

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

[Membership Form](#)

Have you joined Gateway PTSA yet? We are just 8 MEMBERS away from reaching our goal of 360 for the 2019-2020 school year! 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/>

- Great Wolf Lodge - receive up to 30% off
- [LEGOBags.com](http://LEGOBags.com) - get a 40% discount on LEGO® Bag products at [LEGOBags.com](http://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**

- 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 14** PTSA BOD meeting
- Oct 16** Author, R.J. Palacio visit, 6pm Heatherwood MS
- 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>
- Oct 26-27** WSPTA Legislative Assembly in Bellevue
- Nov 8** Reflections art entries due
- Nov 18** Get Real Curriculum presentation at 5:30pm followed by PTSA Meeting at 6:30pm

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

**WSPTA Reflections Art Contest**

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school, but in life.



Students in pre-K through grade 12 create original works of art in response to a theme. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is Look Within. Students submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Completed entries are due **Nov. 8th** to Ms. McArthur's art room. Entry forms and rules can be found by welcome bulletin by school front office doors (by end of this week) or [online](#)

[Reflections Info Video](#)

**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

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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:lkpete@mac.com) for more information.

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## GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

[GBN](#) (morning announcements)

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](#)

### 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.

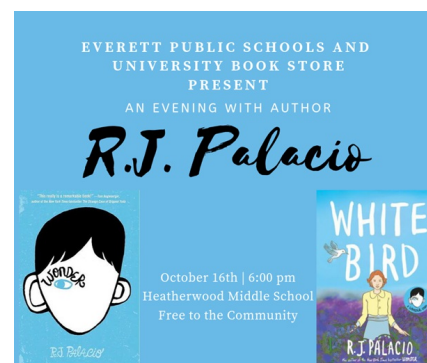
This year, I am starting a Chess Club for 8th graders only. It will be happening during 8th grade lunch (hence why it's 8th grade only).

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](#)

Families are invited to join us on October 16th as we welcome author, R.J. Palacio. She will be speaking about her writing and introduce her new graphic novel, *White Bird*. Her presentation will be followed by a signing meet and greet where you can have your book autographed. Pre-orders of the book are welcome, as the University Book Store will have a limited number on hand for purchase at the event. Order forms are available at the Gateway Library or can be downloaded here. The event will be held at Heatherwood Middle School at 6:00pm



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## EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL, WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA INFO

### WSPTA MEMBER BENEFITS

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

### WSPTA Legislative Assembly

At legislative assembly, you will discover the power PTA has to advocate for every child – the whole child – regardless of race, creed, gender, or zip code. In PTA every member has an equal voice, and your input matters a great deal to me, and to the success of our member-driven platform.

If you've never attended this event before, you'll likely find it exciting and energizing! Whether you choose to watch and listen to the debates or stand up and voice your opinion is up to you. Either way, you'll be part of our grassroots advocacy in action.

The top five reasons to attend legislative assembly:

- Hear from inspiring speakers and learn about the legislative accomplishments WSPTA had last year.
- Add your PTA's voice to our legislative platform for the coming year.
- Attend education sessions to learn about the proposed issues and resolutions and about advocacy at all levels – state, district, and local.
- Network with other PTA leaders and collaborate towards making a difference in your local area.
- Because it's FUN

During the WSPTA Legislative Assembly, delegates will have the opportunity to debate, amend, and vote on short-term platform issues, long-term resolutions, and principles that were brought forth by the members through the grassroots submission process late last spring.

The [2019 Voters' Guide](#) is now available. A [survey](#) to gather input from the members of your local PTA or council is also available as a complement to the guide.

#### 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.
- [WSPTA Essay Contest](#) - explores the important and varied contribution people 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.

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

##### 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

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### Mill Creek Library

[Teen Advisory Board](#)

Wednesday, October 02: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Mill Creek Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS

EVENTS TYPE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Meet new people, discuss teen concerns, help develop library programs, and talk about books — all while earning volunteer credits and having fun!

[Teen Halloween Party](#)

Friday, October 18: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Mill Creek Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS

EVENTS TYPE: COMMUNITY EVENT

Join us for a spooky evening of games, treats, and a costume contest. Check out a scary story. Hosted by the Teen Advisory Board. For grades 6-12. Please preregister.

#### 2019-20 PTSA Officers

[Kori Dewing](#), President

[Andrea Rosen](#), VP Fundraising

Jen Rasmussen, VP Volunteers

Cherlie Camero-Gushiken, Secretary

[Hai Evans](#), Treasurer

[Melissa Hinze](#) and Eileen Sugimoto, Membership

Laura Peterson [Gateway PTSA Communications](#)

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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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