



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Back to School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that summer will soon draw to a close. With just a few short weeks remaining, it's time for us to again begin preparations for the start of school. Our entire staff have been busy preparing for the arrival of all our incoming students and families. We look forward to the many new and exciting adventures ahead. This newsletter contains much of the information you will need to ensure a smooth start to the upcoming school year. I hope that the 2019-20 school year is filled with excitement, joy, new learning, and new growth for all students.

I am thrilled and honored to again serve as Leota's Principal. Additionally, I am equally as excited to continue this work with Bryan McNiel, your Assistant Principal. We both began our journeys three years ago together and are grateful to continue our strong working relationship. The anticipation and excitement for another year from both of us, as well as the entire staff, is palpable and measurable. We can't wait to start another school year with everyone!

I am certain you will find the information in this newsletter useful as you prepare for the transition back to school. We look forward to seeing you at the **Back to School Fair on Monday, August 26th from 8:30 – 1:30**. Please mark your calendars with this date and time. The fair is a great way to take care of many items of school business, such as picking up student schedules, having your student's picture taken, purchasing an ASB card and yearbook, practicing locker combinations, getting answers to any questions you may have, and so much more. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email any time. Have a wonderful remaining few weeks of summer. Both Bryan and I look forward to meeting each of you soon!

Sincerely,

Audee Gregor

Leota Middle School Principal
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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

MONDAY AUGUST 26TH, LEOTA GYMNASIUM

We hope this event **will be a one-stop shop for all of your back to school needs at Leota!** Please attend with your student and remember that you may be paying for multiple items like pictures, ASB, PTSA Membership, etc., so bring your checkbook and/or cash. Credit/debit cards may be used on site with a School Sales log-in credential only. In order to encourage a more even flow of students throughout the day, we ask your co-operation in adhering to the schedule listed in the box on the left:

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Last name A-D:

8:30am-9:20am

Last name E-H:

9:20am-10:10am

Last name I-L:

10:10am-11:00am

Last name M-O:

11:00am-11:50am

Last name P-S:

11:50am-12:40pm

Last name T-Z:

12:40pm-1:30pm

See page 10 for information on health and fitness uniform purchasing. On-line purchases must be completed by August 18th.



We could still use a few more volunteers to help at the Back to School Fair. We need volunteers from 8:00am – 1:30pm. If you can help, please go to www.leotapta.com or directly to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DA9AB2AA64-leota1>. Choose your time slot and you will be sent a confirmation and reminders.

INFORMATION STATIONS TO VISIT AND ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT THE FAIR

- **Class schedule** – if available
- **After School Activities:** Clubs, Athletics, etc.
- **ASB Card \$30** (Participation in all athletics and club activities require an ASB card. Funds collected are used to support all extra-curricular activities.)
- **Parent Assist** (ID to access your students grades and the Leota online store)
- **Touchbase login** (to access online sales at schoolsales.nsd.org)
- **PTSA Sign Up and More Information about:**
 - **Membership (NEW)** **Paving the Way Together Fund (NEW)**
 - **Career Day** **Science Olympiad (NEW)**
 - **Watch DOGS!** **Leota PTSA Community Café (NEW)**
 - **Staff Appreciation** **Advocacy and Library Grants**
 - **8th Grade Party** **Ski Club and Student Store and more**
- **Lunch Accounts** (Cash or checks made payable to **NSD Food Service**. Include your student's ID number—found on their class scheduled—on the check.)
- **Language Workbooks:** Students are encouraged to purchase the consumable work- books used in the following courses. These can be purchased at the back to school fair, on-line or in the office once school has started:
 - Spanish I, II or III \$20.00 French I \$17.00
- **Spirit Wear**
- **Yearbooks \$28.00**
- **Photos for ID card/yearbook** are complimentary. All students are photographed for the school ID/ASB card and yearbook. Price packets are available if you wish to purchase photos (check to Dorian), but no purchase is necessary. Dorian order forms will be mailed to households and extras will be available at the Fair. Dress appropriately since this picture will be used for the yearbook, ASB card, and picture packet. (DRESS CODE applies).

SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION AND LOCKER ASSIGNMENT

Student schedules will be distributed to the student or parents of the student only. In the event of changes to our master schedule due to staffing or enrollment changes, schedules may not be available prior to the first day of school. **Schedule issues will be handled by Counseling, during the first two weeks of school, not at the Fair.** Student locker and combination will be printed on the student schedule. Students are expected to keep their locker combinations confidential.

Yearbooks and ASB cards will be available for purchase through the NSD on-line store (schoolsales.nsd.org) beginning August 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Spencer at m Spencer@nsd.org or 425 408 6503.



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[Leota PTSA Group](#)
[Volunteers and Info Group](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

26 – Back to School Fair:
Sign up for Membership

SEPTEMBER

11 – Early Participation
Drawing (\$100 value)

20 – PTSA Community Café
7:30-8:15am Leota
Teacher's Lounge

25 – Watch Dogs Pizza
Night.

OCTOBER

4 – End of “Paving the Way
Together” Fundraiser

16 – PTSA General Meeting

See pages 18-19 for
more PTSA program
information

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I am Robin McKenzie and I welcome you to the new school year!

For those that are new, LEOTA PTSA is a vibrant parent, teacher, staff and student membership organization that is a powerful voice that advocates for ALL students and offers educational and community programs with a goal of ***Making Every Child's Potential a Reality.***

BIG PTSA CHANGES TO ANNOUNCE!

From new interests like adding Science Olympiad and Community Café to streamlining membership offerings and joining forces with the school to run just ONE fundraiser this year, we have a lot to offer this year.

WELCOME SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: We are pleased to offer this exciting new STEM program and invite you to check out the information in this newsletter and join a team.

NEW LEOTA PTSA COMMUNITY CAFÉ: We all do so much for our kids, well this is an opportunity for parents to have some fun and get connected to the Leota community every third Friday of the month at the school or around the town. See calendar for times and locations.

ONE COMBINED FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR: Normally PTSA does a fundraiser called “Pass the Hat” and ASB does a magazine drive. However, the magazine drive has been declining in contributions for the past few years so we have decided to combine forces to create the “Paving the Way Together” fundraiser that will support all the offerings PTSA and ASB provide.

It takes \$75 per child each year to offer the educational programs, leadership opportunities, sports, clubs, teacher grants, field trips, education supports, teacher professional development, parent education, emergency preparedness, safety equipment, helping families and students in need, and more. Providing these opportunities above BASIC EDUCATION paves the way for our kids to advance in a competitive world and have experiences that will last a lifetime.

NEW PTSA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: Being a PTSA member is very important as it shows *how strongly* the community supports the students, school and PTSA volunteers that make so much happen. To simplify and support the new fundraiser, membership levels have been created. Membership is open to EVERYONE including students, families, community members, and businesses. Your membership provides PTSA voting rights, student leadership opportunities, member only discounts and is 100% included in the fundraising totals. For information and purchase, go to www.leotaptsa.com.

