

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: 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

May 13 PTSA BOD Meeting 6:30pm in library

May 20 PTSA Budget Meeting 6:30pm at the Newsroom

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](#)

Donations for Library and Recess

Did you forget staff appreciation week? Make a donation that helps the staff serve most of our students.

Our librarian could use the following to have for students that visit the library for activities:

K'NEX Blocks, Uno, sewing items, colored pencils .

The recess staff could also use:

basketballs, soccer balls, tennis balls, volleyballs and playground balls.

All items can be used but should be in good condition. Donations can be brought the front office.

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.

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. 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, June 3.

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.

Guardian Award / Student of the Month Breakfasts

We're looking for a chairperson for next school year. The breakfasts happen every couple months on a Friday morning before school. The school does the whole program itself, while the PTSA handles the event setup and purchasing of food. Please let me know if this would interest you.

Thank you to Lisa Winger, Caryn O'Connor, and Amanda Buechler for running the student store last Friday.

Thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to help make the Spring Fling happen.



Advocacy happens every day



- SEL work group put into statute, \$400,000 in budget to continue the work and direction for OSPI

- to adopt the framework and benchmarks;
- School lunch demo projects funded at \$126,000 for biennium;
- A lot of great work on preventing gun violence and improving school safety and safety planning;
- Still adding the pieces up, but about \$15 million spread across programs for teacher shortage/recruitment and retention;
- Work group added to the budget on sexual health education, including three parents;
- Delinking passed, even with some challenges on the pathways;
- T-21 signed into law;
- Significant anti-harassment, intimidation and bullying bill on policies for transgender youth;
- Phasing out of the use of jails and detention for non-criminal offenses like truancy and running away from foster homes;
- And more.

The biggest disappointment was a lack of a delay to K-3 class size compliance. This was an area that we just couldn't move the Senate budget chair; hopefully something can be done to help prepare for next school year and the loss of funds. Another disappointment was the inability to change the High-Poverty LAP. But the bill is available for next session. View the final [WSPTA Bill Status – Sine Die List](#).

GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

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

Gateway Robotics Team Coaches Needed

The Gateway Robotics Teams are currently looking for parents who would be 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! Please email jvantuy@everettsd.org for more information.

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/>

District Middle School Art Show

Viewing at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center: May 6 – May 31, 2019 - Families, friends, and the public are invited to view the Art Show during regular business hours Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Art Show Reception: May 22, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Families and friends are invited to a reception to enjoy the Art Show and refreshments and hear the awards announcements
Congratulations to these Gateway Art students!

Doreene Ancheta Kaitlyn Busch * Nithi Byreddy Alexander Carriedo
Luke Casper Rubi Coeffic * Robert Dick Xavier Ford Cody Gelo
Sophia Giodano Giahna Hamilton Mateo Johnson Lucy LaChance
Isaiah Lam "Q" Owen Lee Shakira Locke Anna Nossova * Mariyah McClenon
Michaela Morse Timothy Mesheryakov Evander Ngo * Keanna Orozco
Shree Pratti * Lester Ryleigh Cath Rojas * Taylor Renfro * Julian Smith
Savannah Sommerfield LeeAnn Thiem * Khoi Tran Jack Truant
Kaelyn Van Duzer Emily Warter Jasmine Ye * Gaon Yi * Lakshita Yogi
Students who have two entries *

EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

2019 Convention Wrap-up

Events. Powered by PTA.

On behalf of your Washington State PTA board of directors, thank you to everyone who attended the 106th Annual WSPTA Convention this past weekend. We learned a lot, laughed a lot, and danced a lot, so thank you for joining us!

If you were not able to attend this year's convention, [here is a recap of the business that was conducted](#).

WSPTA was pleased to present JC Pohl, CEO and President of Teen Truth, as our keynote speaker at last week's convention. This wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of Lifetouch + Shutterfly.

JC has written a guest blog to share with all of our members "[An Easy Way To Connect Students On Your Campus](#)". One key concept is that "it's imperative that we intentionally connect every student on campus to at least one charismatic adult."

WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

- Follow our [Facebook page](#)
- Great Wolf Lodge - save up to 30% on your next stay
- Wild Waves discounts

National PTA Reflections Winners

WSPTA is proud to [announce the students](#) who were selected as Award of Excellence and Award of Merit recipients from the National PTA Reflections program.

On May 1, National PTA announced the winners at the national level. National PTA will award the WSPTA student recipients with the following:

- Award of Excellence - \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; work featured in the traveling exhibition.
- Award of Merit - Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; work featured in the traveling exhibition.

[A Chat With 2019's Teacher Of The Year](#)

Rodney Robinson is this year's National Teacher of the Year, and this week he was honored at a White House ceremony. Robinson has been teaching for 19 years, most recently at a juvenile detention center in Richmond, Va. [Read more.](#)

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

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.

High school boundaries

The [High School Growth Mitigation Committee](#) has prepared a recommendation to the superintendent to temporarily reduce enrollment at Jackson High School. It would also affect Cascade and Everett high school boundaries.

Please take a few moments to [review the recommendation](#). In the committee's proposal, no recommended changes would take place before September 2020. If you would like to provide comments to the superintendent for his consideration as he prepares to bring the committee's recommendation to the school board on May 21, 2019, accompanied by his advice as to adoption, amendment and adoption, or rejection, please go to our [comment form](#). Online comments are welcomed until 4 p.m. May 16, 2019.

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

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

[Cupcake Class - High Heel Cupcakes \(Ages 10+\)](#) - May 18

[Rocks, Minerals and Agate Art Project \(Ages 6-14\)](#) - May 11

[Adventures in Art - Spring \(Ages 7-12\)](#) - Begins May 17

[Finance Class for Teens \(Ages 14-18\)](#) - May 22

[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

GATEWAY PTSA 2018-19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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- [Debi Kobylk](#), Secretary
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Secretary: Cherlie Camero-gushiken
Treasurer: Hai Evans
Membership: Melissa Hinze and Eileen Sugimoto

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

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