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The Lions Den

The Leota PTSA monthly newsletter

DON'T LET PROGRAMS BE LOST! PARTICIPATE BY 10/4

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In an effort to keep amazing programs at Leota, the Paving the Way Together Annual Fund has developed fantastic rewards, extensive communications, multiple ways of donating to make it as easy as possible. 35% of our families have donated 50% of the needed goal. THAT'S AMAZING and THANK YOU to those that have participated.

But programs that impact all kids at the school like student assemblies, guest speakers, teacher grants, LION'S DAY, Career Day, Staff Appreciation just simply will not continue.

Hundreds of hours by a handful of parents has gone into creating this

Annual Fund in order to reduce the cost of raising funds by over 90%.

The best way to show appreciation IS TO PARTICIPATE!! Go to www.leotaptsa.com or bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019 by **Friday, October 4**, and make your donation.

While the goal is \$75 per student, we completely understand if that is not possible for every family. Please donate what you can. And feel free to invite your friends and family to support your student to reach that goal.

Corporate donations have been

amazing. Please log your matching volunteer hours and donations all year long. If you want credit for the rewards, please email a confirmation that the match has been entered to contact@leotaptsa.com.

Science Olympiad had 51 students signed up as of 9/30. That is incredible for the first year and we look forward to seeing the students compete.

Community Café is a time so that parents can meet other parents and find out what is going on in the school. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

Upcoming Events

- 10/3 Science Olympiad Info Session @ 6:30
- 10/4 DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL FUND PRIZES
Purchase your PTSA Membership!
- 10/9 October Staff Appreciation
- 10/15 Science Olympiad: LAST DAY TO REGISTER
- 10/16 PTSA GENERAL MEETING, 7pm @ Village Wines:
Prize drawings/celebration for Annual Fund
- 10/17 The Great Washington Shake OUT
- 10/18 PTSA Community Café, 2-3pm @ Leota
- 10/26 WSPTA Legislative Assembly—NEW STUDENT PROGRAM THIS YEAR! Read about it below.

THANK YOU DONORS

WE HAVE THE MOST AMAZING DONORS EVER!

You will be astonished by the generosity

All donors that meet the sponsor levels will receive benefits

Act quickly to be in the first publishing of the list!

Lionheart



Friend

Lionheart



Hero

Lionheart



Champion

[CURRENT STANDINGS AS OF 9/30](#)

[SPONSOR LEVELS](#)

[CORPORATE MATCHING](#)

[REWARDS](#)

ALL LINKS ABOVE ARE AT WWW.LEOTAP TSA.COM

PTSA General Meeting: October 16 @ 7pm

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Our next general meeting is October 16, 2019 at Village Wines in Woodinville. **All are invited to attend**—come learn about your PTSA, and how we are planning to support your students during the 2019-2020 school year. No volunteering is required, having FUN definitely is! We will be having a LIVE DRAWING OF THE GRAND PRIZE: SEAHAWKS TICKETS and XBOX ONE S.

Science Olympiad Info Session: October 3 @ 6:30pm

Join us for an information session and kick-off on Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Leota Library! Parents and students are welcome!



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 2019-2020 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 together as a team. Qualified teams present their skills at regional, state, and even national level competitions. 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/>

If your student would like to participate this year, the time to sign up is NOW! Registration ends on October 15th! The club is also seeking volunteers to support students as either a team coach or by offering suggestions and expert guidance on particular topics.

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. Registration is open to all grade levels!

Registration fee is \$80 per student. Last day to register is October 15th. No refunds will be given if student is unable to participate after registration.

PTSA Community Café: October 18th @ 2pm

At our first PTSA Community Café, there were donuts, and coffee and a lot of sharing about start of school craziness. It was fun and we look forward to getting to know more of our families at Leota.

As not everyone is a morning person, Our next community café is scheduled for 2pm in the afternoon on Friday October 18th in the Leota Teacher's Lounge. Come and get connected.



New Student Programs at Legislative Assembly

Every year the Washington State PTA holds a legislative assembly in which the advocacy platform is created or expanded. PTA is responsible for creating Kindergarten, adding hot school lunches, supporting school funding, and so much more. At this event, you will discover the power PTA has to advocate for every child – the whole child – regardless of race, creed, gender, or zip code. This year's event will be held at Bellevue College on October 26 –27. You can come for one or both days. The cost is \$45 for students and \$140 for adults. **WE HAVE 2 ADULT AND 4 STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO COST.**

NEW THIS YEAR! There will be classes specifically for students that would like to participate in learning about the legislative process, hear from engaging speakers, and meet with legislators. There is an opportunity to be a voting delegate in which your student could vote on behalf of Leota on legislative issues. Email us at contact@leotaptsa.com if you would like to participate.