Allow me to introduce you to your amazing PTSA team:

Treasurer: **Amber Mills**
Career Day: **Suzette Hart**
Newsletter: **Deirdre Hall**
Watch Dogs: **Matt Vandenbeld**
Student Store: **Austina De Bonte**
Lions Day: **Beth Bishop**
AAP/HiCap REP: **Karen Grieser**

Secretary: **Carrie McKenzie**
Teacher Appreciation: **Jana Sarti**
Back to School Fair: **Val Kok**
Reflections (Art): **Nicole StremLOW-Monahan**
Social Events: **Cheryl FolgmANN**
Science Olympiad: **Shraddha Bhargava**
Emergency Prep: **Robin McKenzie**

Open Positions: Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Membership Chair, 8th Grade Party Chair, Ski Club Chair, and Special Education Representative. Contact me at president@leotaptsa.com if you would like to join the team.



LEOTA PTSA ANNUAL FUND

LEOTA PTSA and ASB JOIN FORCES



TWO GREAT ORGANIZATIONS

WHY are we raising funds?

Because we want to continue providing educational programs, experiences, sports, arts and grants far above basic education. All kids are able to use and benefit from these programs.

WHY are we 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 calling this a fund

and not a fundraiser? Because we want to invest in programs and people, not sales quotas. We will have rewards but they will focus on Pride and whole school achievement.

PTSA PROGRAMS:

Career Day and Speakers
Science Olympiad (NEW)
Watch DOGS!
Leota PTSA Community Café (NEW)
Teacher and Library Grants
Field Trips and Classroom Projects
Emergency Supplies and Safety Equipment
Parent Education and Staff Appreciation
Student Leadership Opportunities (NEW)
Advocacy | Legislative Assembly | Focus Day
8th Grade Party and Ski Club
National PTA Reflections (6 art categories)
Helping families in need (Lunch grants, etc.)
Member Only Discounts (over \$500)

ASB PROGRAMS:

Student Leadership	Academic Clubs
Art, Drama, Languages	Materials for Clubs
Sports Uniforms/Gear	Sports Equipment
Referees for all Games	Event Transportation
Honor Society	Founding New Clubs
School Activities	School Assembly's
Guest Speakers	Competition Fees
and more...	



WHY didn't I realize my student received over \$75 in extra programs?

Because PTSA and ASB fundraised separately, you likely were donating/buying way above \$75 per student across both efforts. Now that we have combined forces and the reduction in costs, you can give the true amount needed and be assured all the funds benefit your student and school.



What are the methods of giving?

Starting 8/26, you will be emailed the URL to create an account at Orange Ruler to register your student and email friends and family to participate. Payment methods will be cash, check and credit card. Due to limited volunteers, credit card payments are sincerely appreciated. The link will also be available at www.leotaptsa.com on 8/26. [COMPANY MATCH](#) and [PTSA MEMBERSHIP](#) can be included in rewards totals.

Date	Event	Activity
8/26	Back to School Fair	Kickoff
9/11	Curriculum Night	Early Participation Drawings
9/13	Student Assembly	Student Intro
9/20	PTSA Community Café	Demo Programs / More Drawings
10/4		Final Turn In Day
10/11		Verification and Final Totals

more information at www.leotaptsa.com



PTSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

JOIN THE LEOTA PTSA

LEOTA PTSA is a vibrant parent, teacher, staff and student membership organization with a powerful voice that advocates for ALL students and offers educational and community programs with a goal of **Making Every Child's Potential a Reality.** Membership is open to EVERYONE including students, families, community members, and businesses. Your membership provides: PTSA voting rights at the local, state and national level; fund important PTSA programs; strong show of support for your PTSA volunteers; \$500 in member only discounts; added to fundraising totals for rewards and membership drawings; and is 100% deductible.

PTSA PROGRAMS: Career Day | Science Olympiad (NEW) | Watch DOGS! | Leota PTSA Community Café (NEW) | Teacher Grants | Parent Education | Staff Appreciation | Student Leadership Opportunities | Advocacy | WSPTA Legislative Assembly Focus Day | Library Grants | 8th Grade Party | Ski Club | National PTA Reflections | Families in Need | Member Discounts ...

Apply online at WWW.LEOTAPTSA.COM or Complete this Form

Member 1 (Primary)

Name*: _____

Email*: _____

Cell*: _____

Member 2 (Secondary)

Name*: _____

Email*: _____

Cell*: _____

Member 3 (Student, Grandparent)

Name*: _____

Email*: _____

Cell: _____

Member 4 (Student, Grandparent)

Name*: _____

Email*: _____

Cell: _____

Child 1 _____ Grade _____ Pride _____

Child 2 _____ Grade _____ Pride _____

Child 3 _____ Grade _____ Pride _____

List individual as a member and child for student memberships. Child info is used for registrations. Make checks out to LEOTA PTSA and return to the Leota MS office. Online registration is very helpful. Each email provided must be unique. Email and cell info only used for communication.

Membership Levels

Lionheart Members

☐ **Cub** \$15
(1 Adult or Student)

☐ **Lion** \$25
(2 Adults or Students)

☐ **Pride** \$50
(4 Adults or Students)

Lionheart Sponsors

☐ **Friend** \$250
(See benefactor benefits*)

☐ **Hero** \$350
(Friend plus more)

☐ **Champion** \$500
(Hero plus more)

**A ROARING
THANK YOU!**

Your membership card will be emailed to each email address provided above!

Lionheart Helping Paws (Membership Gift)

☐ **Teacher Gift \$12**
(1 Adult)

☐ **Family Gift \$15**
(1 Adult)

Total: _____

Card Trans # _____

Check # _____

Date: _____ Cash _____

*Benefactor Benefits can be found at www.leotaptsa.com

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 4th (6th GRADE) 8:25 AM - 3:00 PM

With the implementation of WEB (Where Everybody Belongs), the first day of school, September 4th, will only require Attendance for 6th grade students and WEB Leaders. 7th and 8th graders (other than WEB Leaders) are asked not to attend on the 4th, as this is for student-only orientation for 6th graders.

The WEB First Day orientation and transition programs are designed to both welcome and support incoming 6th graders by assigning them an 8th grade WEB Leader as a mentor during their first year. This WEB Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and positive leader on our campus.

WEB Day – September 4th: 6th graders are asked to wear comfortable attire, as the day's activities will require movement. Do NOT bring any school supplies or backpacks on this day. Please **only** bring what is listed below:

- **September 4th is for 6th graders and WEB Leaders only** (official school day)
 - Regular school lunch (full menu) will be available for purchase utilizing our cafeteria service. Menu is available on the NSD Website.
 - Breakfast will be available for purchase
 - Students must use their lunch accounts to purchase lunch on this day (or bring their own sack lunch).
 - Please be sure to bring your Student ID card if you are purchasing breakfast or lunch.

If you have questions about the first day of school, please contact the main office or the WEB Coordinators, Valerie Olson (volson@nsd.org), Linda Nelson (lnelson2@nsd.org), Tamara Kelly (tkelly@nsd.org), or Tianna Flowers (tflowers@nsd.org).

SEPTEMBER 5th (ALL STUDENTS) 8:25 AM - 3:00 PM

- Keep your schedule with you during the first day of school. Do NOT share this information with anybody else as your locker combination may be noted on the sheet of paper. Do not lock your combination in your locker. Keep it with you.
- Bring your school supplies on this day. Items not needed for class should be stored in your locker.
- Be at your bus stop early on the first day. During the last week of August your route information may be found at **www.nsd.org/nsdtransportation**. You will not receive any other notification. Call Transportation directly with your questions at (425) 408-7900.

