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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: 302 **Goal:** 360 & 100% staff memberships 2018-19: 336

[Membership Form](#)

Have you joined Gateway PTSA yet? Our goal for 2019-2020 is 360 members and 100% Staff Membership. Your membership in Gateway Middle School PTSA helps support many programs and activities including: 8th Grade Celebration, Guardian Wear, Reflections Art Competition, Student of the Month Breakfast, Teacher Grants and Allocation, Staff Appreciation, Drama Program, and more!

Member benefits and discounts are available to all Washington State PTA members. <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

- Silverwood Theme Park - discount on admission tickets through September 29
- Great Wolf Lodge - receive up to 30% off
- LEGOBags.com - get a 40% discount on LEGO® Bag products at LEGOBags.com
- Tickets at Work -access to 20-70% off on movies, hotels, shows, concerts, sporting events, and more
- Wild Waves - discount on admission tickets for Fright Fest - Family by Day/Fright by Night starting weekends September 27 through November 2
- Washington State Fair - save up to 36% on Washington State Fair admission and rides
- FedEx Office - special rates for printing
- Angel of the Winds Arena Everett - discounts on events
- **Office Depot** - great discounts for school supplies

GATEWAY PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Dates

Sept 20 Student Store Open

Sept 23 Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:15pm

Sept 23 Guardian Wear Orders due

Oct 7 School Board Candidate Forum (by Everett PTSA Council) 7-8:30pm, Evergreen MS

Oct 10 High School & Beyond, 5:30-8:30pm, JHS

Oct 18 Teacher work day-no school for students

Oct 24 AR Workshop fundraiser**

**PLEASE feel free to post it on your personal Facebook Page and/or send out to emails to friends. The more we register, the more we get back!

<https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=millcreek&ev=117863>

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

[GATEWAY CALENDAR](#)

Welcome to the Gateway Middle School Student Store!

Our store offers basic school supplies and snacks throughout the year.

Location: Next to the Commons (Look for signs)

Dates: Fridays during all three lunch periods starting September 20th

Hours: LIF:10am -12:15pm

Early Release: 9:30 am – 11:15 am

Payment: Cash only

Coming Soon!

Volunteer sign-up and list of School Supplies and Snack Items for Sale

[Jovie Santos](#), co- chair.

[Kristi Thomsen](#), co-chair

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A big THANK YOU to our Gateway PTSA volunteers that helped at orientation.



Volunteer Opportunities

General Volunteers Needed

There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities at the school throughout the year. Contact Jen Rasmussen to sign-up and when an opportunity arises she'll send out the details of the upcoming events. If you know of something particular you are interested in, let her know. you can reach her at jenlueck18@gmail.com or 206-715-5548. Thank you for being available.

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.

Click [here](#) for the parent newsletter from the school - *The Gateway Page*
Catch a game! Are you looking for the Gateway Sports Schedules? You can find them all here: [Gateway Sports Schedules](#)

Curriculum night is 9/23 from 6:30-8:15

6:30-6:45 – 1st period
6:50-7:00 – 2nd period
7:05-7:15 – 3rd period
7:20 – 7:30 – 4th period
7:35 – 7:45 – 5th period
7:50-8:00 – 6th period
8:05 – 8:15 – 7th period

Donations Needed

Gateway has implemented a new procedure for recognizing students who show character and make wise choices. The staff is passing out GUARD tickets to students who go above and beyond in displaying the GUARD qualities of Grit, Universal Respect, Acceptance, Responsibility, and Doing What's Right. Students submit their tickets for drawings; there will be regular lunch time drawings for small prizes and monthly drawings for more substantial prizes. Prizes are needed for the GUARD ticket drawings, and donations of the following items will be much appreciated:

Regular lunchtime drawings (small items)

·fun keychains (for hanging on backpacks)
·sidewalk chalk
·mechanical pencils and/or .7 lead
·Takis or Hot Cheetos
·pens/markers/Flair pens
·Outshine Bars/fruit Otter Pops
·cute sticky note pads

Monthly drawings (large items)

·Funko figures
·\$5 giftcards to local businesses (Starbucks/Taco Bell/Subway etc)
·Gateway swag
·Earbuds
·Pop sockets

There is a collection box at the front office where prizes can be dropped off.
Thank you!

8th Grade Chess Club

Ms. Griffin needs donations of new or gently used chess sets. She would need them to her room by Friday, September 27th. Parents can simply drop them off in the office, or have their students bring them to A409.

This year, I am starting a Chess Club for 8th graders only. It will be happening during 8th grade lunch (hence why it's 8th grade only).

They would stay in my room. I'm shooting to have about 10 sets because I won't have more than 20 students at one time in the club. The sets would stay in my room and would be used for next years 8th graders and so on.

Take care,
[Ms. Griffin](#)

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

Parent Survey Diversity and Inclusion. Powered by PTA.

As part of our strategic plan for 2019-2020, we are seeking to increase and diversify our membership. To do that, we need a better understanding of who you are as a member. To that end, we have prepared a [short demographic survey](#). It includes some personal questions about you. Please be assured that the answers are all being gathered anonymously. No data will be linked to you.

The survey is modeled after one conducted by Washington State OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction). Please take a few minutes to complete it. With the data we gather, we can initiate procedures and processes that will result in an increase in and a diversification of our membership. We want PTA membership to more closely match the diversity of the students in our state. Thank you for taking the time to let us know more about you!

WSPTA PROGRAMS

Washington State PTA has a number of programs specifically for students. The participation this year was amazing. The students shared their passions for the arts and produced inspirational works.

We hope you will encourage your student to participate in one of these fantastic opportunities in the coming year. Information for each of these programs will be available later this summer.

- [WSPTA/Game Development Competition](#) - a STEM program for students in grades 9-12 (with limited access for grades 7-8) who share their knowledge of computer science based on a theme. [Click here](#) to see the list of 2018-19 winners who submitted a computer game based on the theme Time.
- [WSPTA Scholarship program](#) - for graduating seniors from Washington state public high schools with an active PTA.
- [PTA Men's Essay Contest](#) - explores the important and varied contribution men make in the lives and education of children. To be inspired by the [2018-19 young author winners](#), watch as they read their heart-felt essays on our [YouTube channel](#).
- [Reflections](#) - is a cultural arts competition that provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents in six art areas including visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, dance choreography, and film production. [Click here](#) to see the list of Washington State PTA winners for 2018-19. The 2019-2020 theme is Look Within.

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Mapping your future

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

- Enjoy free pizza
- Keynote speaker: **2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age**
- Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high school students!
- Visit the college & career fair
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Interpreters available

COMMUNITY NEWS



2019-20 PTSA Officers

[Kori Dewing](#), President
[Andrea Rosen](#), VP Fundraising
Jen Rasmussen, VP Volunteers
Cherie Camero-Gushiken, Secretary
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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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

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