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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: 379 Goal: 360 & 100% staff memberships

2018-19: 336

Membership Form

Member benefits and discounts are available to all Washington State PTA members. <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

Take advantage of these benefit offers:

- ***new* Papa John's Pizza** - 30% off regular menu price for online orders.
- ***new* Tacoma Venues** - Monster Jam discounted tickets for January 10-12, 2020.
- **LEGO® Bag** - 40% discount on LEGO® Bag products.
- **Wild Waves** - discounts for Fright Fest now available.
- **Great Wolf Lodge** - save up to 30% on your next stay.
- **Office Depot** - savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.
- **Tickets at Work** - just updated for October with new discounts.

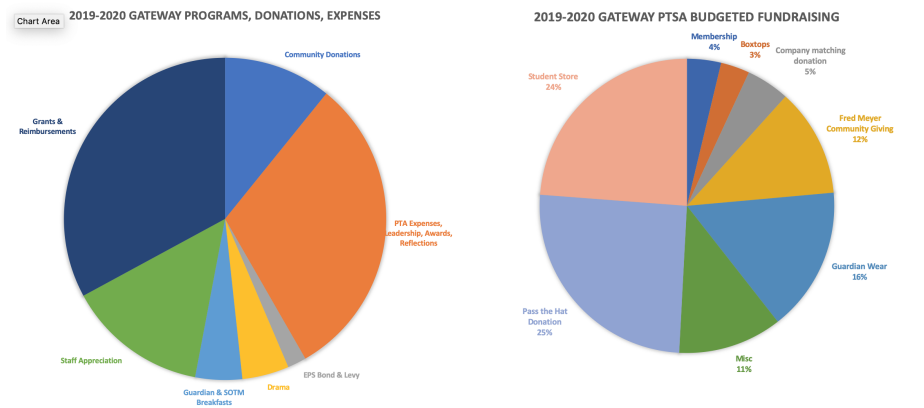
Upcoming Dates

Nov 18 Get Real Curriculum presentation at 5:30pm followed by PTSA Meeting at 6:30pm

Nov 25 Family Fitness Night, 6:30pm in the gym

Be sure to check out the Gateway Middle School calendar for more school event dates: [GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS



Gateway PTSA
2019-2020
Goals

Membership

- Increase Gateway PTSA membership to 360 members
- Achieve 100% Teacher Membership

Student Health and Wellness

- Promote health and wellness through activities and facility improvement projects

Leadership Development

- Foster leadership by having 2 BOD attend at least 2 Everett PTSA Council meetings or ESB meetings
- Increase student participation in Gateway PTSA by encouraging student leaders, and others who may be interested, to attend a PTSA membership meeting at least twice in the school year

Family Engagement

- Host and/or provide funding for at least one presentation by a guest speaker on topics related to but not limited to social media and bullying

Staff Support

- Provide financial reimbursements and award grants to improve classroom and staff enrichment
- Promote staff appreciation and community volunteers

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our parents that have been manning the student store on Fridays. There always seems to be a big number of students shopping.



The staff appreciation team provided burrito, taquito, and quesadilla platters for the teachers Monday night. We had other food donations and had a great spread of food. There was plenty for all and even had left overs. Can you please post on Facebook and thank the staff appreciation team and all the volunteers that donated food items? Thank you



Volunteer Opportunities

General Volunteers Needed

There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities at the school throughout the year. Contact Jen Rasmussen to sign-up and when an opportunity arises she'll send out the details of the upcoming events. If you know of something particular you are interested in, let her know. you can reach her at jenlueck18@gmail.com or 206-715-5548. Thank you for being available.

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

Click [here](#) for the parent newsletter from the school - *The Gateway Page*
Catch a game! Are you looking for the Gateway Sports Schedules? You can find them all here: [Gateway Sports Schedules](#)

Family Fitness Night

We hope to provide our students and community an opportunity to exercise and support the national goal of 60 minutes of activity daily.

