

## Gateway PTSA 7.3.72

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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: 269**  
337

**2017-18 Members:**

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

### GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

#### Upcoming Dates

9/24 Gateway Curriculum Night 6-8:15pm  
9/24-Oct 8 Box Tops Drive  
10/9 High School and Beyond Family Night, JHS  
10/25 SCREENAGERS 6:30pm at JHS  
11/19 "Get Real Curriculum" presentation and PTSA membership meeting 6:30pm

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

#### Sept 10th PTSA Meeting Review

We had a great turnout last Monday for our first PTSA meeting for the year. New officers were introduced and plans for the year were shared. The business of approving our standing rules, goals and updating the budget was conducted. Interim Principal Butler shared information about student population and how well everyone seems to be adjusting.

Monthly financial reports and budget are on our website . [www.gatewayptsa.org](http://www.gatewayptsa.org) Minutes for the meeting will be published next month.

**Box Tops Contest September 24 – October 8**  
**Help Gateway Reach Our \$1000 in Box Tops Goal**  
**Here's how you can help:**

1. Keep clipping and saving Box Tops
2. Help the committee by clipping to size
3. Send Box Tops to school with your student Sept. 24 – Oct. 8
4. Committee members needed. If you are interested, please contact Jessi at [jessicalahan@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalahan@gmail.com)



Box Tops Contest Starts

Monday, September 24

**Help Gateway Reach Our \$1000 in Box Tops Goal**

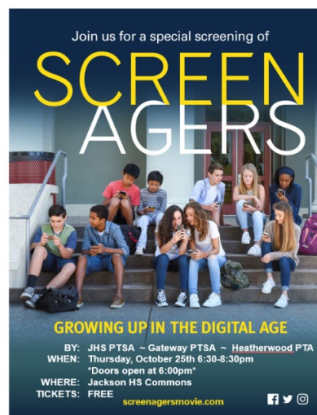
Box Tops Contest September 24 – October 8

1. Help the Committee by cutting your Box Tops to size
2. Explain Box Tops and how money toward the contest
3. Turn in the Box Tops to English teachers. Please your Box Tops in a Ziploc bag or envelope. Label it with the following:  
English Teacher's Name  
English Class Period

Other ways to help us raise more money

1. Ask family and friends to package Box Tops to Gateway MT PTSA by going to <https://www.gatewayptsa.org/boxtops>
2. Ask to Box Tops (the Green Supermarket logo) and submit any codes you may have received from grocery stores. We can match that money instantly. You may also send them if they have not expired. (Note: We can match that money instantly. You may also send them if they have not expired.)
3. Download the New Box Tops Drive App. We have an app for both Android and Apple devices.

Available for Android and Apple Devices



#### Fundraising

Want to have fun, take something awesome home and support the Gateway Middle School PTSA at the same time?

Join us at the **AR Workshop** on: Saturday, **November 3rd** 6:00 - 9:00 pm

All of the materials you will need to create a beautiful, custom piece of home décor are included in the cost of this instructor-led class. If needed, you can get help every step of the way! You have options for hand-crafting so many charming projects!

20% of your cost will go back to the PTSA which helps support all students at Gateway Middle School. This is not limited to only Gateway families. Please feel free to invite other friends and family members too.

Click on the link below to register

<https://www.arworkshop.com/millicreek/events/gateway-middle-school-fundraiser/>  
If you have any questions, please contact Andrea : [benay100@hotmail.com](mailto:benay100@hotmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTSA meeting on 9/10/2018. We appreciate your time!



#### Advocacy happens every day



For many years a tax loophole has permitted taxpayers to profit by financially supporting private school voucher programs. This profitable tax shelter has fueled rapid growth in these voucher programs, leading to a major transfer of public dollars into private schools. Moreover, these profits come at the expense of state and federal budgets and do not find their way into public schools or public services.

The IRS has proposed regulations that would shut down this tax shelter and could significantly weaken the popularity and growth of these voucher programs. However, private school choice advocates have been flooding the IRS regulations comment section asking that the IRS maintain this tax shelter by providing a special exemption for private school tuition tax credits that will allow them to continue to receive a federal tax credit for donating to private schools.

