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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: 321

2017-18 Members: 337

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

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

11/28 Everett PTSA Council Meeting 6:30 at Community Resource Center (CRC)

High School Growth Forums

Nov 27, Jackson High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov 28, Cascade High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov 29, Everett High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

We Are Thankful For GWY Staff

Thank you to everyone that helped us spoil the staff with Thanksgiving pies.



Volunteers Needed

Chaperones for all-grades dance social 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at Gateway. (If you can't come for the entire time, you're still welcome to help.) Contact [Larissa](#) if you can help.

Shop for the holidays and support Gateway PTSA.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1652960>



High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts three forums about student enrollment growth. This is the first of three forums.

- Tuesday, Nov. 27, Jackson High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, Cascade High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 29, Everett High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.



On July 3, 2018, the board of directors directed the district to form a committee that will "recommend revisions to high school enrollment boundaries beginning fall 2020 to reduce enrollment at Jackson High School; and complimentary and practical program changes, portable classrooms and minor schedule changes." The High School Growth Mitigation Committee (HSGMC) was formed through an application and selection process to ensure districtwide high school representation

Thank you to those of you that joined us last Monday for our PTSA meeting.



Advocacy happens every day

Learn about our legislative priorities and other supported issues and find out more ways to get involved on the [Take Action page](#). Our advocacy work is directed by our member-approved [resolutions](#), [principles](#), and legislative platform.



During the Washington state legislative session, WSPTA will send action alerts and informational broadcasts to WSPTA members who have subscribed to WSPTA's [Action Network Group](#). These action alerts are quick, easy ways to communicate with your legislators on topics they are actively working on.

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

The gift of attendance
Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

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](#)
 - **PNB Nutcraker**-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. [Short survey](#): Your input is needed! Symantec, a long-time Proud National PTA Sponsor, is seeking feedback about the company's corporate social responsibility efforts. [Start the survey](#).

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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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mill Creek Library-
SAFE PLACE for young people**

To use TXT 4 HELP, text the word "safe" and your current location (city/state/zip) to 4HELP (44357). Within seconds, you will receive a message with the closest Safe Place site and phone number for the local youth agency. You will also have the option to text interactively with a professional for more help. It's quick, easy, safe and confidential.
<https://www.nationalsafeplace.org/find-a-safe-place>

**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:

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