



Gatewood NaviGator

Jan 2026

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LITERACY NIGHT - THURSDAY JAN 22

When is Literacy Night? Thursday Jan. 22nd, 6:00pm – 7:30pm; this is an “open house” type of event, meaning it is totally OK if you need to come late or leave early (or stay the whole time!).

Who should come to Literacy Night? All students and their families are invited to attend! We ask that children stay with their families during the event.

What is Literacy Night? Literacy Night is a community event open to all students, families, and staff at Gatewood. The purpose of the event is to build community and relationships, and to have fun while interacting with a variety of different literacy-based activities.

Where is Literacy Night? Please plan to stop by the cafeteria when you first arrive to get a map of the events! Each grade level team will be hosting a literacy based activity that is meant for children and their families to complete together (and ideas for ways to play at home!).

FREE Refreshments! There will be cookies and cocoa served in the Cafeteria. Want to bring in supplies or help hand out cookies? **Please sign up using the QR code.**



WINTER CLUBS SIGN-UP

Club registration opens Jan. 14th at 7pm.

Scholarship registrations for clubs are open NOW.
Email: gatewood.enrichment@gmail.com



scan for info



THE CARE CLOSET HELP NEEDED

Volunteer Needed: Care Closet Coordinator (Low Lift!) We're looking for another Care Closet Coordinator (or two) to help share the load and keep Gatewood's Care Closet stocked and organized. Tasks include a quick weekly supply check, clothing processing (maybe a load of laundry on occasion), and reporting items that need restocking.

Time commitment: 15-20 min. per week, flexible before or after drop-off/pick-up
Requirement: Approved SPS Volunteer

Interested? This small role makes a big difference for our community!
Email: GatewoodCareCloset@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER: KINDERGARTEN TOURS FOR NEW FAMILIES - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14TH

Incoming Kindergarten families for the 2026-27 school year and students who are new to Gatewood are warmly invited to join us for a school tour on Wednesday, January 14. We are offering two options on Jan. 14th – one at **8:15am** and one at **6:00pm**, each lasting about 45 minutes.

We need some volunteers to help show the families around Gatewood. If you are able to help - [please sign up here!](#)

Please contact volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com with any questions



JANUARY

14 Tours for new families

8:15am / 6pm, library

14 Afterschool Clubs Enrollment

7pm, Online

15 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Library

19 No School (MLK Day)



20 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am, Staff Room

22 Gatewood Literacy Night

6pm, Classrooms

26 1st Day Winter Afterschool Clubs

26 Kaleidoscope Collective

7:30pm, Virtual

28 Passport Club check-in Day



FEBRUARY

2-6 Black Lives Matter at School Week

4 DEI Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

5 Advocacy Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

6 The Claw Musical Performance 1

6:30pm, Gatewood Cafeteria

7 The Claw Musical Performance 2

2pm, Gatewood Cafeteria

12 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Library

16-20 No School - Mid-Winter Break



23 Kaleidoscope Collective

7:30pm, Virtual

24 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am, Staff Room

25 Passport Club check-in Day



26 Gatewood Math Night

6pm, Classrooms

See the full Gatewood PTA Calendar and/or sync your calendar to ours at <https://www.gatewoodpta.org/>

PTA MEETING THIS WEEK

Our next Gatewood PTA Meeting is:

Thursday Jan 15th at 6:30pm

Join us in the library or online to connect with Principal Hogg and other Gatewood families and get updates from around the school.

Meeting Details and Agenda at gatewoodpta.org/pta-meeting-info

Can't come in person? Join online: <https://meet.google.com/pgq-opir-ypa>

Prefer babysitting to meeting? Let us know: volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com

AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE 1/21

Tickets for the 2026 Gatewood Annual Auction will be available online at www.gatewoodpta.org/auction-2026 on **January 21st!** Book your spot (or table) early! See email flyer for more!

Want to volunteer? Email gatewoodauctionchair@gmail.com



GATEWOODS FIRST MUSICAL - FEB 6

Get your tickets to see The Claw, Gatewood's first musical program! Shows are **Friday February 6th at 6:30pm and Saturday February 7th at 2pm**. Come and support your fellow gators! [Buy tickets here](#).



Hot Cocoa For Sale Friday Mornings!

1/16, 1/23, 1/30 7:30AM-8AM

Support Gatewood's Musical Program by buying a cup of hot cocoa! Look for the Hot Cocoa stand Friday mornings in various locations. Cocoa will be \$1/cup!

GATOR COMIC CONTEST: ANTI-BULLYING COMICS



DROP OFF SAFETY

At drop-off/pick-up, find a spot to pull over completely before having your child jump out of the vehicle (not in the road).

Families who are able to are encouraged to **park their vehicle and walk their students** to the school. Thank you for being mindful during these darker winter mornings!

SCIENCE FAIR: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The PTA is looking for a new **Science Fair Lead(s)** and other volunteers.

Responsibilities: Lead will be responsible for distributing information and coordination of student entries, other volunteers, including judges, as well as setup/clean-up.

Key Dates: Projects will be brought in on the morning of Friday, May 29th. The Science Fair will take place after Lunch on the 29th, and remain set up through the Gator Fair on May 30th. Leads will need to be on-site May 29th

Contact Volunteer@gatewoodpta@gmail.com



GATOR SWAP SUCCESS

The event was a huge success and we were able to **donate all the remaining goods to West Seattle Food Bank Clothesline and West Side Baby**. This turned out to be great timing after all the flooding when needs were even greater than usual.

AUTHOR EVENT SUCCESS!

Gatewood's author event with author **Dan Gemeinhart** was an inspiring and unforgettable experience for our students and staff! Dan shared stories from his upbringing and his long journey to becoming a published author. Students asked thoughtful, curious questions. While All 10 of his published works can be found in the Gatewood library. See Navigator email for more info!

JANUARY MONTHLY LEARNING BONUS!

To encourage students to view this new year with a fresh perspective, this Monthly Bonus invites students to **go outside with a phone or camera and see what natural wonders can be captured**. Head outside with curious eyes and look closely at colors, patterns, tiny details, and big views—maybe it's a colorful patch of moss, a wiggly worm in your garden, or sunlight beaming through the trees.

Nature photos can be sent to Ms. Emma at ervielbig@seattleschools.org and will be posted on the Gatewood Learning Garden website! Students will receive a little prize in the library for submitting a picture!

More information and ideas can be found on the Monthly Bonus page:

<https://gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/the-monthly-bonus-blog/>

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Visit the **Gatewood PTA website** for a clickable NaviGator, Calendar, updates, forms, and details: GatewoodPTA.org

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