



LEOTA PTSA Weekly Update

October 15, 2020

Upcoming Events

10/19-11/6	Pave The Way Together Annual Giving Fund
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)
11/20	Reflections virtual submission deadline. Email link or high def image of submission to reflections@leotaptsa.com. Ensure you receive confirmation.
	Sign Up for Staff Appreciation: staffappreciaiton@leotaptsa.com
	Sign Up for Science Olympiad Club: scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com
NEW	Sign Up for Math Olympiad Club: matholympiad@leotaptsa.com
	Participate in Reflections Art Program (See Below) Volunteer Chair Needed

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

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

WHY are we raising funds? Because we want to continue providing educational programs, experiences, sports, arts and grants far above basic education even in this virtual environment. All kids are welcome to use and benefit from these programs.

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? Because Leota PTSA and ASB are committed to creating a school that provides excellence and opportunity for ALL students. \$25 per student maintains all the virtual programs for this year. There are 4 ways to help reach this goal. They are membership, sponsorship, corporate matching and direct donations to the Annual Fund. Please consider sponsoring a teacher or parent membership.

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



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

Option 2: 99Pledges
 Donations + Ask Friends and Family to Participate + Follow Individual and Pride Level Totals at:
[Available October 19](#)

Note: Qualifying purchases made on www.leotaptsa.com will be added to the rewards totals on the 99Pledges website.
 ALL DONATIONS ABOVE \$25 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED.

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT WITH CORPORATE MATCHING

LEOTA PTSA SUPPORTS

... AND SO MUCH MORE

Many programs have gone VIRTUAL...



Join the (NEW) Math Olympiad Club

Why is the obtuse triangle always upset? *

How do you keep warm in a cold room? *

Why do you get bored when talking to pi? *

What do you get when you take the sun and divide its circumference by its diameter? *

Do you love math? Math is always fun. Math helps develop reasoning, concentration, and practicality. By investing time in Math, you are simply investing in your future—not just your math classes, but real-life situations as well.

Hello, we (Gomathi and Niraj) are chair of this year's Math Club at Leota. The charter of this club is to enroll Leota teams to some of the math Olympiad competitions happening around the area. Become a member of this club to get details on the competitions we will be participating. Each competition will have a separate signup as registration opens.

The Math club 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 and arranging meetings with teammates. 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.

So, what are benefits of joining Math Club

Math Buddy group

We are bringing together like-minded kids who share similar passion. In this student directed parent guided opportunity, both students and parents will have opportunities to do fun math quiz, share brain teasers to stimulate the brain. You can post your questions and queries with other math enthusiasts in the club and they will be more than happy to help you out.

Practice Makes Perfect

We have learned this simple idea that practice makes things perfect. It is even more true with Math where; with practice your line of thought will be tweaked, and you have the vision to the right solution.

Wonderful Memories

Joining math clubs makes wonderful memories; you will form teams work together, aim together on some of the most exciting Olympiads and tournaments. And all of it while you develop some teamwork skills

Skills for the Future

By being a part of Math club, by using the opportunity to participate and compete in Math programs, you will gain confidence, learn from your mistakes, and know what it feels like to be pressured. The outside world is competitive, and you are getting ready for it a little earlier while also having fun with your friends. You have earned the ability to understand the new math skills very quickly.


This will help you throughout rest of your life as you go into taking the SAT, ACT, GRE, etc. And if you do decide to join math clubs and compete, practice! And practice diligently. All these things put together will make you stand out and put you among some of the best problem solvers in the world.

The first competition we are participating is <http://moems.org/>. As enrollment begins for other competitions, we will probably compete in a few more like <http://academicsarecool.com/#/home>, <http://www.wsmc.net/math-olympiad/>, <https://www.blainesd.org/o/blaine-school-district/page/math-championships--3>.

Registration will be open to all grade levels. However, as everyone's safety is top priority, the Math Club will operate in a modified format this year. The details are still being finalized so please get on the mailing list to get more information as soon as it comes available. Any parents interested in volunteering as a coach, please reach out to us at your earliest convenience at matholympiad@leotaptsa.com.

- * Because it is never right.
- * Go to the corner because it is always 90 degrees.
- * Because it goes on forever.
- * A pi in the sky.

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@letoaptsa.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.leotaptsa.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



Get your membership today
at www.leotaptsa.com

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

PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. It helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas; develop artistic literacy; increase confidence; and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school but in life.

Enter your art this year! The theme for this year is "I Matter Because..." and categories for submissions include: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

Student winners from our school have the opportunity to move up through their school, district, region council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections winners are announced in May and celebrated annual at the National PTA's Convention and Expo in June. National PTA then collects and curates the traveling exhibit for the next year. The deadline for submissions this year is mid-November.

More information at: <http://www.northshorecouncilptsa.org/reflections.html>

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.