(Please note no changes may be made regarding your stop during the initial two weeks of September while the Transportation Department sorts out its ridership. Bus passes will not be issued until further notice from transportation.)

LOCKERS

Every student will be issued a locker for his/her own use during the Back to School Fair on August 26th. Students unable to attend the Back to School Fair will be assigned a locker on the first day of school. You will be able to practice opening your locker at the Back to School Fair. If needed, Pride Time (home room) teachers will assign lockers on the first day of school.

Please discuss the following locker security and cleanliness rules with your child:

- Do not share your locker combination with anyone – not even your best friend.
- Be sure that your locker is completely closed and locked when you leave it.
- Do not keep valuable items in your locker; leave them at home.
- Keep lockers clean; nothing may be written on the inside or outside of lockers.
- Do not put stickers or other hard to remove items on the walls of your locker.
- Do not use items or devices of any kind to tamper with the locking mechanism.

Everything must be removed from your locker at the end of the year. Lockers are for backpacks, books, student supplies, and coats. Students may not change lockers without permission from the assistant principal.

Lockers belong to Northshore School District and may be inspected at any time. Locker cleanouts are held periodically through the school year.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

7th/8th GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

SEE PAGES 8 & 9 for specific 6th Grade School Supplies!

Organization skills are important for success in middle school. Teachers recommend that students create one portable binder system that can be taken to each class since backpacks must be left in lockers. Some teachers will recommend additional supplies after school starts. The items below are required.



The binder system that works best is:

- One binder 2 ½ - 3 inches (needs to be thick enough to store everything)
- Pencil pouch with 3-hole punch (nylon suggested for durability)
- Planner will be provided when school starts. The planner has a 3-hole punch and will be kept in binder.
- 5 folders with pockets and 3-hole punched, labeled for each subject area. (Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Health Fitness).
- 3 spiral notebooks, college ruled and 3-hole punched
- 1 - 2 composition books
- College ruled paper (some in folder, keep some at home or in locker)
- Graph paper (1/4 inch square), 3-hole punched
- Metric ruler protractor
- 4 function calculator for science (See below for recommendations)

The pencil pouch should always have:

- Pencils
- Pens (Black, Blue, and Red)
- Highlighters (3 different colors)
- Post-It notes (3x3 inch)
- 8 colored pencils
- 4 function calculator (see below for recommendations)
- Small scissors
- **Optional for locker organization:** Pencil box to store extra pencils, pens, Post-It notes, etc.

Purchase workbooks, ASB cards and yearbooks at the Back to School Fair on August 26th or online at:

[HTTPS://SCHOOLSALES.NSD.ORG](https://SCHOOLSALES.NSD.ORG)

Gym Uniform Due Date:
August 18th

Order link is on the LMS website.

BACKPACKS

Leota is a backpack-free zone. Students who bring backpacks or book bags to school must leave them in their lockers. Large items may be left in the office for safekeeping. If you need a free backpack please contact the school's main office for assistance. We have many free backpacks available for those in need.



GRAPHING CALCULATOR

Starting with limited use in 8th grade and 7th Challenge Math, but extensive use in Algebra 1 and Geometry, students will be using the **TI-83 Plus or TI-84 graphing calculator**. If parents are planning to invest in a graphing calculator, we recommend the TI-83 Plus graphing calculator, as our curriculum includes technology tips for this specific model. In addition, this calculator is used in high school math classes and can be used in future college math classes. It is programmable, upgradeable, and not likely to become obsolete, which makes it useful for many years. The TI-84 is more expensive, but does the same thing as the TI-83 Plus. While it is not required for students to have a graphing calculator (except for students in Algebra 1 and Algebra II/Trigonometry who will need to have one), it is advisable for students to have access to one. There are classroom sets of graphing calculators available for students to use during class time and after school. Having a calculator at home will allow the student to finish class work outside of class.

6th Grade School Supply List*

Organization skills are important for success in middle school. As a result, 6th grade teachers are recommending that parents help their students create one portable binder system that can be taken to each class.

The binder system that works best is:

- One binder 2-inch D ring.
- Pencil pouch with 3-hole punch (nylon suggested for durability)
- Planner will be provided when school starts. The planner has a 3-hole punch and will be kept in binder.
- 5 folders with pockets and 3-hole punched. Your student will use the folders to separate their work in each subject area. They will want to label each folder with a subject (Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Health Fitness).
- 3 spiral notebooks, college ruled and 3-hole punched
- AAP/Challenge Science students will need 2 college ruled composition books
- College ruled paper (some in folder, keep some at home or in locker)
- Graph paper (1/4 inch square), 3-hole punched (spiral notebook preferred, can be difficult to find)
- Metric ruler protractor

Examples



The pencil pouch should always have:

- Sharpened Pencils
- Pens (Black, Blue and Red)
- Highlighters (3 different colors)
- Post it notes (3x3 inch)
- 8 colored pencils
- 4 function calculator
- Small scissors

Optional for locker organization:

- Pencil box to store extra pencils, pens, Post it notes, etc.

Science teachers love to have Kleenex and scotch tape donated to the class set.

*Some teachers may recommend additional supplies after school starts.

Útiles escolares
Escuela Intermedia Leota

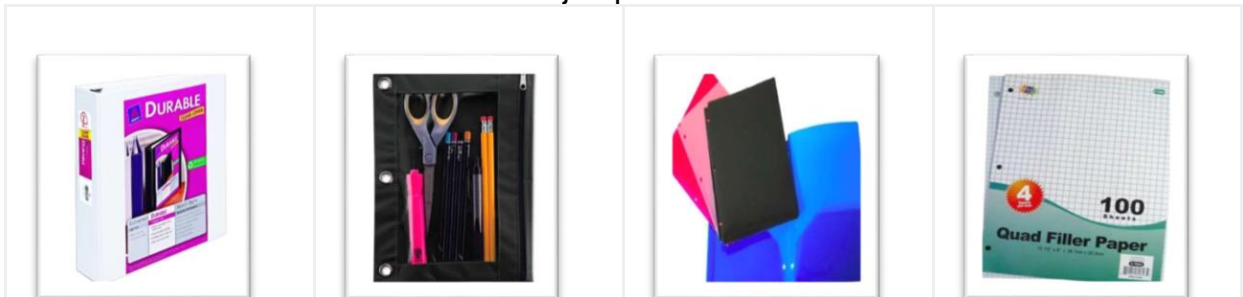
Lista de sexto grado*

Las habilidades de organización son importantes para el éxito en la escuela intermedia. Como resultado, los maestros de sexto grado recomiendan que los padres ayuden a sus alumnos a crear un sistema de organización portátil que se pueda llevar a cada clase.

