

## Gateway PTSA 7.3.72

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The PTSA strengthens our schools and benefits our children.

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Current Members: 336

2017-18 Members: 337

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

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## GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

### Upcoming Dates

**May 29** Sensory Garden work party 2-5pm, sign in at front office

**May 29** Superintendent Candidate Meet and Greet at the CRC, 5:45pm

**May 30** MOD Pizza Dine Out Fundraiser, Mill Creek location

**Jun 5** Innovation Expo 5-8pm, Angel of the Winds Arena

**Jun 17** PTSA Membership Meeting 6:30pm at the Newsroom, 800 164th SE, Suite N Millcreek

**Jun 18** June Jamboree

**Jun 19** 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony & Celebration at JHS 6pm \*date change

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, May 29th from 2-5 pm to work on the Special Education Garden. We will be doing some digging, weeding, etc. If you are available to help for the whole time or just part of it, please email Brenda Bakke ([bbakke@everettsd.org](mailto:bbakke@everettsd.org)) to let us know you will be there to assist.

Take a night off from cooking lunch or dinner on **Thursday, May 30th at join us for a Dine Out at MOD Pizza in Mill Creek!** A portion of every sale will go back to your Gateway Middle School PTSA so that we can continue to support programs, activities and grants that benefit all students at Gateway Middle School. **You must mention you are with Gateway when you pay.**

MOD Pizza  
16330 Bothell Everett Hwy #102  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
10:30 am - 10:00 pm



### 8th Grade Celebration

Families with 8th Graders: 8th Grade Celebration is almost here! Given the date change due to snow days and conflicts with local elementary Bridging Ceremonies, we are in desperate need for help decorating the Celebration space on June 19th. Email Heather Emans at [ehemans@me.com](mailto:ehemans@me.com) with questions. Here is the link to find sign ups to decorate and chaperone <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abae2ea20-8thgrade3>

Last planning meeting, 6:30 in the GMS Library, June 3.

### Raffle Donations Needed

The 8th Grade Celebration Raffle Committee needs your help. If you are interested in making a donation to the raffle, the time to do it is now. Some suggestions are gift cards such as iTunes, Game Stop, Fred Meyer, Jamba Juice, Movie Tickets, UW Bookstore or whatever you think would be appropriate for our 8th grade students. Physical items are also great such as phone chargers, blue tooth speakers headphones, sports team memorabilia, etc. You may send any item you wish to donate school...please mark it designated for this event OR drop it off in the main office before **Friday, June 3rd**. Items will be picked up on a regular basis. Questions??? Email Heather Emans at [ehemans@me.com](mailto:ehemans@me.com).

### Food Donations Needed

If you are unable to help planning 8th Grade Celebration but would still like to donate, we have some items we are looking for. You can sign up to bring items for the food table or raffle/door prizes at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abae2ea20-8thgrade5>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Communications-Website and eBlast Help Needed

We are looking for someone that Laura can train to take over updating the website and writing the eBlast newsletter. Contact Laura at [lkpete@mac.com](mailto:lkpete@mac.com) for more information.

### Jamboree Field Day Volunteers

The annual Gateway June Jamboree will be June 18. It's essentially a Field Day/Carnival with lots of fun activities and food. Volunteers typically sell concessions and monitor the inflatables and various games, while staff members patrol for any issues. Arrival time for volunteers is 10:45 am and Jamboree itself is from 12:00 to 2:30 pm.

If you're able to help with Jamboree, contact Gateway staffer Mary Olander at [425-385-6754](tel:425-385-6754) or [molander@everettsd.org](mailto:molander@everettsd.org). Please note in your message if there are any stations you'd either prefer doing or wish to avoid, and we'll do the best we can to accommodate. Share this info far and wide because the event requires many volunteers, and we welcome as much help as we can get. Sign up with a friend!

#### Gateway Robotics Coaches

The Gateway Robotics Teams are looking for parents interested in coaching for the 2019-2020 school year. Responsibilities include leading meetings one day a week after school and at least two Saturdays a month. Coaches also guide teams during competitions. No robotics or coding experience is required! Contact Mrs. Vantuyl at [jvantuyl@everettsd.org](mailto:jvantuyl@everettsd.org) for more information.

**Thank you** to Heather Morgan, Caryn O'Connor, and Lisa Winger for running the student store last Friday.

*The 8th Grade Celebration Committee would like to thank you the following donors-*

**NW Power Athletics** for the \$100.00 donation to use towards decorations and food.

**Arena Sports Mill Creek** for their donation of a field rental which we will raffle off as a door prize!

**Funko of Everett** for the Funko POP key chains that we'll raffle off as door prizes.

#### Gateway Volunteers are the BEST!



#### Advocacy happens every day

Local advocacy opportunity: meet the superintendent candidates on Wednesday to see who is your top pick.



