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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: 310

2017-18 Members: 337

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

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

11/13 QPR Suicide referral training-for parents *see blurb below

11/19 "Get Real Curriculum" presentation 5:30pm and PTSA membership meeting 6:30pm

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

The purpose of the presentation is to give parents a brief overview of what the Get Real curriculum entails and let them know the actual lessons are available for them to look over if there are any concerns about the content. HIV/AIDS/STDs is a state-mandated curriculum, but I know as a parent, I would want to know the way that information is being presented to my child. Below is a brief description of what it's all about:

Get Real: Comprehensive Sex Education That Works is a middle school program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders that delivers accurate, age-appropriate information and emphasizes healthy relationship skills and family involvement over the course of 27 classroom lessons. Get Real empowers parents to communicate their values about sexual health and staying healthy. Each lesson has a take-home family activity to encourage ongoing conversations between students and the caring adults in their lives.



Pie Volunteers Needed

One of the most popular things our PTSA does all year for the Gateway staff is to provide them with pies for Thanksgiving. The pies can be homemade or store-bought, or you can donate money toward the purchase of pies instead. To help, please visit this

link: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49afab2da2fb6-thanksgiving2



If you're not receiving the Staff Appreciation signups automatically as a separate email, and you do wish to be added to that specific list, please message bangerlm@gmail.com

Thank you Student Store Volunteers:

Melinda Mikulecky, Katie Wilson, and Kristi Thomsen for manning the student store on Friday.



Advocacy happens every day

- [WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Amendments](#)
- [WSPTA Final Resolution Submittals](#)



Deadline for submissions is Nov. 15th.

GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

Give Club

Gateway's GIVE student 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

Gateway Reads

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**

EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

The Washington State PTA has an annual Game Development Competition and this year's theme is Time! High school students (grades 9-12) can compete individually or in teams up to 6 members, and 7th and 8th grade students can compete in teams that include at least one high school student. More information can be found on our [website](#). Intent to submit (the notification to PTA that you plan on competing) is due January 15, and games are due March 1, 2019.



Here are some useful links for students to self-teach coding, although note that there are prizes for art and animation and sound, which means that non-coding individuals can also participate!

Free Unity Tutorials (Unity is a gaming platform): <https://unity3d.com/learn>
Valve Developer Community: <https://developer.valvesoftware.com/wiki/Category:Programming>
And of course, [Code.org](https://code.org)'s Learn page: <https://code.org/learn>

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**
- **PNB Nutcracker**-enjoy 10% off all performances of George Balanchine's, "The Nutcracker"!

NATIONAL PTA PARENT RESOURCES

1. [School Safety Webinar](#). See what family members and PTAs can do to ensure that schools are safe and supportive places for all students. [Watch now](#).
2. [Designate National PTA as your Charity of Choice](#). You can make a difference in the lives of children by selecting National PTA in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). [Learn more](#).

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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.



EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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.

FREE training for Question, Persuade & Refer for Suicide

Parents, community members and staff members are invited to attend:

QPR GATEKEEPER TRAINING

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 7:00-8:30 P.M.
(Doors open/light snacks available at 6:30 P.M.)

WHERE: JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

On average, one person dies by suicide every eight hours in Washington.

QPR stands for **Question, Persuade, and Refer** — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper you will learn to:

- Recognize the warning signs of suicide
- Understand the myths and facts about suicide
- Know how to offer hope
- Know how to get help and save a life

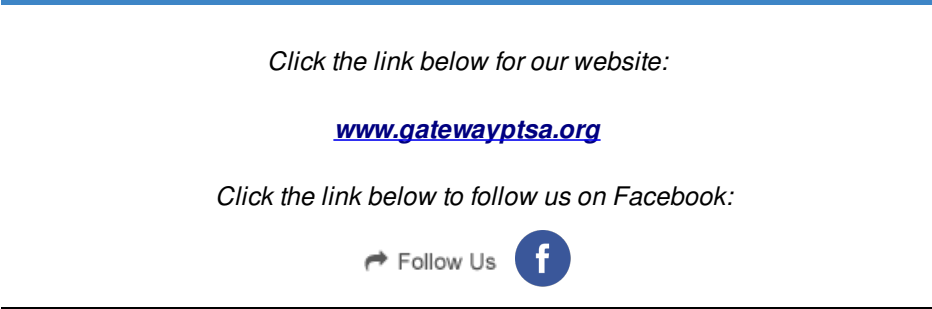
Straight forward, short, and impactful, this simple training is suitable for anyone age 16 and over in the community and will be taught by Wendy Burchill, Certified QPR Instructor, from the Snohomish Health District.

Henry M. Jackson High School
PTSA
parent teacher student association

For more information, please contact Lyn Lauzon at 425-385-7178 or at LLauzon@everettsd.org

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