



Leota Middle School Parent Newsletter

November 19, 2021

Dear Leota Families,

It has been a very long and emotional week for me and have toiled over writing this message because it has taken me a while to come to grips with the fact that I must take some time to focus on returning myself to health. I won't go into all the details, but want you to know that ultimately, I will be ok. However, it's going to take my body a while to return to baseline. I had been struggling with my autoimmune system for several months and continued to push through, despite my body's decline. Last Tuesday resulted in an ER visit that was the wake-up call I apparently needed to force me to focus on my health and well-being. I already miss each of our students, staff, and families immensely, but know that I must take time to focus on getting well. I will be on a medical leave of absence for a while and will continue to be monitored by my medical team, adjusting the return date as appropriate.

I want to say that I'm so incredibly thankful for Bryan McNiel. He will be taking on the interim Principal position while I'm out and will do a fantastic job! He's highly skilled and is ready to lead. The district is working to bring in an interim Assistant Principal to support Mr. McNiel. Most importantly, I want you to know that your children are all in good hands, which is a huge relief for me, allowing me to focus my efforts on healing.

I will miss you all, but know you are in good hands. Stay Leota strong!

Warmly,
Audee Gregor

Good Evening Leota Families,

It is my pleasure to step into the role of Interim Principal during Audee's time away. We have worked alongside each other for the past six years so hopefully this temporary transition will be a smooth one. Rest assured, the Leota ship will stay on course and continue our educational journey. For the next few weeks, Sydney Fee, and administrative intern at Bothell High School and Secondary Academy for Success, will be joining our team to support our staff and students. If you have any questions or need my assistance, you can reach me at bmcniel@nsd.org or 425-408-6525.

A couple of things to highlight the next couple of weeks are:

- Wednesday, November 24th is a full school day and we will be following the normal M/Tu/F bell schedule that day
- There will be no batch testing next week due to the shortened week
- A,D,&F automated notification will be going out this evening

I think staff and students alike are looking forward to the four-day weekend next week and I hope you and your family enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and your time together!

Sincerely,
Bryan McNiel



***Please check the Leota Calendar for upcoming dates as well. There may be new items added or changed since the mailing of this newsletter. Thank you!**

November 22 Periods 1-6 + Pride
 7th Boys Basketball LMS@CPMS 3:30
 8th Boys Basketball LMS@CPMS 5:00
 Drama Club Meeting 2:30 Theater

November 23 Periods 1-6 + Pride
 Star Time: 2:30 Library

November 24 Revised Schedule-Periods 1-6+Pride (No Early Release)
 No Batch Testing Happening Today

November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

November 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

November 29 Periods 1-6 + Pride
6th Boys Basketball LMS@KMS 3:30
7th Boys Basketball KMS@LMS 3:30
8th Boys Basketball KMS@LMS 5:00
Drama Club Meeting 2:30 Theater

November 30 Periods 1-6 + Pride
Star Time: 2:30 Library

December 1 Blocks 1,2,3 – Early Release at 12:55pm
Batch Testing During First Period

December 2 Blocks 4,5,6 + R&W
WEB Social during Pride
Star Time: 2:30 Library
6th Boys Basketball LMS@SMS 3:30
7th Boys Basketball SMS@LMS 3:30
8th Boys Basketball SMS@LMS 5:00

December 3 Periods 1-6 + Pride

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING LUNCHTIME

Volunteers are still needed at lunchtime! To help our students spread out at lunch, we need adult volunteers to help monitor outdoor lunch areas. We have a fantastic crew of parents and grandparents, but we need a few more to ensure adequate coverage every day. Your help is especially needed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. You'll get to see your child at lunch, meet some wonderful staff and teachers, and become familiar with the inner workings of Leota. Weekly and biweekly shifts are available. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084baeaa23a2f58-help1>. If you have questions, please contact Carol Dillingham at caroldillingham@outlook.com or 206-427-3817.

Please visit the following links to become a volunteer.

Northshore School District Volunteer sign-up:
<https://www.nsd.org/get-involved/volunteer/become-a-volunteer>

Volunteers will be required to **submit a proof of vaccination or medical/religious exemption**.

Lost & Found

Our lost & found in the cafeteria is overflowing with water bottles and sweatshirts! Please encourage your child to check the lost and found while they're at lunch, before everything gets donated during winter break!



YEARBOOK PHOTOS REQUEST

Is your student involved in something fun or interesting outside of school? If you'd like a chance for your student to be featured in this year's yearbook, please send pictures of sports, clubs, activities, travels, or anything else to leotamsyearbook@nsd.org. Please make sure to include the student's name.



Happy Thanksgiving
From, Your PTSA
