



LEOTA PTSA 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: staffappreciaton@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.leoatptsa.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 $+$ Sponsorship $+$ Corporate Matching $+$ Donate to Annual Fund = **\$25**
Per Student Average

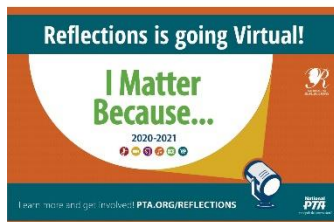
Membership: leoatptsa.com
Sponsorship: leoatptsa.com
Corporate Matching: contact@leoatptsa.com
Donate to Annual Fund: bit.ly/LeotaTogether2020

Option 1: Leota PTSA
Membership + Sponsorship + Corporate Matching + Donations can be made at:
www.leoatptsa.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.leotatptsa.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 leoatptsa.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!

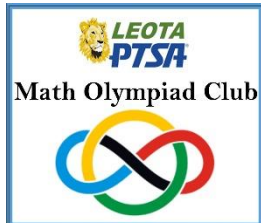
Find out more about the guidelines for each category as well as a submission form in the links below:

- [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.



LEOTA PTSA 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



**members
get it!**

**Get your membership today
at www.leotapta.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.