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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

Jun 3 8th Grade Celebration Committee meeting, 6:30pm in the library

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

Jun 7 Early Release 12:15

Jun 17 PTSA Membership Meeting 6:30pm at the Newsroom,
800 164th SE, Mill Creek

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

Yearbook distribution will be the morning of June Jamboree – June 18th. In order for students to pick up their yearbook on time, they need to have their fines paid and library books returned. They should also check to make sure they bought a yearbook. Posted in the Commons are lists of students that already purchased a yearbook. Students should take a moment and double-check that they bought one. If they didn't, there is a waiting list the week of June 3-7 in the front office. It is on a first-come, first-served basis, and students will be notified next week if they are able to still buy one.

Be sure to check out the Gateway Middle School calendar for more school event dates:
[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

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>

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.

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 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. Vantuyt at jvantuyt@everettsd.org for more information.

Thank you to Joanna Ghosh, Caryn O'Connor, and Michelle Williams for running the student store last Friday.

Thank you to MOD Pizza and everyone that dined out to support our PTSA.



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

[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

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

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.

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.

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

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
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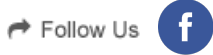
2019-20 PTSA Officers

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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:
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