



LEOTA PTSA Weekly Update

September 13, 2019

Upcoming Events

9/20	PTSA Community Cafe @ 7:30 am, Teacher's Lounge
9/25	WATCH D.O.G.S. Pizza Night @ 6:30 pm, Leota Cafeteria
9/25	Vision and Hearing Screening – <u>5 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> , please contact Debbie Park (dpark@nsd.org) if you would like to help a few hours or all day.
9/28	Leota Hi-Cap/AAP Bowling Night @ 3:00 p.m., Bowlero in Lynwood
9/30	Science Olympiad Registration Deadline – Early Pricing Ends 9/30
10/9	October Staff Appreciation: Tailgate Lunch
10/16	PTSA General Meeting @ 7 p.m., Village Wines Live Drawing for the Paving the Way Together Grand Prize – Seahawks Tickets

Leota PTSA Annual Fund: Paving the Way, Together

Do you remember those exhausting fundraising drives of previous years?

This year, we're trying something different: the Leota PTSA Annual Fund. The Leota PTSA and ASB are joining forces to help fund our programs together!

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 PTSA and ASB combining forces?

Because we want to make it clearer and easier than it has ever been while slashing the outside 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.

WHY are we asking for \$75 per student?

Because Leota PTSA and ASB are committed to creating a school that provides excellence and opportunity for ALL students. \$75 per student maintains all the existing programs. Your PTSA membership gives you voice and vote over which programs are offered, which is why we have provided 4 ways to contribute \$75 or more per student:

LEOTA PTSA ANNUAL FUND – NOW THROUGH OCT 4

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 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.

Current Standings (Follow Pride Standings Real Time at bit.ly/LeotaTogether2019)

Top 15 Prides

Pride	As of 9/12
MORRIS	\$ 777.00
HURLEY	\$ 623.00
WESTBERG	\$ 550.50
POON Daniel	\$ 549.00
POON Valerie	\$ 510.00
BUTZ	\$ 510.00
MYERS	\$ 502.00
OLSON	\$ 482.00
BUHLER GALLAGHER	\$ 452.00
TA	\$ 397.00
BOHANNAN	\$ 361.50
ADAMS Ryan	\$ 350.00
MEUCCI	\$ 342.00
GUIDON	\$ 310.00
VINCENT	\$ 305.00

Top 15 Students

Students	As of 9/12
Sophia G	312
London T	300
Emil P	275
Charlotte B	250
Tina K	250
Chloe P	250
Jackson H	250
Mason H	200
Hunter D	200
Halle C	187
Jay R	175
Sam S	170
Enzo C	150
Atticus P	150
Shehan F	150
Kareli S	150

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EARLY PARTICIPATION DRAWING WINNERS for PTSA MEMBERSHIP.

We wanted to say THANK YOU for getting your PTSA membership early. This week's prizes are **FAMILY NIGHT OUT WITH AMC MOVIE TICKETS!!!**

Kari Berlund
David Andrews
Saeid Shafael

Next Drawing will be 9/20! All Leota PTSA members as of 9 pm on 9/19 will be entered in a drawing for gift cards at **PURPLE, RUSSELL'S, AND THE BARKING FROG.**



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
- Early participation drawing for members at Curriculum Night on 9/11 and at the PTSA Community Café on 9/20



**Get your membership today
at www.leotaptsa.com**

September Staff Appreciation: THANK YOU!

Our 2019-2020 staff appreciation events got off to a great start on Wednesday, September 11. This month'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.

A big thanks to all who donated!



October Staff Appreciation will be on Wednesday, October 9th, and the theme will be a Tailgate Lunch. Stay tuned for details!

PTSA Community Cafe: September 20 @ 7:30-8:15am

Have you ever wondered how to connect with other parents or staff in the school?

Our first-ever PTSA Community Cafe is scheduled for **7:30-8:15am on September 20, 2019** in the Leota Teacher's Lounge.

Come meet other parents and some of our staff over coffee and treats! Come see what our creative volunteers did this community serve day to refresh and redecorate our teacher's lounge!



WATCH D.O.G.S Pizza Night: September 25 @ 6:30pm

Have you heard about our WATCH D.O.G.S. program and wonder what it's all about?

Come join our WATCH D.O.G.S. on September 25th at 6:30pm in the Leota Cafeteria for a pizza night and learn about this wonderful program. Sign up to experience your student's daily life and help around the school in various ways.

If you cannot attend but would like to learn more about this program or sign up, please contact Matt Vandenberg at watchdogs@leotapsa.com.



Hi-Cap/AAP Bowling Night: September 28 @ 3pm

Come out and meet other Hi-Cap students and families at the first Hi-Cap social night of the 2019/2020 school year!

When: Saturday, September 28

Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm

Where: Bowlero, 1222 164th St SW, Lynnwood, WA

Cost: \$12/person, includes shoe rental, 1.5 hours of bowling, 14 arcade credits and a cupcake

RSVP: September 20th, karensrieser@gmail.com

Email Karen Grieser, our HiCap Representative **by September 20th** to register or for further information about our Hi-Cap/AAP social programs.

Siblings and parents are welcome to join in the fun!

Science Olympiad: Sign Up Now!

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2019

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

If your student would like to participate this year, the time to sign up is NOW! The 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.

For more information, please contact Shraddha Bhargava at scienceolympiad@leotaptsa.com or by phone at 425-368-8984. **Sign up at www.leotaptsa.com.**

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.