Students can be working on their entries for next year! Entry forms won't be available until September.



**GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**  
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Click [here](#) for the parent newsletter from the school - *The Gateway Page*

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FLL is a world wide organization that promotes science, engineering, team building, and all around fun. Kids can continue on to FRC and FTC in high school where continue to build more advanced robots and advanced programming. If you want to learn more about FLL and FIRST, please visit the main site.  
<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/fll/>

#### EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

##### WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

- Silverwood discounts
- Great Wolf Lodge - save up to 30% on your next stay
- Wild Waves discounts

#### Materials to Guide Middle School Students in Career and Apprenticeship Exploration

The U.S. Department of Labor has collaborated with Scholastic to develop materials to introduce middle school students, parents, and teachers to future careers and apprenticeship opportunities. It's never too early for middle school students to start thinking about their future careers and learn how youth apprenticeship opportunities can serve as a foundation for jump-starting a career. Visit [Scholastic's apprenticeship web page](#) to download the materials and learn more about [youth apprenticeship programs](#).

National PTA's [Our Children Magazine](#) great info for parents and students.  
Great articles on Parenting,





Education, Wellness, Family Fun and PTA Community.  
Check out this month's article [The Giving Habit: It's Not Just About Money](#)

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS


Superintendent Candidate Meet and Greet

On **Wednesday, May 29**, the district will hold a series of “meet and greet” sessions for the finalists for superintendent at the Community Resource Center. We are hoping for 3 finalists that day, but if there ends up being 2 or 4, this schedule will change. Various groups will have the opportunity to meet all three of the candidates in a rotating 45 minute schedule. It is not an interview, but a time to meet the candidates and ask a few questions as well as allowing him or her to meet you. We hope you can attend the time set aside for **Community** outlined below:  
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.       Candidate B  
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.       Candidate C  
7:45 – 8:45 p.m.       Candidate A  
These meet and greet sessions will be at the Community Resource Center in the Board Room and will be moderated.

Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at [www.everettsd.org/expo](http://www.everettsd.org/expo).



### Hit the gym for a FREE sports physical

Kaiser Permanente medical staff members are coming to the Everett High School gym to provide **free** sports physicals. Any middle or high school student who is participating in sports is eligible. **A completed sports physical form from the student's school is required.**


**WHERE:**  
Everett High School Gym\*  
2416 Colby Ave.  
Everett, WA 98201

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, June 1  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact: Katie Shaffer  
425-261-1675  
[kathryn.j.shaffer@kp.org](mailto:kathryn.j.shaffer@kp.org)

\*The gym is located between Wetmore & Rockefeller, 24th & 25th. Entrance to gym and parking is on Rockefeller.

KAISER PERMANENTE



COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Mill Creek welcomes you to attend our [Memorial Day Commemorative Ceremony and Parade](#) on Monday, May 27. It is the day we honor those members of the military who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold dear. The [Commemorative Ceremony](#) begins at 9 a.m. at Veterans Monument (15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy at Library Park). The ceremony includes remarks from the mayor, a prayer from the Mill Creek police chaplain, a laying of a wreath, singing of the National Anthem by the Mill Creek Chorale, and a flag raising ceremony. Community members will have an opportunity to pay their respects by laying carnations at the monument to honor those who have given their life in the service of our country. The [Memorial Day Parade](#) begins at 11 a.m. on Main Street (between LA Fitness and City Hall North, parade route will head south). Join the Mill Creek community in honoring those who have died in active service to the United States at the largest Memorial Day parade north of Seattle.

**Check out these fun recreational offerings from the City of Mill Creek!**

[Photography: Intermediate Digital \(Ages 13+\)](#) - Begins May 23

[Canvas Painting: Dizzy Tree Family Class \(Ages 6+\)](#) - June 1

[Canvas Painting: Steel Magnolias Teen Class \(Ages 13+\)](#) - June 1

**A community discussion on housing needs and solutions.**

Regional growth in population and employment is resulting in a tight and expensive housing market, even putting some residents out on the streets. Local governments are left with the task of searching for affordable housing solutions while considering the other realities their residents face living in the Puget Sound region.

At this free event, panelists will discuss what communities and residents can do regarding the pressures on housing brought on by growth and other factors.

**Issues That Matter: Housing Where Will We All Live?**

Monday, June 3, 6:30-8 p.m.  
[Edmonds Library](#), Plaza Room, 650 Main St., Edmonds

Facilitator

- Teresa Wippel, Founder and Publisher of My Edmonds News

Panelists

- Mindy Woods, Formerly Homeless Advocate
- Karin Ellis, Consultant Kone' Consulting
- Aaron Holm, Co-CEO Blokable

**GATEWAY PTSA 2018-19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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

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