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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: 300

2017-18 Members: 337

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

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

11/3 AR Workshop Fundraiser-see blurb below.

11/2-9 Early Release for conferences, 12:15pm

11/5 & 7 **Conferences** 1:00-3:45pm & 5:00-7:45pm

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](#)

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

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 (larissakpfeifer@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Box Tops Contest

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Box Tops Contest!!

Mr Anderson's 1st & 2nd period

English class was the winning class with 691 box tops!!!! The school collected a total of 2,511 box tops. We did fall short of our annual goal, so watch a second contest to be held after the first of the year! Thanks again and Congratulation to Mr. Anderson's 1st & 2nd period English class!!!!.



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.

Thank you Student Store Volunteers:

Maria Villanueva, Heather Morgan and Kristi Thomsen for manning the student store on Friday.

Thank you Advocates: Laura Peterson and Hai Evans for attending Legislative Assembly and representing Gateway.



Advocacy happens every day

40th WSPTA Legislative Assembly

This past weekend delegates from across the state attended the 40th annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly to learn, collaborate, debate and



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.

District Updates

- Our **enrollment** projection turned out to be amazingly accurate again this year. We planned on 20,088 and our October enrollment is 20,079! That is accuracy within .045 percent!
- Video intercom systems were installed in 18 schools to improve **security and safety** for our students and staff. As additional security measures, Cedar Wood, Mill Creek, Penny Creek and Silver Firs elementary schools also received remodeled entry ways.
- **Elementary 18** construction is well underway and on schedule! This week we will be starting a naming process that involves the community in suggesting potential names.

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

FOREST VIEW BOOK FAIR

Please stop by the Forest View library for the "Enchanted Forest" Book Fair, November 5-9. Book fair hours are Monday-Thursday 1-4 pm, Thursday evening 6-8pm, and Friday 1-3pm. Proceeds from the book fair go towards purchasing new books and materials for the Forest View library. Lots of books for teens available. Thank you!

Halloween is a fun-filled holiday for many, but all of the excitement can be overwhelming for some children and adults with autism. For some, Halloween may be a favorite day of the year; for others, the decorations, costumes and activities may be extremely challenging. We hope the [resources](#) and perspectives will help you and your family enjoy a Halloween that works best for you! One of the best ways to make the occasion as positive as possible is to prepare ahead of time. We created a Halloween teaching story to share with your child before the holiday so that he or she knows all about what will happen on and around October 31! [Read More](#)



Mothers Network

Saturday, **November 3rd** 10am-12pm
*Held at Verdant Community Wellness Center
4710 196th St. SW, Lynnwood
RSVP for childcare.
Alaina@arcsno.org (425) 258-2459 x111



Women's Self-Advocacy Support Network

Tuesday, **November 13th** 10:30am-12pm
"Gratitude Bingo"
Group discussion and activity.
Corinna@arcsno.org (425) 258-2459 x103

People First of Snohomish County

Tuesday, **November 27th** 11am-1pm
For self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "Legislative Advocacy" presented by Jessica Renner from the Arc of Washington State and Ivanova Smith from Self-Advocates in Leadership
(SAIL). Kylie@arcsno.org (425) 258-2459 x121

Helping Parent Training Parts 1 & 2

Mondays, **Nov 5th & 12th** 6-9pm
Learn how to use your experiences to support other parents of children with special needs as a Helping Parent. Option to attend IEP Parent Partner module on Nov 26th upon completion of Helping Parent training parts 1 & 2.
Registration required. RSVP to Alaina Kube Alaina@arcsno.org (425) 258-2459 x111

Taller de Capacitación para Pareja de Padre en IEP

Fridays, Nov 9th & 16th 6-8:30pm
Recibe este entrenamiento Gratuito!
Para convertirte en Pareja de Padre en IEP y apoyar a otros padres o solo asiste para aprender de IEP y Educación Especial. Para registrarte y reservar cuidado de niños contacta a Mely Cervantes Mely@arcsno.org (425) 258-2459 x114

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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