

## Gateway PTSA 7.3.72

### eBlast

Dec 2, 2018

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: 322**

**2017-18 Members: 337**

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

## GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

### Upcoming Dates

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

### 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>



**Thank you** to Heather Morgan, Kristi Thomsen, and Marita Zyskowski for manning the student store on Friday.



### Advocacy happens every day

Washington State PTA would like to invite you to participate at our annual **Focus Day** on February 11, 2019 and throughout **Advocacy Week** scheduled for February 11 - 15, 2019.



PTA members adopted a new set of legislative priorities focusing on all aspects of the health, safety, well-being and education of children and youth - now we need to tell our legislators! On February 11, we invite you to join us as we head to Olympia to meet with our representatives, and all that week we will send messages via the Action Network system. More details to come soon on our [website](#). Don't forget to [sign up](#) for the Action Network.

## 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 SELECTS NEW EXEC. DIRECTOR

Washington State PTA is pleased to announce Andrew Estep, CAE as the new Executive Director for Washington State PTA beginning December 1, 2018.

Over the last few months the search committee has reviewed many applicants from across the country and found an excellent candidate who is a Washington native.

Andrew will be joining WSPTA after many years working for association management companies where he served several nonprofit organizations. His experiences have provided him with great depth and breadth in association management. According to Andrew, "I am grateful for the opportunity to put my experience to work serving such a great cause."

Welcome, Andrew, and we look forward to taking this journey with you!

[Click here](#) for Andrew's message to members.

**WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS**

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

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- **\*new\* Wild Waves Holiday Lights** - discounted tickets through the month of December.
- **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. **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.



December has a [great article](#) about teaching kids about finances.

**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
- [Hai Evans](#), Treasurer
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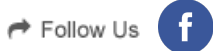
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