



LEOTA PTSA Weekly Update

September 27, 2019

Upcoming Events

9/28	Leota Hi-Cap/AAP Bowling Night @ 3:00 p.m., Bowlero in Lynwood
9/30	Science Olympiad Registration Deadline: Early Bird Pricing Ends
10/3	Science Olympiad Info Session @ 6:30pm, Leota Library
10/4	DEADLINE: ANNUAL FUND DONATIONS DEADLINE FOR PRIZES AND REWARDS DEADLINE: PURCHASE YOUR PTSA MEMBERSHIP FOR DRAWING FOR GIFT CARD TO PURPLE, RUSSELL'S, BARKING FROG
10/9	October Staff Appreciation: Tailgate Lunch
10/15	Science Olympiad: LAST DAY TO REGISTER
10/16	PTSA General Meeting @ 7 p.m., Village Wines: COME JOIN US! Live Drawing for the Paving the Way Together Grand Prize – Seahawks Tickets
10/17	The Great Washington Shake-Out
10/18	PTSA Community Café @ 2-3pm, Leota Teacher's Lounge
10/26-10/27	WSPTA Legislative Assembly @ 9am, Bellevue College

Leota PTSA Annual Fund: Paving the Way, Together

The end is getting closer! Our Annual Fund Drive runs through **October 4th**. THANK YOU to all who have already donated.

It's Time for the PIE EATING CONTEST!

Due to the efforts of all those who have already donated, we reached our first ALL SCHOOL milestone of \$25 per student. This means there will be a **PIE EATING CONTEST** between Principal Audee and Assistant Principal Bryan.

Our next goal is \$50 donated per student. Only 29% of our students have donations at this moment. Let's get that participation higher: when we get up to \$50 per student, Audee and Bryan will be participating in an Ice Bucket Challenge!

And if we reach our goal of \$75 per student ... Audee and Bryan will Kiss the Piglet!

ALL SCHOOL GOALS

If the donation total reaches \$25, \$50, or \$75 per student levels, Audee and Bryan and maybe some teachers will:

Kiss the Piglet	\$75
Ice Bucket Challenge	\$50
Pie Eating Contest	\$25

CURRENT REWARD STANDINGS AS OF 9/26 (12 p.m.)

REWARDS NOT FINAL UNTIL END

TOP 3 PRIDES GET PIZZA

1. WESTBERG - \$1718
2. DUFFY - \$1369
3. POON, Daniel - \$1192

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

6TH - TASMIA M.
7TH - MYLES M.
8TH - VIKTOR D.

SEAHAWKS TICKETS

1 additional entry for every \$25 above \$75 donated

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All students raising over \$125 are entered into drawing

INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

\$1000	High School Gear Pack
\$500	Leota Gear Pack
\$250	Night at the Movies Gift Card
\$125	Front of the Line Lunch Pass
\$75	Free Pride Time with a Friend

31% Participation

\$92/participated. Help us get to 100% participation!

TOP 10 STUDENTS PER GRADE GET JAMBA JUICE CARD

6TH GRADE	AMT	7th GRADE	AMT	8TH GRADE	AMT
Tasmia M	\$ 378	Myles M	\$ 465	Viktor D	\$ 327
London T	\$ 300	Daniel R	\$ 450	Ella R	\$ 300
Carter C	\$ 285	Jackson H	\$ 380	Chloe P	\$ 250
Emil P	\$ 275	Daniel M	\$ 365	Mason H	\$ 200
Joshua S	\$ 270	Atticus P	\$ 350	Cecilia D	\$ 200
Hunter D	\$ 265	Sophia G-G	\$ 312	Lauren K	\$ 189
Charlotte B	\$ 250	Tina K	\$ 250	Halle C	\$ 187
Will S	\$ 250	Elijah Y	\$ 230	Shea K	\$ 175
Tucker C	\$ 200	Tanveer S	\$ 200	Faith R	\$ 175
Ben K	\$ 189	Nabu B	\$ 200	Jay R	\$ 175

MAKE YOUR DONATION BY 10/4

Follow real-time Pride Standings and top donations at <https://bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019>.

If you have already donated, please check your child's page on the 99pledges site to make sure that their current total reflects all methods of donation (membership, corporate

matching, direct donation). Contact contact@leotaptsa.com if there are any changes to be made and we will make them promptly.

How Can You Get Involved?

For \$75 per student, we can continue to fund all the experiences of past years and our new programs planned for the year ahead. If you have not yet donated and wish to participate, our Annual Fund Drive continues through October 4, 2019. We have two ways for you to donate: the PTSA website, and through our partnership with 99pledges.

