

## Gateway PTSA 7.3.72

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We our staff!

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

**Why Join PTA?** Check out our new video to hear from parents just like you who have gotten involved with their local PTA. See why the need for PTA is more important than ever! [Watch now!](#)

### GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

#### Upcoming Dates

**May 9** All School Dane-Spring Fling 3pm-5pm

**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](#)

#### Staff Appreciation: Donations for Library and Recess

Need a gift idea for 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](mailto: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](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, May 6, June 3.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

##### Spring Fling Dance, all ages

The final dance social of the year will have a DJ in the gym, karaoke in the Commons, carnival games and board/yard games. We need help with advance ticket sales and then chaperones for the dance itself.

Ticket sales are during lunchtime, 10:35 a.m.-1 p.m, with a few breaks in between each lunch.

--Thursday, May 9, 2:30-5:15 p.m. dance chaperones still needed

[Larissa](#)

Gateway PTSA VP Volunteers

##### 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](mailto: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 Michelle Hulen.

Michelle Williams. and Joanna Ghosh

for running the student store last

Friday.



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### Advocacy happens every day



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)

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

### 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 \*

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### 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.



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### EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

#### 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](http://www.everettsd.org/expo).

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### Day of Service

Invitation to join school board member, Traci Mitchell, for "day of service" with her company at Cocoon House to create meals to be frozen for the youth. It's May 7th 10-2 pm. They need 10 people and groceries for 70 youth. If you would like to help out, email Traci at [traci-mitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:traci-mitchell@hotmail.com)

**The City of Mill Creek is offering a number of exciting classes and camps** in the coming months for community members of all ages!

To view all upcoming programs from the City of Mill Creek, go to [cityofmillcreek.com/register](http://cityofmillcreek.com/register)

Click on the links below to register or for more information.

##### May:

- [Finance Class for Adults: Budgeting](#) - Ages 18+
- [Rocks, Minerals and Agate Art Project](#) - Ages 6+
- [Adventures in Art - Spring 1](#) - Ages 7-12
- [Cupcake Class: High Heel Cupcakes](#) - Ages 10+
- [Finance Class for Teens: Banking & Credit](#) - Ages 14-18
- [Photography: Intermediate Digital](#) - Ages 13+

##### June:

- [Canvas Painting: Dizzy Tree](#) - Family Class, Ages 6+
- [Canvas Painting: Steel Magnolias](#) - Teen Class, Ages 13+
- [Retirement Planning](#) - Ages 18+
- [Rocks, Minerals and Agate Art Project](#) - Ages 6+
- [Essential Oils & Aromatherapy 101 Class](#) - Ages 18+
- [Cupcake Class: Father's Day Crown Wrapped Cupcakes](#) - Ages 10+

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

- [Kori Dewing](#), President
- [Larissa Pfeifer](#), VP Volunteers
- [Debi Kobyk](#), Secretary
- [Hai Evans](#), Treasurer
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President: Kori Dewing  
VP Fundraising: Andrea Rosen  
VP Volunteers: Jen Rasmussen  
Secretary: Cherlie Camero-gushiken  
Treasurer: Hai Evans  
Membership: Melissa Hinze and Eileen Sugimoto

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

**Affirmative Action Officer** – Carol Stolz, [castolz@everettsd.org](mailto:castolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106 **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104

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