El sistema de organización que mejor funciona es:

- Un encuadernador de “anillo D” de 2 pulgadas.
- Estuche para lápices con perforadora de 3 agujeros (se sugiere nylon para mayor durabilidad)
- Se proporcionará un planificador cuando comience la escuela. El planificador tiene 3 agujeros y se mantendrá en el encuadernador.
- 5 carpetas con bolsillos y 3 agujeros. Su estudiante usará las carpetas para separar su trabajo en cada área temática. Necesitan etiquetar cada carpeta con una asignatura (matemáticas, inglés, ciencias, estudios sociales y salud física).
- 3 cuadernos de espiral, universitarios y perforados con 3 agujeros
- Alumnos de AAP / reto de ciencias necesitarán 2 libros de composición
- Papel gobernado por la universidad (algunas hojas en las carpetas, conservan algunos en casa o en el casillero)
- Papel cuadriculado (1/4 de pulgada cuadrada), 3 - perforador
- Regla métrica

Ejemplos



La bolsa de lápiz siempre debe tener:

- Lápices afilados
- Plumas (negro, azul y rojo)
- Iluminadores (3 colores diferentes)
- Notas de post-it (3x3 pulgadas)
- 8 lápices de colores
- Calculadora de 4 funciones
- Tijeras pequeñas

Opcional para la organización del casillero:

- Lápiz caja para guardar lápices, bolígrafos, notas, etc.

Los profesores de ciencias adoran que Kleenex y la cinta adhesiva se donen a la clase.

* Algunos maestros pueden recomendar útiles adicionales después de que comience la escuela.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

All Leota students are required to “suit-up” for Health and Fitness class. The Health/Fitness department has therefore established a basic dress code of all “gray” attire and any color athletic shoes that tie with laces. The uniform was chosen for many reasons, including (but in no way limited to) trying to choose a common and readily available color, one that is easier to keep clean, a color that is safe for students to wear in hot weather, and one that is typically much less expensive.

UNIFORMS

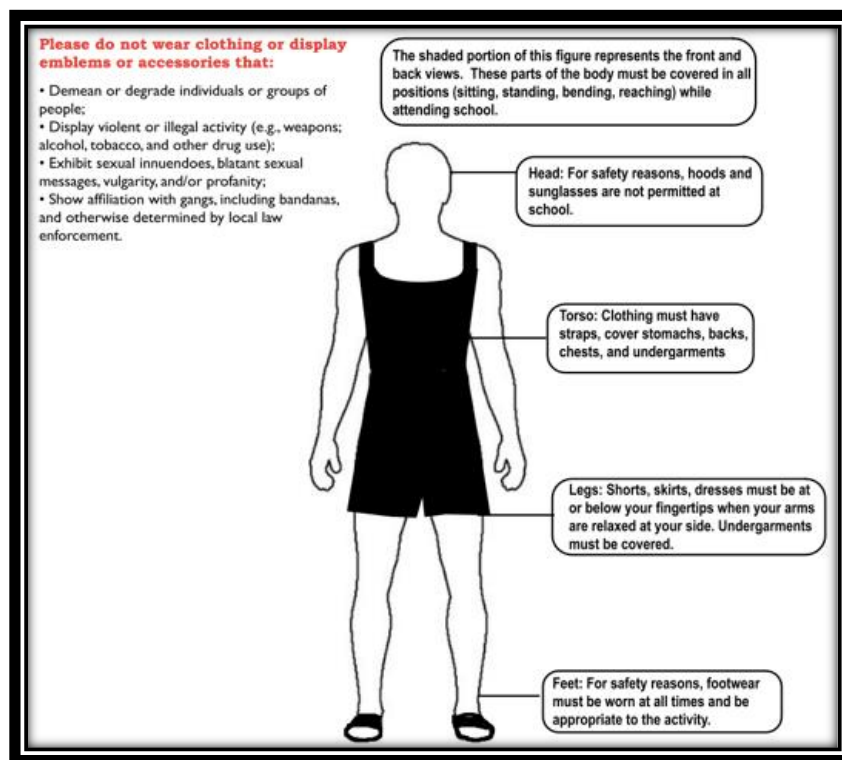
Students are required to take one semester of Health/Fitness during 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This course requires students to have a PE uniform: a gray t-shirt and shorts. Other purchases are optional. Uniforms will be available for purchase online through Cloud 9 Sports. The link is available on the Leota website. Online purchases must be completed by Sunday, August 18th. Fitness uniforms will be delivered to student’s homes. Uniform purchase from Cloud 9 is not mandatory, students may choose to purchase light gray uniform attire that is logo-free from any retailer.



STUDENT DRESS CODE

Due to our concern for students and staff of the Leota Middle School learning community, we strive to foster an environment that is safe, healthy, conducive to teaching and learning, and promotes the dignity of all students. Student dress should be compatible with an educational setting—rather than an off-campus social setting. Students may express individuality in their dress and grooming as long as their appearance does not cause or have the potential to cause a disruption to the educational process for themselves, other students, or staff.

In an effort to maintain a safe and academic focus, students attending Leota Middle School shall adhere to the following guidelines:



The Leota administration and staff appreciate the cooperation of students and parents in reviewing the students' dress to meet established guidelines. If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, is not suitable to the norms of an educational setting, or otherwise violates this dress code, the principal or the principal's designee may require the student to change his or her dress. A second or repeated violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with school policy and procedures.



MORE IMPORTANT INFO

LEOTA CURRICULUM NIGHT: Sept 11, 6:30pm

Curriculum Night Check List:

- ☐ Mark your calendar – September 11th, 6:30pm
- ☐ Start in the gym with your student's schedule and school map
- ☐ PTSA Membership and "Paving the Way Together" Fundraiser Early Participation Reward Drawing

Parents and guardians are invited to the Leota Middle School Curriculum Night on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm. The event will begin in the gym. You will then be dismissed to your student's first period class and follow your student's daily schedule, proceeding from class to class. You will have an opportunity to meet individual teachers and learn about your student's classes. Teachers will speak briefly about curriculum and answer questions. This will be a great way to experience your child's daily routine. The school's AIDS curriculum will also be available for review. On the day of Curriculum Night, students will bring home a copy of their schedule and a school map. PTSA loves to make people happy and will be having an early participation reward drawing LIVE at the event.

ASB CARDS

To help support our Associated Student Body programs, we strongly encourage students to purchase an ASB card. Students participating in Leota sports, music, after-school activities and clubs, or who have been elected as ASB officers must purchase an ASB card. ASB revenue is used to fund athletics, assemblies, uniforms, Lion's Day, and other special activities and equipment. As a benefit, students receive discounts on events throughout the year. The cost of an ASB card is \$30; cards can be purchased at the Back to School Fair on August 26th and in the main office during lunch. Checks for ASB cards should be made payable to *Leota Middle School*.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

State law and common sense tell us that it is important for schools to monitor the attendance of students very carefully. It is a challenge to follow the absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals of over 900 students. Students and parents can make the job easier by being aware of the rules and making sure they follow them. The Attendance Office has developed the following policies to safeguard your child:

- All students must check in at the Attendance Office when arriving late or departing early from campus.
- Students returning from an absence must have the absence excused by a parent or guardian. **This can be done by telephone (425-408-6510), email (lmsattendance@nsd.org) or with a written note.** The Attendance Office must receive a note, email or phone call before the student reports for class.
- Students arriving late for school must bring a note to the Attendance Office before going to class. Alternatively, parents can also walk them in to the Attendance Office or call in ahead of time (425-408-6510).
- Teachers may issue infractions to students who arrive late without a pass per their classroom policy.
- Students who need to be dismissed early are asked to bring a note from home and give it to the Attendance Office before school starts that day. Students will be sent a pass so that they can be dismissed from class and report to the Attendance Office at the early dismissal time. Parents/authorized adults must come to the Attendance Office to sign out their student.

