

## Gateway PTSA 7.3.72

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Keeping the lines of communication open between parents, teachers, and administrators of Gateway Middle School.

The PTSA strengthens our schools and benefits our children.

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Current Members: 299

2017-18 Members: 337

2018-19 Membership Goal: 358 members & 100% Teacher membership

### GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

#### Upcoming Dates

10/25 **SCREENAGERS** Film 6:30pm at JHS, doors open at 6pm

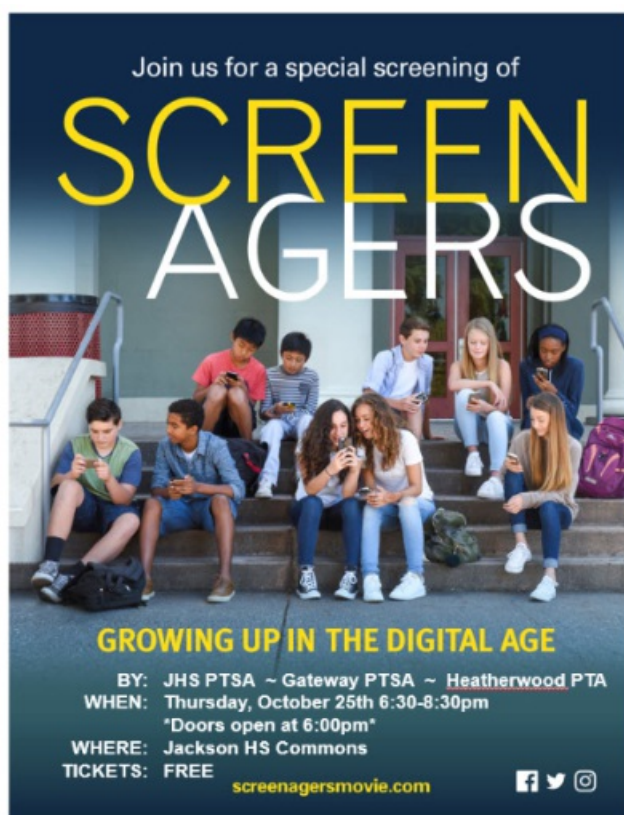
11/3 AR Workshop Fundraiser-see blurb below.

11/6 **Remember to VOTE**

11/19 "Get Real Curriculum" presentation and PTSA membership meeting 6:30pm

Be sure to check out the Gateway Middle School calendar for more school event dates:

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)



Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In **SCREENAGERS**, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, **SCREENAGERS** reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

#### Student PTSA Members Needed

Gateway PTSA is looking for student member volunteers who would like the opportunity to serve on a committee to help award the Gateway educational grants. Service would require 1-2 hours commitment scoring the grant applications. Please contact Larissa Pfeifer, VP Volunteers ([larissapfeifer@gmail.com](mailto:larissapfeifer@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

#### Box Tops Contest

Winners to be announced next week.



Box Tops Contest Starts  
Monday, September 24

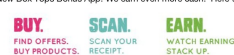
Help Gateway Reach Our \$1000 in Box Tops Goal

Box Tops Contest September 24 – October 8

1. Help the Committee by cutting your Box Tops to size.
2. Expired Box Tops will not count toward the contest.
3. Turn in the Box Tops to English teachers. Place your Box Tops in a Ziploc baggie or envelope. Label it with the following:  
English Teacher's Name  
English Class Period

#### Other ways to help us raise more money

1. Ask family and friends to pledge Box Tops to Gateway MS PTSA by going to <http://www.gatewaymiddle.org/boxtops>
2. Go to Box Tops <http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com/> and submit any codes you may have received from stores or boxes. We can receive that money instantly. You may also send them in if they have not expired.
3. Download the New Box Tops Bonus App. We earn even more cash. Here's how it works:



Available for Android and Apple Devices

#### Reflections Art Competition

It's that time of year again for students to be working on their entries in visual arts, film production, music composition, dance choreography, and photography.

Entry forms can be found on the flyer shelf by the front doors of the school. Visit our [website](#) for program details and rules.

#### REFLECTIONS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

Young artists get involved through their local PTA or PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Visual Arts (Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production).

#### Fundraising

Want to have fun, take something awesome home and support the Gateway Middle School PTSA at the same time?



Join us at the **AR Workshop** on: Saturday, **November 3rd** 6:00 - 9:00 pm

All of the materials you will need to create a beautiful, custom piece of home décor are included in the cost of this instructor-led class. If needed, you can get help every step of the way! You have options for hand-crafting so many charming projects!

20% of your cost will go back to the PTSA which helps support all students at Gateway Middle School. This is not limited to only Gateway families. Please feel free to invite other friends and family members too.

