
- Wednesday, January 20 – Call to Action: Focus on mental health and wellness
- Thursday, January 21 – Call to Action: Focus on preserving and flexing funding
- Friday, January 22 – Call to Action: Focus on safety and emergency preparedness

Additional information and activities at [Focus on Advocacy \(wastatepta.org\)](https://wastatepta.org)



## Science Olympiad: Thank you and Season Announcement



**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**

This year Leota will not be competing in the National Science Olympiad competition. While the Science Olympiad Board is working on developing a hybrid format for the tournaments, the lack of certainty at this point will be a burden to plan out. As a result, Leota will sit out of the competition this year.

Still, I would like to support our Leota students who wish to learn about the Science Olympiad topics and spend time in doing the research and projects for fun. Students wanting to explore are encouraged to go to <https://www.soinc.org/> and check out each of the topics. If anyone needs any assistance or brain-storming ideas, then they can email me at [scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com](mailto:scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com).

In addition, it is my last year here at Leota and I would love for the SO Club to continue next year. This club is 100% dependent on parent volunteers and without a volunteer next year, students will not have a chance to participate. If you would like to support the club going forward then please reach out to me, I would be more than happy to transfer all my learnings and help you get setup for next year.

## **Thank you to those that participated in Reflections**

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2020-2021 National PTA Reflections Program. The theme "I Matter Because..." was open to all students K-12.

The Leota Middle School PTSA is proud to announce the students whose artwork will be heading from the school level to the Northshore Council PTSA level:

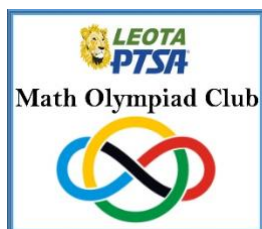


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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| ★ Aadit A. (7th)                | ★ Alex Z. (7th)    |
| ★ Anvitha S. (8 <sup>th</sup> ) | ★ Divyata B. (6th) |
| ★ Hope V. (6th)                 | ★ Julien W. (6th)  |
| ★ Mikaela H. (6th)              | ★ Ronan F. (6th)   |
| ★ Shriya P. (8th)               |                    |

If you participated be on the lookout for an email on how to retrieve your participation certificate within the next week.

Thank you wonderful artists and good luck to those moving forward! Contact your Reflections Co-Chairs at [reflections@leotaptsa.com](mailto:reflections@leotaptsa.com) if you have any questions.

## Math Olympiad Club: Sign Up



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.

**NEW PRACTICE SESSIONS STARTING SOON:** We plan to start practice sessions for Math Olympiad preparations. More details will be communicated to parents who have signed up to receive communications from the Math club. If you haven't already, then signup for communication using the link below.

[Club Info and FAQ](#)

[Sign Up for Communications](#)

[Register for Upcoming Competitions](#)

## **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.



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