By adhering to these attendance policies, you help to ensure the safety of your child and make the job of the Attendance Office much easier. Call us at 408-6510 if you have any questions. Leota adheres to the attendance policy in the Northshore School District's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which is available on the NSD website. In addition, all families are required to sign and turn in a state-generated attendance letter. These will be issued at Curriculum Night for all families to complete.

LEOTA GRADING SCALE

All classes at Leota use the following grading scale:

A 93% and above	B+ 87% -89%	C+ 77%-79%	D+ 67%-69%	F 59% and below
A- 90%-92%	B 83%-86%	C 73%-76%	D 60%-66%	
	B- 80%-82%	C- 70%-7		

To view online grades, use ParentVue and StudentVue. Access at <https://siswebpv.nsd.org>

LET PayPAMS HELP MANAGE CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS

The Parent Account Management System (PAMS) allows for credit card payments of school meals via the Internet or telephone. Parents can also use PayPAMS to schedule automatic payments based on account balance, to review cafeteria purchases online, and to receive email notification of account balances. You must set up an account using one of the approved credit cards to check account balances or payment history.

The PayPAMS program has been enhanced and now accepts Mastercard, Discover and Visa. PayPAMS will charge \$1.95 per payment transaction for a processing fee. The student ID number should be included with all payments. To set up an account, visit www.paypams.com or call (888) 994-5100. Fees are not charged when a family pays by cash or check (made payable to the Northshore School District) at school. Payments must be processed through the cafeteria either before school or during lunches.

Menu Information is available on the Leota Middle School Website/Resources/Food Services.

LEOTA TECHNOLOGY

*The Northshore School District maintains a Responsible Use Procedure (RUP) to guide the use of technology throughout the district, summarized below. **NSD's Responsible Use Procedure is in place to foster the idea of digital citizenship. A digital citizen is one who:***

- Understands human, cultural and social issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior
- Advocates and practices safe, legal and responsible use of information and technology
- Exhibits a positive attitude toward using technology that supports collaboration, learning and productivity
- Demonstrates personal responsibility for lifelong learning
- Exhibits leadership for digital citizenship
- Reports inappropriate use of technology
- Uses appropriate passwords and practices responsible password management
- Refrains from posting personal information (or other people's personal information)
- Uses technology at school for educational purposes only
- All users of district technology will observe 'Fair Use' and 'Educational Use' copyright laws



Students who fail to comply with the responsibilities outlined in the RUP may be subject to disciplinary action defined at the building level as well as suffer a loss of technology-related privileges.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Expectations

- Electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, cameras, headphones, games, etc.) must not be seen or heard anywhere on campus during school hours except at teacher/staff discretion for educational purposes only.
- Electronic devices cannot be used for pictures or audio/video recording on campus at any time without teacher approval.
- Texting and/or messaging is NOT permitted at any time during the school day.
- Leota is not liable for theft or damage of electronic devices.

Please do not call, text and/or message your student directly during school hours as discipline could result. If a student needs to contact a parent/guardian during school, they are welcome to use the student phone in the Attendance Office.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Electronic device may be returned to the student in the office after school

2nd Offense: Electronic device may be returned to the student in the office after school and an infraction will be issued

3rd Offense: Electronic device may be returned to the parent in the office and a detention will be issued

Chronic offenses could result in additional progressive discipline per school discipline policy

All electronic devices sent to the office will be stored in a locked drawer until retrieved.

INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access is available to all students at Leota Middle School. Leota Middle School's staff encourages parents to review the "Internet Code of Conduct" with their children. A copy of this document is also included in the Statement of Rights & Responsibilities Concerning Pupil Conduct, which every student receives at the beginning of each school year. Students will be expected to follow the District's "Acceptable Use Procedures" and the "Code of Conduct" while using the Internet and other Northshore School District technology. The complete Northshore School District Network Policy/Procedure document may be reviewed in the Main Office. Parents not wanting their students to access the Internet

must return the completed District Technology Opt-Out Form as described below. Please discuss your decision with your child. It is your child's responsibility to not use the Internet if that is your decision for him/her. You may change your student's access at any time by requesting the appropriate form from the Main Office at 425-408-6500. Please be advised that most teachers use a variety of technology for assignments and by restricting use at school it will be the student's responsibility to complete these assignments.

If you have any questions please call Krista Repp, Librarian, 425-408-6512.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY OPT-OUT

We live in a global and digital world -- a world changed by technology and new ideas about how we communicate with one another and exchange information. As a result, students must develop the research, information fluency, and technology skills that will allow them to be successful, safe and ethical in this digital world. For this reason, students are provided computer access privileges at school, as well as access to the Internet, email, digital communication and collaboration tools, online learning spaces, and electronic educational resources. These resources, tools, and equipment are essential to teaching and learning. The guidelines for responsible use of these tools are outlined in School Board Procedure 2022P.

Given all of these factors, Parents or guardians still do have the right to terminate their student's access to electronic tools and resources by signing the District Technology Opt-Out form, which can be found at <https://www.nsd.org/our-district/departments/new-page/technology-use-at-school>.

If you do not want your student to use District technology resources, please be aware that your decision to eliminate access to these tools may significantly affect your student's ability to work collaboratively with his or her peers on class assignments and projects, and may impact the development of skills necessary to live and work in this increasingly digital world. Only complete the form if you choose for your student NOT to use District Technology. Return the signed form to your school and schedule an appointment to discuss this with your Principal or Designated School Administrator. After meeting with your Administrator, the Opt-Out request will remain in effect for one school year, and expires at the end of this school year. To keep this Opt-Out in effect, you must complete a new form every school year.

If no documentation is on file, it will be assumed that permission has been granted for access to the Internet, GoogleApps for Education, Online Curriculum services, and other online applications and services that have been selected for use by the District, your child's school, or your child's teacher.

Questions about the Opt-Out request can be directed to your school's Principal.

PERMISSION TO WITHHOLD STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Federal law prohibits school districts from releasing information found in student files without parent/guardian permission, except for what is termed Directory Information. The district does not release Directory Information for commercial purposes but does release this information when there is a legitimate educational purpose for doing so. The items listed under Directory Information may be released in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

Under the provisions of FERPA, you have the right to withhold the disclosure of Directory Information, if desired. You can find the information and download the form on the NSD website here:

<http://docs.nsd.org/studentsrvcs/publicdocs/forms/PermissionToWithholdStudentDirectoryInformation.pdf>

Form must be submitted to the school by **October 1, 2019**.

LEOTA HEALTH INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

As part of the planning for next year, please note the following information regarding medications at school and life-threatening conditions. **Feel free to contact the school nurse for any student health concerns or questions regarding planning for your child's health needs in 2019-2020. (425-408-6506 or dpark@nsd.org)**

Life Threatening Conditions/Emergency Care Plans

Students who have Life Threatening Conditions (asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes) will need to make plans over the summer to have Emergency Medications with physician's orders at school and ready **before the first day of school**. Please contact the school nurse if you need assistance with forms or have questions.