Click on the link below to register  
<https://www.arworkshop.com/millcreek/events/gateway-middle-school-fundraiser/>  
If you have any questions, please contact Andrea : [benay100@hotmail.com](mailto:benay100@hotmail.com)

**Big smiles for our picture retake volunteers:** Lea Anderson, Shilpa Raghunath, Erin Turner

**Thank you to our fundraising form collectors:** Veera Karri, Emily Gamache, Kristi Thomsen, Lauren Pulfer, Isabel Gonzalez

**6th Grade Dance Chaperones:** Erin Turner, Barbara Nowak, Laura Giordano, Kristi Thomsen, Isabel Gonzalez, Lisa Syravong, Miranda Dorr, Yuka Underhill, Kristen Maxwell, Daisy Alcayaga-Neri, Geraldine Vida Plantado, Marita McBride-Zyskowski, Debbie Pusztai

**Thank you bakers-**for all the cookies you brought in for staff birthdays this month

Thank you to Rhonda Ehlers for stepping in to chair the **grant committee**



**Advocacy happens every day**

Thank you to those that completed the survey. Laura Peterson will be the voting delegate for Gateway PTSA and Hai Evans also attending. Stay tuned for Assembly Recap next week.



**GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS** [GBN](#) (morning announcements)

**Special Author Visits Gateway**

Gateway is pleased to announce a visit from distinguished author, Sharon Draper on **October 24th**. Sharon Draper is the author of award-winning titles including, Out of my Mind, and Stella by Starlight. Her newest book, Blended, is a middle-grade novel about identity, divorce, and growing up. You may pre-order autographed copies of her books. Please have all orders in by Monday, October 22nd.

**Give Club**

Gateway's GiVE student club has its first meeting [at lunchtime Monday](#) in the school library. The club welcomes all students interested in planning activities like food drives, disaster relief, spirit days, and other service projects to make Gateway and the community a better place. For more details, visit Mrs. Stephens in the library or email [sstephens@everettsd.org](mailto:sstephens@everettsd.org)

**Gateway Reads**

The 2018-19 Gateway Reads program has a fantastic new selection of 50 book titles to read for fun. Last year's 50 titles were checked out over 1,700 times!

After finishing a listed book, students can enter drawings for prizes such as autographed books, school supplies, Seahawks items, Starbucks cards, cool socks, and other items valued under \$10. **The library would love donations for the prize box. To help, message Mrs. Stephens at [sstephens@everettsd.org](mailto:sstephens@everettsd.org)**

To read the books with your child, check the library website for a list. Also, we invite students to be on the committee to pick next year's titles!

Titles




EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

<https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

- **Office Depot** - back to school savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.
- **Tickets at Work** - formerly TicketMonster - 20-70% off on movies, hotels, shows, concerts, sporting events and more.
- [LEGOBags.com](http://LEGOBags.com)
- **Cirque Du Soleil Volta** - 9/7-11/4 through **Tickets at Work**.
- FRIGHT FEST at Wild Waves discount
- PNB Nutcracker-enjoy 10% off all performances of George Balanchine's, "The Nutcracker"!

NATIONAL PTA PARENT RESOURCES

Have you visited the National PTA website lately? [pta.org](http://pta.org)

Lots of great resources for parents including a [health and safety page](#).

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National PTA's [Our Children Magazine](#)

great info for parents and students.

Great articles on Parenting, Education, Wellness, Family Fun and PTA Community.

Featured this fall, "Help Your Child Learn How to Learn"



EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Slight calendar change

There is a slight change to the school year calendar. **Friday, June 7** will be a 2.5 early release for all students to allow teachers time to complete grading. **Friday, June 14** will be a 75-minute early release for Learning Improvement Friday. The updated [year-at-a-glance](#) and [student art](#) calendars are available online if you'd like to print them for your reference. The [district website calendar](#) is also a convenient, up-to-date reference that integrates with the [district mobile app](#). If you have the mobile app, you have the most current district and school calendar dates.

PeachJar Flyers for Parents

Be sure to check out current flyers on the Gateway Middle School website.

Click [here](#) to view all Peachjar Flyers including school lunch menus.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Open Doors  
website

**Open Doors for Multi-Cultural Families**  
Parent Support Groups



Arabic

Date: Saturday, October 27

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Iraqi Community Center

Spanish

Date: Friday, October 25

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Kent Office

For questions, contact:

**Hodan Mohamed**, Family Support

Manager

253.245.7304

GATEWAY PTSA 2018-19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
CONTACT INFORMATION

- [Kori Dewing](#), President
- [Larissa Pfeifer](#), VP Volunteers
- [Debi Kobylk](#), Secretary
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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:



**Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 **Title IX Officer** – Rand Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104  
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