PTSA Staff Appreciation: October 9th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each month the PTSA provides a meal or treat for our staff as a way of saying thank you for taking such care of our kids. It is a great way to volunteer and become involved in our Leota community! It is truly beautiful to watch so many people get involved and see all the little details come together to make a big impact.

Our 2019-2020 staff appreciation lunches got off to a great start on Wednesday, September 11. September's theme was Mailbox Treats and our volunteers treated our staff to a whole collection of "grab and go" type snacks to welcome them back to the busy halls of Leota.

In October, we are kicking up our staff appreciation with a Tailgate part! We are putting together a real football party-based celebration for our staff, with hotdogs, brats, chili, and all the good stuff!

Sign up to bring an item or two at: <https://signup.com/go/ARwKQWV>

All upcoming staff appreciation events are listed at the sign up link. Take a look through the upcoming events and if you spot something you would like to bring for a future event, please sign up for that as well!



Leota Ski & Snowboard Club Students and Chaperones

Join the Leota Ski & Snowboard Club this winter and your FRIDAYS WILL ROCK! Take the ski club bus from Leota and ski and snowboard with friends at Stevens Pass. For the 2020 season, the lessons will start in January and run for seven weeks. Registration opens September 1, 2019. The Leota lesson and transportation spots are generally full by October. If you would like to Chaperone, the bus fee is refunded and a free lift pass is provided every week. For more information and to register, go to www.lyonskischool.com.



PTSA Reflections 2019-2020

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 Look Within 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.

Watch for our lunchtime information tables in the Leota Cafeteria between now and November. The deadline for submissions this year is November 18th.

Questions? Contact Nicole at monahanstudio@comcast.net.



Emergency Preparedness Corner

Did you know: the supplies which will be used in an emergency by the students and staff of Leota are funded by the Leota PTSA via your donations? It's one of many things the PTSA helps with at Leota for the health and safety of our students! Parents, thank you for your donations to the **Pave The Way Together** fund.



Leota Family Reunification

Do you know what to do in the case of an emergency or crisis during school hours?

Do not rush to school to pick up your child.

Our school is in an area where the additional traffic may impede needed emergency vehicles or personnel from arriving. If a school evacuation is ordered, your presence at the site could delay evacuation and reunification. When the situation is under control, students and parents will be reunited in a safe, orderly, and timely manner.

1. **Wait for notification** from Leota or the district for the pickup process. Your student could be relocated via bus to one of three or more reunification sites depending on the situation.
2. ALL PARENTS AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS must have **picture identification** to pick up the student.
3. All emergency contact names must be in [ParentVUE](#).

How Can you Help?

Please remind your emergency contacts that when picking up a student during an emergency, everyone must have picture identification. *These additional contacts will be critical if you cannot pick up your student.*

1. Ensure you have a ParentVUE account. If you do not have an account, contact Leota and request your 7-digit activation key.
2. Login to ParentVUE, click on "Student Info" in the left-hand menu. Click the Edit Information button.
3. Scroll down to find the Emergency Contacts area. Update existing emergency contacts and enter new contacts here.
4. Click the "Save Changes" button at the bottom of the screen.

Please take this opportunity to update the emergency contacts in [ParentVue](#). and consider including trusted neighbors or others that can respond to the reunification sites in case your response is delayed by other emergencies happening in our region.

Northshore School District Emergency Reunification Information

The Northshore School District has created a standard Emergency Reunification process for all schools and conducted a drill in May 2019. For information on the process, please visit:

<https://www.nsd.org/our-district/who-we-are/safety-security/reunification-process>













The Great Washington Shake Out: October 17th

On October 17, at 10:17am, Leota will be participating in the [Great Washington Shake Out](#), an earthquake preparedness drill. Participating is a **great** way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes— wherever you live, work, or travel. Remember to drop, cover and hold during an earthquake!



Be Prepared, Not Scared

Did you feel our 4.6 earthquake near Monroe in July? Are you prepared at home for an emergency or a disaster? Here are 12 ways you can get ready:

✓ 12 WAYS TO PREPARE					
<input type="checkbox"/>  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>  Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>  Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>  Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>  Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>  Document and Insure Property

Learn more about the process to create and practice your Family Emergency Communication Plan from FEMA:
https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1530826217620-10775bfc5d7600be8e6b88308b24d8c/P1094_CreateYourFamilyEmergencyCommunicationPlan_070318.pdf

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