WHO: All Gateway Middle School students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

WHAT: A chance for parents to see and participate in some typical GMS Health and Fitness activities.

WHERE: GMS gym, 6:30 to 7:30 pm Dress ready to participate.

WHEN: 1st semester: Nov. 25 2019

2nd semester Now May 5 2020

EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

WSPTA Legislative Assembly Report

Attendees debated and voted on one amended principle and one new principle, one amended issue and one new issue, and 15 amended resolutions (many of which hadn't been amended for over 10 years) and four new resolutions. It was true democracy in action, as those in favor of the topic before the assembly spoke to persuade the assembly to vote yes, while those opposed to it spoke just as passionately to persuade the assembly to vote no. Include *The theme this year was we are all advocacy superheroes!*

You can find information about our complete legislative platform in the [Focus Areas](#) portion of the website where you will find information on our [legislative principles](#), [legislative issues](#), and [resolutions](#).

Gateway PTSA representatives were Vanessa Dilley and Laura Peterson participated in all the action and debate during the assembly.

The [2019 Voters' Guide](#) has information about all the issues and resolutions we voted on.

National PTA Podcasts

How to Handle Homework

Steve Sheldon, a researcher at John Hopkins University, offers the information and strategies you need to make homework time more successful in your household. [Get your #BackpackNotes](#). Listen now on your favorite app, subscribe to the podcast and leave a 5-star review! [Get your #BackpackNotes](#)

National PTA's [Our Children Magazine](#) great info for parents and students.

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



EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. According to the Snohomish Health District's Washington Healthy Youth Survey:

11% of 8th graders, 23% of 10th graders and 31% of 12th graders currently use vapes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District's webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products

Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions. Join us! <http://www.everettsd.org/jobs>

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

The teen vaping epidemic – what parents need to know



Speaker: Jennifer Reid MPH Snohomish Health District
Youth Tobacco Prevention Program

Parent Education Nights

Thursday, Nov. 7Eisenhower Middle School cafeteria..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18Heatherwood Middle School cafeteria..... 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 21Community Resource Center..... 7 p.m.

Get all your questions about vapor devices answered!

- Is this really an epidemic?
- I thought vapes were nicotine free?!
- Isn't vaping safe?
- What is that thing in the picture?

Snohomish Health District

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Korea's first astronaut brings her STEM story to Stanwood

Former Everett Community College physics instructor Yi So-yeon flew to the International Space Station in 2008 for nine days in space. And then nearly died coming back to Earth. Yi will share her story as South Korea's first and still only astronaut from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Stanwood High School Performing Arts Center, 7400 272nd St. NW, Stanwood. A limited number of free tickets are available at Sno-Isle Libraries community libraries in Stanwood, Camano Island, Lakewood/Smokey Point and Arlington. Tickets are required for admission. Doors open at 3 p.m. with pre-event musical guests and STEM activities. Seating is first come, first served. [Read more](#)

Mill Creek Library

Teen Game Night

Friday, Nov. 15 • 7-9 p.m.

Write Now: What Can You Do With First Person?

Monday, Nov. 18 • 7-9 p.m.

Reading with Rover

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 5:30 p.m.

Fiction Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 21 • 6:45-8 p.m.

Tween Mother/Daughter Book Club

Sunday, Nov. 24 • noon

Write Now: Creativity Techniques to Leap Over Writing Ruts

Monday, Nov. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Black Friday Craftacular

Friday, Nov. 29 • 2-5 p.m.

2019-20 PTSA Officers

[Kori Dewing](#), President
[Andrea Rosen](#), VP Fundraising
[Jen Rasmussen](#), VP Volunteers
Cherlie Camero-Gushiken, Secretary
[Hai Evans](#), Treasurer
[Melissa Hinze](#) and Eileen Sugimoto, Membership

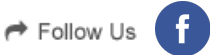
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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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

504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rcclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250

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