Medications

If your child needs to take medication during school hours next year, please have your healthcare provider complete a Medication Authorization /form before school starts in the fall. Bring the completed medication authorization and

medication in a properly labeled, original container before the first day of school. This includes students who self-administer inhalers for asthma. (See Leota Health Room website for forms or further information on medications at school).

The nurse will be working in the health room starting August 26 and will be available to drop off medications/physician orders, review emergency care plans for students with life threatening conditions or address any other parent concerns. Parents are welcome to call ahead to check scheduling drop offs, 425-408-6506. Medication/physician orders and immunization records can also be faxed ahead to 425-408-6502, attention to the school nurse.

Immunizations for 2019-2020

Please make sure student immunizations are up to date and on file in the Leota Health Room.

Two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be required for K-12th grade students in the school year 2019-2020.

The other vaccine that is sometimes overlooked as students transition from elementary to middle school is the Tdap vaccine, which is required around 11 years of age. For complete vaccine requirement information go to: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/VaccineRequirements>) *Please bring in any new vaccination records with doctor verification to the health room/school nurse.

Please make sure your child's immunizations are up to date before the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. See below for immunization requirements that are required for school attendance in Washington State: *"Parents Are Your Kids Ready for School? 2019-2020 Immunization Requirements."*



Parents – Are Your Kids Ready for School?

Required Immunizations for School Year 2019-2020



Parent/Guardian Instructions: To see which vaccines are required for school, find your child's grade and look only at that row going across to find the vaccines and number of doses required.

	Hepatitis B	DTaP/Td/Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) Vaccine doses required may be fewer than listed	Polio Vaccine doses required may be fewer than listed	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Kindergarten- 5 th Grade	3 doses within the correct timeframes	5 doses within the correct timeframes	4 doses within the correct timeframes	2 doses within the correct timeframes	2 doses within the correct timeframes OR Healthcare provider verified child had disease
6 th – 12 th Grade	3 doses within the correct timeframes	5 doses of DTaP AND 1 dose Tdap, all within the correct timeframes	4 doses within the correct timeframes	2 doses within the correct timeframes	2 doses within the correct timeframes OR Healthcare provider verified child had disease (Exceptions are allowed for certain students)

- Students must get vaccine doses at correct timeframes to be in compliance with the requirements. Talk to your healthcare provider or school staff if you have questions about school immunization requirements.
- Find information on the other recommended vaccines not required for school: www.immunize.org/cdc/schedules/

Como parte de la planificación para el próximo año, tenga en cuenta la siguiente información sobre los medicamentos en la escuela y las condiciones que amenazan la vida. No dude ponerse en contacto con la enfermera de la escuela para cualquier inquietud de salud o preguntas del estudiante con respecto a la planificación de las necesidades de salud de su hijo en 2019-2020. (425-408-6506 o dpark@nsd.org)

Medicamentos/Condiciones que amenazan la vida

- ☐ Los estudiantes que tienen condiciones que amenazan la vida (asma, alergias, convulsiones, diabetes) necesitarán hacer planes durante el verano para tener medicamentos de emergencia con órdenes médicas en la escuela y listos antes del primer día de clases. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la enfermera de la escuela si necesita ayuda con los formularios o si tiene preguntas.
- ☐ Si su hijo necesita tomar medicamentos durante el horario escolar el próximo año, solicite a su proveedor de atención médica que complete un formulario de Autorización de medicamentos antes de que comiencen las clases en el otoño. Lleve la autorización y el medicamento completados en un envase original debidamente etiquetado cuando la escuela comience en el otoño. Esto incluye a los estudiantes que se autoadministran inhaladores para el asma. Los formularios están disponibles en los sitios web de Leota y del Distrito o poniéndose en contacto con la enfermera de la escuela.

Vacunas

- Asegúrese de que las vacunas de su hijo estén actualizadas antes del primer día del año escolar 2018-2019. Consulte a continuación los requisitos de inmunización que se requieren para la asistencia escolar en el estado de Washington: "¿Están listos sus hijos para la escuela? 2019-2020 Requisitos de Inmunización".



Padres, ¿están sus hijos listos para la escuela? Vacunas requeridas para el ciclo escolar 2019-2020



Recursos para padres de familia y tutores

legales Instrucciones: para ver cuales vacunas son requeridas para a la escuela, encuentre el grado al que asistirá su hijo y lea únicamente la información acerca de las vacunas y dosis requeridas que se encuentra en esa hilera.

	Hepatitis B	DTaP/Td/Tdap (Difteria, tétanos, Pertussis) Se requieren dosis de vacuna puede ser menos de lo mencionado	Polio Las dosis requeridas pueden ser menos de las aquí indicadas	MMR (Sarampión, Paperas, Rubéola)	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Kinder al 5° Grado	3 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	5 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	4 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	2 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	2 dosis dentro de los marcos de tiempo correctos O El proveedor de salud verificó que el niño tenía una enfermedad
6° al 12° Grado	3 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	5 dosis of DTaP Y 1 dosis de Tdap, Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	4 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	2 dosis Deben dars en el plazo de tiempo correcto	2 dosis dentro de los marcos de tiempo correctos O El proveedor de salud verificó que el niño tenía una enfermedad (Se permiten excepciones para

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 18	Online Orders for Health and Fitness Uniforms Due
August 21-22	WEB Leader Training: 9:00am-2:00pm-Leota Gym
August 25	Community Serve Day: 9:00am-1:00pm
August 26	Back to School Fair: 8:30am-1:30pm
September 4	First day - 6th grade and WEB Leaders, 8:25am - 3:00pm
September 5	Back to School - All Students, 8:25am-3:00pm
September 5	Online Registration for Season 1 Fall Sports due
September 11	Curriculum Night: 6:30-8:30pm (Early Participation PTSA Membership/Fundraising Drawing)
September 13	"Paving the Way Together" Fundraising Drive Assembly for Students (During Day)
September 18	Picture Make Up Day
September 20	PTSA Community Café 7:30am-8:15am-Staff Lounge. <u>Theme: New to School is Cool!</u> Whether you are new to the school or want to connect with new people, all are welcome.
September 25	PTSA Watch Dogs Pizza Night
September 25	7 th Grade Health Screening
October 16	PTSA General Meeting – 7pm @ Leota Library
October 24	Leota Picture Re-Take Day

LIBRARY NEWS

MAGAZINE REQUESTS:

- ATV Sport
- Dirt Bike
- Dirt Rider
- Dog Fancy
- Electronic Gaming Monthly
- Game Pro
- Horse Illustrated
- Mountain Biking
- National Wildlife
- Nintendo
- Power PC Gamer
- Popular Science
- Skiing Magazine
- Skateboarding
- Sports Illustrated (Elem/Middle)
- Snowboarding
- Transworld Skateboarding
- Transworld Snowboarding
- Transworld BMX

www.nsd.org/lmslibrary 425-408-6511

Krista Repp, Teacher/Librarian; Barb Roetcisoender, Library Technician

Welcome Back! We're looking forward to a great year in the Leota Library. Orientation of our new 6th grade students will revolve around our LION Pillars and will be done through Social Studies and Language Arts. Eighth grade Language Arts classes will also be coming into the library for orientation.

Library Magazine Requests: Looking for ways to support Leota students with your magazine subscriptions, but don't need any subscriptions at home? We'd love subscriptions to our library for kids to be able to read. As you're filling out your forms, indicate Leota Library and our school address. Thanks for "doubly" supporting Leota students!

