

## 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: 334

2017-18 Members: 337

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

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### GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

#### Upcoming Dates

MOD Dine Out fundraiser all day at Mill Creek location-will be rescheduled

**Feb 27** Incoming 6th grade parent orientation 6pm

**Mar 4** Gateway PTSA Award Nominations Due

**Mar 4** 8th Grade Celebration Committee meeting 6:30pm

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

#### Focus Day has been cancelled!

Everyone's health and safety is important to us. We have been watching the weather, and we believe that conditions necessitate cancelling Monday's event in Olympia.

Advocacy Week will continue, however, and we encourage you to participate in the action alerts that are sent each day. For further details, go to [https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/focus-day/?utm\\_campaign=coscchedule&utm\\_source=facebook\\_page&utm\\_medium=Washington+State+PTA](https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/focus-day/?utm_campaign=coscchedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Washington+State+PTA)



#### PTSA Volunteer and Educator Awards

It's that time of year again to nominate a volunteer or educator for a **Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, Outstanding Educator and Student Advocate awards**. Take advantage of our online nomination submission by clicking [here](#). Printed copies can be found by the front office.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

##### 8th Grade Celebration

Families with 8th Graders: Planning has begun for the end-of-school event! There are a lot of opportunities to help. If you would like to join the committee, please email Heather Emans at [ehemans@me.com](mailto:ehemans@me.com). Here is the link to find sign ups to plan and chaperone <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abae2ea20-8thgrade3>

If you could like to attend a meeting, all meetings begin at 6:30 in the GMS Library, March 4, April 22, May 6, June 3.

##### Nominating Committee

The PTSA is looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to find potential candidates for the 2019-2020 PTSA Board. This committee's schedule is flexible, with minimal to zero meetings required. Please let me know if you're interested. [Larissa](#), VP Volunteers

**Thank you** to Amanda Buechler, Kristi Thomsen, and Marita Zyskowski for manning the student store on Friday.



#### Advocacy happens every day

School safety top issue in education committees this week



Prepared by Marie Sullivan, WSPTA Legislative Consultant, [legconsultant@wastatepta.org](mailto:legconsultant@wastatepta.org)  
House Education Committee members held a work session on school safety and security January 29th, hearing about the tragic Sandy Hook shooting from Alissa Parker, a parent whose daughter was among the 20 children killed that day. Parker, who has started a non-profit focused on school safety, offered her [observations and recommendations](#) on making schools safer. The committee also heard from University of Washington Tacoma professor Eric Madfis, whose research focuses on the causes of and preventing school violence. His presentation can be found [here](#). The work session followed a [press conference](#) where school safety bills were released by House and Senate Democrats.

The following day, the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee took testimony

on many school safety bills and a Governor-request bill to increase staffing ratios for guidance counselors, social workers, nurses and psychologists. The nearly two-hour hearing was action-packed, and can be watched [here](#). The House Education Committee will take up some school safety bills on Monday, February 4th. As we end Week 3 of this 105-day session, more than 1,700 bills have been introduced. Read the full report [here](#). Keep up with the bills and committee hearings related to WSPTA member-generated legislative priorities and long-term positions by utilizing the [WSPTA Bill Status Report](#).

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#### GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

Dear Gateway Parents and Guardians,  
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.

Linda Butler  
Principal

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

##### WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

- Follow our [Facebook page](#) to get helpful tips and learn of new member benefits. \_ Boat Show discount!



Date: February 4, 2019  
TO: Parents, Teachers, and Community Members  
FROM: Mary Levesque, Kim Kuhne, & Angela Steck heading up the meeting  
RE: Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting

We are pleased to announce that a meeting will be held on **February 27th, 7pm**, at **HM Jackson High School library**, for the purpose of discussing the organization of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Tambark Creek Elementary. Representatives from the Washington State PTA will be present to explain the objectives, basic policies, and procedures of the association, allowing time for questions and discussion. Through the PTA, you can help strengthen the quality of life and education in the community. The PTA is a valuable link between home, school, and the community, providing everyone with important information benefiting your child/children. In this association, you join with parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, and other citizens to enhance opportunities for the education, health, safety, and welfare of all children.

If we decide to become a PTA, we will be seeking individuals to serve on the steering committee to build a budget, draft standing rules, and accept charter memberships.

We invite you to attend and take part in this special and important occasion.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Kuhne at [PTAKim.Kuhne@outlook.com](mailto:PTAKim.Kuhne@outlook.com)

cc: Washington State PTA representative.

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#### NATIONAL PTA PARENT RESOURCES

##### [Are You Ready for Safer Internet Day?](#)

Let's get together for a better internet! This Tuesday, Feb. 5, PTAs across the country will be celebrating Safer Internet Day by hosting events from our PTA Connected program, including [The Smart Talk!](#) Are you celebrating? Tag us in your posts and photos using #PTAProud! [Learn more about Safer Internet Day.](#)

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



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#### EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

##### **Superintendent Search**

Have you shared your thoughts on what's important to you in a new superintendent? [#EPS\\_SupSearch](#)

We're seeking feedback from families and the community on important characteristics for a new superintendent. Share your thoughts and "rate" others' thoughts in a Thoughtexchange that starts today. Your feedback and ratings are confidential.

Click <http://bit.ly/SupSearchTE> and let's work together to find our next superintendent!

##### **Bad Weather Policy**

Are you ready? [http://bit.ly/EPS\\_Emergency-Safety](http://bit.ly/EPS_Emergency-Safety)

The weather is getting colder, do you know where to find information regarding school closures? Please watch media reports, our social media pages and our website for information about school schedules.

If there is no announcement, schools will operate on a normal schedule. We will give families as much advance notice as possible about school closures or delays. Stay safe and warm!

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### **Tips for snow and high winds**

- Make sure to have emergency supplies on hand at home and in your vehicle, such as extra batteries, flashlights, food and blankets
- Have a battery-powered radio ready to go
- Charge cell phones and mobile devices in case the power goes out
- Download the [PSE mobile outage app](#) to track and report outages, check status and get estimated restoration times, or visit the [outage map](#)

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