LEOTA PTSA ANNUAL FUND – NOW THROUGH OCT 4

\$75
Per Student
Average

Option 1: Leota PTSA

Membership + Sponsorship + Corporate Matching +
Donations can be made at:
www.leotaptsa.com

Option 2: 99Pledges

Donations + Ask Friends and Family to Participate +
Follow Individual and Pride Level Totals at:
bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019

Note: Qualifying purchases made on www.leotaptsa.com will be added to the rewards totals on the 99Pledges website. [Bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019](http://bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019) is case sensitive so the T and L must be capitalized. Link is also on leotaptsa.com website.
ALL DONATIONS ABOVE \$75 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED.

Yes! Your PTSA membership counts toward our goal! Corporate donations match count toward our goal!

Donate via either method and it will count toward your student's goal and their pride-based competition.

JOIN US FOR AN ANNUAL FUND CELEBRATION AND GENERAL MEETING!

General Meeting: October 16, 2019 @ Village Wines in Woodinville

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.

While no volunteering is required, having FUN definitely is! We will be having a LIVE DRAWING OF THE GRAND PRIZE: SEAHAWKS TICKETS.

HAVE YOUR PTSA MEMBERSHIP? Join by 10/4!

We invite you to become a member of the Leota PTSA.

In addition to being in the know about what happens in the school, your membership is a big show of support for all volunteers and activities that PTSA hosts throughout the year.

No volunteering is required to be a member, but membership has its benefits. You can become a member at any time, but we would like to say THANK YOU! to those who have their membership purchased by 10/4 with a drawing for an evening out at Purple, Russell's, or the Barking Frog. Your membership **counts** in the \$75 per student goal in our Annual Fund Drive.



LEOTA PTSA Membership

Your membership is very important and provides Benefits:

- Provides voice and vote in programs offered at Leota
- Voting rights at Washington State and National PTA level
- Strong show of support for PTSA volunteers, community, and advocating for ALL students.
- Over \$500 in member discounts, Support PTSA programs and grants offered, 100% tax deductible

members get it!

Get your membership today at www.leotaptsa.com

EARLY PARTICIPATION GIFT CARD DRAWING EXTENDED TO 10/4.

purple
CAFÉ AND WINE BAR

Russell Lowell

BARKING FROG

Science Olympiad Info Session and Kick-off: October 3, 6:30pm

Early Bird Pricing Ends: September 30, 2019

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! The early bird registration deadline is fast approaching. 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 \$60 per student if you register before September 30, 2019 (\$80 after the 30th). Last day to register is October 15th. No refunds will be given if student is unable to participate after registration.

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

Staff Appreciation, October 9, 2019: Tailgate Lunch

Help show our staff at Leota how much we appreciate them!

For October, we are kicking off our staff appreciation with a Tailgate Party! We are going to be putting together a real football party-based celebration for our staff, with hotdogs, brats, chili and all the good stuff.

Sign up to participate at: <https://signup.com/go/ARwKQWV>

Since all staff appreciation events are listed at that signup link, please search for spots on October 9, 2019 to volunteer for the Tailgate Lunch. If you spot something which you would like to volunteer to bring for a future staff appreciation event, please sign up for that as well!

The Great Washington Shake Out: October 17, 2019

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 on during an earthquake!

The Great Washington Shake Out:

<https://www.shakeout.org/washington/index.html>

DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON!

<https://www.shakeout.org/washington/dropcoverholdon/>

Did you know: the supplies which would 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!

PTSA Community Café: October 18, 2019 @ 2pm, Teacher's Lounge

At our first PTSA Community Café, there were donuts, coffee and a great conversation with Audee and Bryan about various issues at our school and in our district.

But we know that 7:30am in the morning can be a crazy time of day for those who want to come and participate. Our next community café is scheduled for 2pm in the afternoon on Friday October 18th in the Leota Teacher's Lounge.

Come and connect with other parents, some of our PTSA board members and staff over coffee and other treats!

2019-2020 Reflections: Look Within



PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Categories for submissions include: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

To participate in this program, students work independently on their chosen creative work during the summer and early fall using the guidelines established by the national program. In November, Leota hosts an Art Walk displaying student submissions for the student body, and students pick their favorites in the People's Choice Awards. In January, the Northshore Council PTSA hosts an open house featuring all participants who make it to the council level and announce the submissions moving to the state level. This year's theme is Look Within.

We have had some very talented students participate in recent years, including one student who progressed to be a national finalist in 2018-2019. If your student wants to become involved in this program, please contact Nicole StremLOW-Monahan at reflections@leotaptsa.com for more information or visit the Reflections website at <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections> for program entry details.

Leota Ski & Snowboard Club: Register NOW!



Join the Leota Ski & Snowboard Club this winter and your FRIDAYS WILL ROCK!

Take the ski club bus from Leota to ski and snowboard with friends at Stevens Pass. For the 2020 season, the lessons will start in January and run for seven weeks.

Registration opened 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, visit www.lyonskiskool.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.