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The PTSA strengthens our schools and benefits our children.

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Current Members: 325

2017-18 Members: 337

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

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GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

Dec 17 All School Dance 2:30-5:30

Dec 18 Auditions for Little Mermaid Jr

Jan 9 Everett Council Reflections Celebration 6-8pm, Community Resource Center

Jan 14 PTSA Membership Meeting 6:30pm, Gateway Library

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.

Reflection Entries Advance

Congratulations to the following student artists whose Reflections entries advance to the Council level of judging:

Visual Arts: LeeAnn Thiem, Isabel Murphy, Ashwika Gampa, Nithi Byreddy, Sofia Sanderson, Parinita Chittimoju, Lucy LaChance, Mackenzie Pope, Sanchit Goel

Photography: Daphne White **Dance Choreography:** Joie Kim **Music**

Composition: Kayla Suherman **Literature:** Nikhil Sai Yammanuru, Ronak Lulla, Sudhir Chebiyyam

Their artwork is on display at the Community Resource Center 3900 Broadway, Everett.

Shop for the holidays and support Gateway PTSA.

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



Musical Drama Returns to Gateway

Little Mermaid Jr. Auditions coming soon!

Gateway PTSA is supporting the first musical performance in years! Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 pm to 5:30-6 beginning in January, with two performances at the end of January. There are spots for up to 30 students. Participation is \$50 per student. **Auditions will be held December 18th from 3-5:30 with callbacks as needed on December 19th.**

Students should prepare a section of one song, 30 seconds to one minute in length to be sung acapella or with an instrumental/karaoke track. Students who wish to use a track should provide their own device for amplification. The music can be from any genre to showcase their best voice. Students should also prepare one of the following- a 15 to 30 second monologue, recite a poem or nursery rhyme, tell a joke appropriate for all audiences or prepare a 30 speech introducing them to the director. Memorized pieces are preferred. Call backs will be held as needed.

Audition packets must be completed and turned in at the time of auditions and will contain all the information you need! Packets will be available in the office by Wednesday afternoon, December 12th. Parent involvement in rehearsals and behind the scenes-costumes and set- is highly encouraged and will be needed. Please email Heather Emans for any questions at ehemans@me.com.

Thank you to Katherine Berlier, Lauren Pulfer, 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/>

- **"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

- [Students Learn to Put the 'Civil' in Civil Discourse](#)

In an age of political divisiveness, teachers are finding new ways to teach students how to have calm, reasoned discussions about hot-button issues. [Read the article.](#)

- [Take the Operation Prevention Video Challenge](#)

Is your teen a budding film director? Have them create a 30-60 second [original public service announcement](#) that alerts other students about the dangers of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use. First prize is \$10,000! [Learn more.](#)

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

- **Elementary 18 is now Tambark Creek.** 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

Achieve with us.
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"Label Jars Not People"

The impact of labelling and the effect it has on individuals.



Project: Cookie Mix in a Jar

Tuesday, Dec 11th, 2018
10:30 am – 12 pm

Held at the Arc office | 2300 Hewitt Ave., Ste. 300 | Everett, WA 98201
New members welcomed!
RSVP appreciated, but not required.

For information please contact:
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GATEWAY PTSA 2018-19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

- [Kori Dewing](#), President
- [Larissa Pfeifer](#), VP Volunteers
- [Debi Kobylyk](#), Secretary
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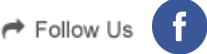
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