To find out what books your child has checked out through the year – both library books and textbooks – go to the Library Web Page -

www.nsd.org/lmslibrary

1. Under Catalogs - Select "Online Catalog (PAC)"
2. Click the "Login" Button in the upper right
3. Sign in with your district number and password

*Click on the "My Info" tab above to see:

- Everything you have checked out,
- When it is due, and
- How much it will cost if you don't return it



ONLINE SPORTS REGISTRATION

According to WIAA, NSD and Leota Middle School policy, every athlete must meet the following requirements for athletic eligibility in order to participate in extra-curricular sports:

To participate, all forms must be completed online at:

<https://northshore-wa.finalforms.com/>

Please register your student online for sports they are interested in and be sure to turn in a current physical to Melanie Spencer, ASB Secretary, in the main office. If a physical is needed, NSD forms are available on the site. Please only submit official sports physical forms.

All students must have completed registration and a current physical (within 2 years) to participate in practices. A complete registration does not require fees be paid. During the online registration process the parent will complete various forms and then the student will need to log on to their district email to complete a few forms themselves to finalize the registration process.

For assistance with registration contact Melanie Spencer.

FEES:

Participation fee is \$100 (\$200 max /year), payable beginning the second week of tryout/cuts and before first game/ match, payable by check/cash in the main office or online at <https://schoolsales.nsd.org>. ASB Card is \$30 per year, due before first game/match.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

- Passing 5 classes in a 6 period class schedule in the previous semester (WIAA 18.7.0)
- Cumulative 2.0 GPA in the previous semester (Northshore School District)
Continued requirement of currently passing 5 of 6 classes within the season (WIAA 19.7.3)

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is provided one-way only to athletic matches. Students must coordinate their own transportation from “away” events to their home. Activity buses are available for students to ride home from Leota at 4:40 pm every day except Wednesday. There are no after-school practices or games on Early Release Wednesdays. Please check the activity bus schedule/map after the school year begins, to find your student’s stop.

INSURANCE AVAILABLE

Northshore School District does not maintain accident/medical insurance coverage for students. What this means is, if a child gets hurt during school activities, the parent is responsible for any medical bills. Therefore, this insurance opportunity may be an affordable, useful alternative for parents who may not otherwise have accident and/or medical coverage, or who want to enhance the coverage they already have. Forms are available in the counseling office at Leota.



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SEASONS AND DUE DATES

Schedules are subject to change

SEASON 1: SEPT— OCT

Online Registration due Sept 5

- Cross Country, 6th, 7th & 8th
Co-ed, no cuts
- Girls Soccer, 6th, no cuts
Girls Soccer, 7th & 8th
Tryouts
- Boys Tennis, 7th & 8th Tryouts
- Girls Volleyball, 7th & 8th Tryouts

SEASON 2: NOV— JAN

Online Registration due Nov 4

- Boys Basketball, 7th & 8th
Tryouts, 6th, no cuts

SEASON 3: JAN— MAR

Online Registration due Jan 21

- Wrestling, 6th, 7th & 8th,
Co-ed, no cuts
- Girls Basketball, 7th & 8th
Tryouts, 6th, no cuts

SEASON 4: APR— MAY

Online Registration due March 26

- Track, 6th, 7th & 8th,
Co-ed, no cuts
- Boys Soccer, 6th, no cuts
- Boys Soccer, 7th & 8th Tryouts
- Girls Tennis, 7th & 8th Tryouts
- Girls Volleyball, 6th, no cuts



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is...

- To create enthusiasm for Scholarship
- To stimulate a desire to render Service
- To promote Leadership
- To develop Character
- To encourage Citizenship

You can begin acquiring your volunteer hours for next year immediately. An Approved Volunteer Site List is visible on the right-hand side of the NJHS section of the Leota website (you can find this page under "activities" on the homepage). <https://leota.nsd.org/activities/national-junior-honor-society>.

You no longer need pre-approval to volunteer, UNLESS the organization is not listed on this page. If you do need pre-approval, please visit Mrs. Hurley AFTER SCHOOL in Room 623. Please bring a copy of the Activity Information Form (formerly called the Pre-Approval Form) for Mrs. Hurley to initial. The form is available for download under "Documents & Forms" on the right-hand side of the website page.

In general, your service needs to be performed at a non-profit organization, and needs to be for underserved and/or disadvantaged populations (to include hospitals, day care facilities, schools, after school boys/girls clubs, homeless populations, eldercare, disabled individuals, animal rescue/care, environmental work, libraries, places of worship, veterans services, and more). Examples of activities that will *NOT* be considered a service include, but are not limited to, housing a foreign exchange student, participating in performances (such as ballet/dance, music recitals, etc.), helping your neighbors clean their yard, taking tests, playing sports, and other similar activities.

When you serve your community service hours, please remember you are representing Leota Middle School --- dress appropriately and be on your best behavior.

NEW next year --- you will have a one-week window of time to submit your volunteer paperwork. Beginning Mon., Feb. 10, 2020 and ending Fri., Feb. 14, 2020, you must submit your paperwork in person either directly to Mrs. Hurley after school in Room #623, or to a designated representative in the cafeteria during lunches. **PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE MAIN OFFICE. All students will be required to sign-off on paperwork turned in; paperwork cannot be left without a signature to verify it was received.**

COMMUNITY SERVE DAY: August 25th

Be part of a movement of local churches, school districts, PTSA's, non-profits, and businesses that mobilize as one for our community. For one day we come together to help schools get ready for the new school year. Projects include helping teachers set up classrooms, as well as improving the campuses through painting, repairs, beautification, and more. Sign up at <http://www.communityserveday.org/>.



All In for Kids



This fall, you can fund innovative classroom grants requested by teachers to bring relevant learning experiences to their students. Last fall \$41,000 was granted toward the total \$80,000 of requests made.

If received by October 31st your contribution will be put to work in classrooms by January!

Your <i>One-time</i> gift could help engage new readers by providing classroom high interest books and take-home reading kits.	Your <i>Quarterly</i> gift could give students hands-on opportunities in school vegetable gardens to bring science to life.	Your <i>Monthly</i> donation could help engage students with STEM programs like Hour of Code, Math Olympiad and family nights.	<p>Yes, I'm <u>All In!</u></p> <p>Please accept my</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One-time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monthly gift</p> <p>in the amount of</p> <p>\$25 \$50 \$100</p> <p>Other \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge my Credit Card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Bill me</p>
<i>One time</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	
\$25	\$25 X 4 = \$100	\$25 X 12 = \$300	
\$50	\$50 X 4 = \$200	\$50 X 12 = \$600	
\$100	\$100 X 4 = \$400	\$100 X 12 = \$1200	

Thank you for making your tax-deductible contribution to the Northshore Schools Foundation!

Return by mail or donate online by October 31, 2019

3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA 98021 Phone: 425-408-7680 Email: Info@nsdfoundation.org

www.NorthshoreSchoolsFoundation.org

PTSA Program Information

The 2019-20 Reflections Theme is “Look Within”- Due in October, Start Now!

National PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. **Categories include:** Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Film/ Video, and Choreography/Dance. **Progression:** Students work independently using the guidelines established. In November, Leota PTSA hosts an Art Walk for the student body. The students pick their favorites in the People's Choice Awards. Northshore Council PTSA hosts an open house in January to display all participants the made it to the Council level and announce the students moving on to the State level. We have some very talented students— recently one student progressed to be a national finalist in 2018-19. Contact Nicole Stremow-Monahan at reflections@leotaptsa.com for more information or go to the Reflections web site: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>.



PTSA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Explore a variety of topics and have fun while learn about science by joining the Science Olympiad Club. Examine the details and solve the medical mysteries by becoming a disease detective. Apply STEM skills to build a robust boomilever. Craft a battery buggy that defies speed yet can run precisely to the millimeter. Students will have an opportunity to try missions such as this and much much more in the coming 2019-2020 Science Olympiad Club.

With almost 25 different topics included in the curriculum, participants will delve deep into a variety of scientific topics and apply creative and innovative ideas to present as a team. Qualified teams can 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.

We are also seeking parent volunteers to support students by either being a team coach (managing coordination primarily – a science background is not needed) or occasionally coming in to team meetings to offer suggestions or expert guidance to students based on specific topics. Your donations in the “Paving the Way Together” fundraiser will allow us to buy additional equipment to expand to new topics, form additional teams and provide scholarships for students in need. We thank you for your generosity in helping us get off the ground and providing quality educational programs affordably.

For more information please contact: Shraddha Bhargava at scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com or 425-368-8984.

LEOTA STUDENT STORE – PTSA Volunteer Coordination

PTSA helps organize Parent Volunteers to operate the LMS ASB Student Store during student lunch on Wednesdays. The Store will also be open during the evening of Curriculum Night on September 11th. The Store offers Leota logo apparel and miscellaneous items. Cash or checks made payable to Leota Middle School are accepted forms of payment. We do not accept credit cards at this time. Please contact Bryan McNiel, Assistant Principal, at 425-408-6525 or bmcniel@nsd.org with questions or suggestions.

WATCH D.O.G.S. – (PTSA Pizza Night on 9/25 @ 6:30pm)

Leota staff and the PTSA have partnered with a group of dads to implement the nationally recognized Watch D.O.G.S program. D.O.G.S stands for **Dads of Great Students**.

The program provides an opportunity for fathers and father figures to participate in their child's education by spending time helping supervise lunches, activities, and hallways at school. You can learn more about the program at www.fathers.com. We will also be hosting an **informational pizza night in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30pm.**



Thank you to all the dads who participated this last year! If you have any questions about Watch D.O.G.S. at Leota, contact Bryan McNiel, Assistant Principal, at 425-408-6525 or bmcniel@nsd.org or Matt Vandenbeld, the Leota PTSA Watch Dogs Chair, at watchdogs@leotaptsa.org.

AAP/Hi-Cap – PTSA Representative


The AAP/Hi-Cap Rep is here to help answer questions and help families navigate the world of AAP/Hi-Cap. If you have a student in the AAP (Advanced Academics Program) who has qualified for Highly Capable (HiCap) services or have questions, suggestions, or concerns that you'd like to share with the HiCap Parents Council (hcparents.org), then contact Karen Grieser at karengrieser@gmail.com to have your questions answered and be added to the AAP contact list.

PTSA STAFF APPRECIATION

Are you looking for a way to get to know the wonderful staff at Leota and thank them for all they do? This team rocks it every event and makes a big impression with the teachers and staff. Each month there is a theme identified on the Leota Calendar and a sign up link is posted in the <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeotaPTSAVolunteers/> Facebook Group for the food and activities needed. Join the Leota Volunteers Facebook Group or email staffappreciation@leotaptsa.com if you would like to participate.

There are many more programs and details on how to participate in those at www.leotaptsa.com.

Focus Day - Jan 20, 2020



PTA has a strong voice in Washington State. Come to Olympia to meet your legislators to demonstrate parents and students support of excellence in education.

Where: State Capital Building, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW
Time: 9 am to 2 pm (Welcome Message at 9 am)
Email: FocusDay@northshorecouncilptsa.org



Bus with Us to Focus Day

Drive if you like, but why not take the Northshore Council PTSA bus:

Meet: Northshore Administration Building
3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell 98021

Leaving: 7:30 am	Arrive in Olympia: 9 am	Cost: \$0
Return: 2 pm	Arrive in Bothell: 3:30 pm	Email us to RSVP

Top 5 Platform: 1. Social Emotional Learning 2. School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds 3. Prevent Gun Violence 4. Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortages 5. Strategic K-12 Investments to Close Gaps





Career Day is an opportunity for students to hear from parents and guest speakers about career opportunities and the day in the life different real-life careers.

Speakers stay in one room and students rotate three times to different rooms to hear the two presenters talk about what they do and why they do it.

This is a fantastic way to introduce students to a broad range of experiences.

WSPTA//Game Development Competition



The WSPTA//Game Development Competition is a STEM-based program, introduced in 2016, to encourage and support student success. Students in grades 9-12 (or 7 and 8 grade students as part of a larger group of 9th graders or older) attending a school with a PTA in good standing may participate and share their knowledge of computer science based on an assigned theme. (See the FAQ for details on how 7-8 grade students may participate.) The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students, either individually or in teams of up to six members, to use their creative talents and express themselves by

developing a computer game. Students' submissions are judged in the following areas: game of the year, arts and animation, game design, programming (code), and audio design. More information at <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/game-competition/>

PTSA Member Benefits

Angel of the Winds Arena - Everett	▼	School Supply Savings for You and School Office Depot	▼
Avis Car Rental	▼	2019 Tickets Now Available Silverwood Theme Park	▼
Budget Car Rental	▼	*NEW* 2019-2020 Application Now Available Swank Movie Licensing USA	▼
FedEx Office	▼	Tacoma Venue Events - Tacoma Dome	▼
Great Wolf Lodge	▼	*Come See What's New* Tickets at Work	▼
Hertz Car Rental	▼	*NEW* Tickets Now Available Washington State Fair	▼
50% off LEGO Bags plus Park Discount LEGO Bags	▼	2019 Season Passes Now Available Wild Waves Theme & Water Park	▼

Golden Acorn: Todd Cowgill
Outstanding Advocate: Angie Hancock
NS Council Outstanding Student Advocate: Ayden Harris

OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Educator:
 Anne Davidson

National PTA REFLECTIONS Finalist:
 Vibhuti Garg

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IMPORTANT DATES*:

AUGUST 18

Health & Fitness Uniform Online
Orders Due

AUGUST 25

Community Serve Day

AUGUST 26

Back to School Fair

SEPTEMBER 4

First Day for 6th Grade and WEB
Leaders

SEPTEMBER 5

First Day for All Students

SEPTEMBER 11

Curriculum Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm

OCTOBER 16

PTSA General Meeting

STAY INFORMED AT THESE WEBSITES:

Stay connected throughout the year at the Leota website and the Leota PTSA website.

Leota Middle School:

<http://www.nsd.org/leota>

Leota PTSA:

www.LeotaPTSA.com

NORTHSHORE ACCESSIBILITY

The Northshore School District will make every effort to provide accessibility to events, meetings, and programs to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the building principal where the activity is occurring or Jeff Sherwood, ADA officer, at 425-408-7606 to request special accommodations.

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