We need your help to tell the IRS not to create a special carveout in these regulations for donations to private schools. All you need to do is click on ["Take Action"](#) to submit a comment to the IRS. Thank you for your continued support for public schools.

Thank you,  
National PTA

#### GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

#### Drop Off and Pick UP

When dropping off your student at school, **Do NOT make a U-Turn out of the drop off lane.** Loop around to the left through the parking lot to reach the stop sign before pulling back into traffic. 3 near collisions witnessed last week due to illegal U-Turns being taken during drop off. Please help us keep our students, families and visitors safe.

#### Letter From Principal Butler

Communication with parents and/or guardians is an integral component of student success in their learning experiences. The monthly newsletter, [The Gateway Page](#), is provided so that all parents and/or guardians of Gateway students have access to information about what is occurring in the school community in terms of academics, athletics, and activities. The topics each month are different. Our goal is to support parents and guardians as partners in their student's school experience. Please click on the embedded link to see the topics addressed this month.

Warmly,

Linda Butler  
Principal

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

##### WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

- **Washington State Fair** - save on admission, rides and concert discounts
- **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** - coming soon.
- **Cirque Du Soleil Volta** - 9/7-11/4 through **Tickets at Work**.

##### National PTA news

Is Your Kid on Instagram?

You need [this new guide](#), created by Instagram and National PTA. It covers the basics of the app, a description of Instagram's safety and privacy tools, plus a discussion guide for how parents can have an open conversation with their teens about Instagram. [Check it out.](#)

##### National PTA's [Our Children Magazine](#)

great info for parents and students.  
Great articles on Parenting, Education, Wellness, Family Fun and PTA Community.  
Featured this fall, "Help Your Child Learn How to Learn"



#### EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

##### Career Up Volunteers

Are you or someone you know an expert in your field? Would you like to share your career knowledge and experience with students? If so, please consider being a classroom speaker for our first-ever districtwide **Career Up** event on **Oct. 5**.

We have over 40 Career and Technical Education classrooms (with roughly a third of them in Mill Creek and two thirds in Everett). Our goal is for students in each of these classes to hear about different careers from community members through 20-minute presentations. You are a phenomenal resource for students. They want to hear about your career journey – your professional pathway, the lessons and insights learned along the way, what you would share with someone who might be thinking about entering that career, etc. If you or a colleague are interested in speaking on Oct. 5, please sign up on the [online registration form](#) by Sept. 27. Teachers will review the list of speakers and connect directly with speakers to coordinate details for their classrooms. Thanks for considering being a part of Career Up and for spreading the word. If you have questions, please contact [Andy Sevald](#) at 425-385-4081.

#### Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the **High School and Beyond** family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

**Oct. 9: Jackson High School**

**Oct. 10: Everett High School**

**Oct. 11: Cascade High School**

#### Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

#### Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

#### School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

#### Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

**Test dates:** Nov. 14, 2018 and March 13, 2019

**Fall registration:** Sept. 17 – Oct. 12, 2018

#### PeachJar Flyers for Parents

Be sure to check out current flyers on the Gateway Middle School website.

Click [here](#) to view all Peachjar Flyers including school lunch menus.



#### COMMUNITY NEWS

Mill Creek Parks and Rec  
Many activities being offered this fall  
Click [here](#) to see the fall guide.



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

- [Kori Dewing](#), President
- [Larissa Pfeiffer](#), VP Volunteers
- [Dabi Kotyik](#), Secretary
- [Hal Evans](#), Treasurer
- [Andrea Rosen](#), VP Fundraising
- [Heather Emans](#), Membership

Laura Peterson [Gateway PTSA Communications](#)

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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 Officer – Carol Blatz, [cbatz@everett.edu](mailto:cbatz@everett.edu), 425-385-4106 Title IX Officer – Heidi Swaberg, [swaberg@everett.edu](mailto:swaberg@everett.edu), 425-385-4104  
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