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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

PTSA Membership is the gift that keeps on giving. Click [here](#) to get a membership form

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

Jun 17 PTSA Membership Meeting 6:30pm **at the Newsroom**,
800 164th SE, Mill Creek *not at the school
Jun 18 June Jamboree (and Yearbook distribution)*
Jun 19 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony & Celebration at JHS 6pm
Jun 21 Last Day of School-FULL Day

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

Please take a minute to complete our end of year survey. Your input will help us with our plans for next year! Thank you.

End of Year
Survey

Last PTSA Meeting of the Year

Join us at the Newsroom for our last meeting of the year at 6:30pm. We need to vote in our budget for the next year and need at least 10 members there to meet quorum. Come buy a treat and get a sneak peek at the fun we are planning for next year.

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 with questions. Here is the link to find sign ups to decorate and chaperone <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abae2ea20-8thgrade3>

Food Donations Needed

If you are unable to help planning 8th Grade Celebration but would still like to donate, we still need bags of candy. You can sign up to bring items 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 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. 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 for more information.

Thank you to Marita Zyskowski, Caryn O'Connor, and Kristi Thomsen for running the student store last Friday.

Thank you to all the families that donated a raffle prize for 8th Grade Celebration.



day
WSPTA welcomes our new
Advocacy Director, Sherry Rudolph.



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



JUNE JAMBOREE INFO

Students may purchase a bracelet the day of June Jamboree, the cost for the bracelet is \$5.00. The bracelet only needs to be purchased if students want to participate in Dunk Tank, Karaoke, Photo Booth and Big Rig (video games). If students choose not to purchase a bracelet, they may still participate in the planned sporting events (dodgeball and basketball with staff), Bingo, purchase food, and have a fun day with classmates.

Students may purchase food and beverages the day of June Jamboree.

Bracelet only - Cash will not be accepted at the following events

Dunk Tank (featuring staff)
Karaoke
Big Rig (2 trucks of video games)
Photo Booth

Cash only

Candy (many varieties)	\$1.00
Chips (many varieties)	\$1.00
Pop	\$1.00
Bottled water	\$1.00
Cotton Candy	\$1.00
Elephant Ears	\$5.00 - \$8.00
Popcorn	\$.50

Students may use their accounts or pay cash for lunch that day. Lunch will be hamburgers or hot dogs, salad and all the trimmings. The cost will be \$3.00. It will be served picnic style in the commons from 11:30 am. – 1:00 pm.

GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

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

WSPTA PROGRAMS

Washington State PTA has a number of programs specifically for students. The participation this year was amazing. The students shared their passions for the arts and produced inspirational works.

We hope you will encourage your student to participate in one of these fantastic opportunities in the coming year. Information for each of these programs will be available later this summer.

- [WSPTA/Game Development Competition](#) - a STEM program for students in grades 9-12 (with limited access for grades 7-8) who share their knowledge of computer science based on a theme. [Click here](#) to see the list of 2018-19 winners who submitted a computer game based on the theme Time.
- [WSPTA Scholarship program](#) - for graduating seniors from Washington state public high schools with an active PTA.
- [PTA Men's Essay Contest](#) - explores the important and varied contribution men make in the lives and education of children. To be inspired by the [2018-19 young author winners](#), watch as they read their heart-felt essays on our [YouTube channel](#).
- [Reflections](#) - is a cultural arts competition that provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents in six art areas including visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, dance choreography, and film production. [Click here](#) to see the list of Washington State PTA winners for 2018-19. The 2019-2020 theme is Look Within.

NATIONAL PTA

June is Internet Safety Month! Head over to the blog to check out our [new blog post](#) "How to Engage Your School to Prevent Online Child Exploitation." [Read now!](#)

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

New Superintendent Picked

We are pleased to announce Dr. Ian Saltzman as the next superintendent of Everett Public Schools.

Saltzman, who was unanimously selected by the board following a three and a half hour closed session deliberation, possesses many of the qualifications and characteristics the board defined before their search began.

In addition to having experience leading a large district and showing great school academic improvements, Dr. Saltzman is a relationship builder. He is strongly committed to a 'student first' philosophy and has an energy and passion we were looking for in our new superintendent. The 120-day plan presented to the board during the May 29 interview included a significant amount of time spent listening and learning. There is an honesty and authentic connection he makes with people that will be a great benefit to our community.

Saltzman is currently the South Region Superintendent in Palm Beach County School District and has experience as a special education teacher, assistant principal and principal in addition to district leadership. He has a passion for all students reaching their potential and fulfilling their dreams.

The board of directors would like to thank those who participated in the online surveys, focus groups, and meet and greet sessions

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mill Creek Library Fun

Explore Summer: Teen Summer Kickoff Party
Friday, June 21 • 7-9 pm

Tween Mother/Daughter Book Club
Sunday, June 23 • noon

Tween STEAM Tuesday: Button Making
Tuesday, June 25 • 4 pm

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

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Secretary: Cherlie Camero-gushiken
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