

2025 Gatewood Navigator

Nov 2025

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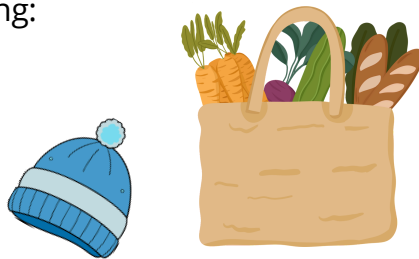
THE CARE CLOSET

Donate to the care closet or come get items you need!

Our AMAZING new Care Closet has already made a tremendous impact helping the Gatewood community. So much so, that we need your help.

To get ahead of the cold weather season and help out those in need, the Care Closet is requesting **urgent** donations for the following:

- **Grocery** gift card donations (Safeway, Instacart)
- **NEW puffer jackets** (gender neutral)
 - all sizes, but XL is **urgent** need
- **NEW Sweatpants** (boys and girls, all sizes)



Additionally, the Care Closet is always looking for:

- Like-New Sweatpants (boys and girls in kid sizes – XS, S, M, L, XL)
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles
- Shirts & pants (all kids sizes)
- Pharmacy gift cards (Safeway, CVS)
- ORCA transit gift cards
- Gas gift cards



Interested in donating? Email: GatewoodCareCloset@gmail.com

GATEWOOD TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Come and have a say about technology use at Gatewood!

This committee is part of Gatewood's Building Leadership Team. We will be discussing and researching best practices around both student personal technology and educational technology. What is harmful? Helpful? Neutral?

Email Meghan at mobrien38@yahoo.com; we will set up a meeting date that works for everyone.



GATEWOOD AUCTION CALLING ALL SPONSORS & DONORS!

The Auction Committee is seeking vacation rentals, event tickets, memorabilia, unique experiences, and more to feature in our annual auction! Have something to donate? We'd love to hear from you!

This year, we're also offering special recognition opportunities for local businesses who lend their support. Show your Gator Pride and your commitment to Gatewood by becoming an auction sponsor.

Gatewood's annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, supporting our students, families, and school programs.

Good Vibes + Great Giving = Gatewood Success!

Visit GatewoodPTA.org/Auction-2026 to:

- Donate items or experiences
- Learn about sponsorship recognition levels
- Discover how your support strengthens Gatewood

Questions? Email: GatewoodAuctionChair@gmail.com



NOVEMBER

11 No School—Veterans Day

12 DEI Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

13 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Library

18 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am, Staff Room

19 Passport Club check-in Day

21 Picture Re-Takes

21 Glow Bingo

5:30-7:30pm, Cafeteria/Gym

24-26 No School - Conferences

27-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break



DECEMBER

3 DEI Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

4 Advocacy Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

11 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Library

12 Last day of Fall After School Clubs

12 Movie Night & Clothing Swap

5:30pm, Cafeteria

16 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am, Staff Room

17 Passport Club check-in Day

17 Teacher Holiday Lunch, Library

19 1-Hour Early Dismissal

22- 2 No School - Winter Break



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 Nov 13th 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

GREEN ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN:

A huge Gator-sized THANK YOU to every family who turned in an envelope, donated online, shared the campaign, or encouraged others to participate. Because of you, this year's Green Envelope Campaign was an incredible success! We raised over \$30,000!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your generosity helps power everything that makes Gatewood shine — field trips, classroom supplies, visiting authors, enrichment programs, teacher support, community events, and so much more. This campaign is one of the most important ways we support our students and staff, and we are truly blown away by the spirit, kindness, and teamwork of our community. Gatewood families showed up, lifted each other, and made a difference for every Gator. **Make sure to look in your gator's backpack for a special pin-out way of saying thank you!**

Thank you for helping us build a strong, joyful, and well-supported school year. Every envelope counts. Every kid benefits. — The Gatewood PTA

GATEWOOD MUSICLA THEATER

STUDENT & PARENT INTEREST MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
5:30-6PM GATEWOOD LIBRARY & VIRTUAL

EVENT DATES: FEB 6 & 7, 2026


The PTA is excited to offer a new musical theater program this year at Gatewood for 3rd through 5th graders. We will be performing The Claw and have opportunities for students to be in the cast or helping behind the scenes. We will also need lots of parent volunteers.

If you and your student are interested in learning, join us for a family information meeting. If you can't join in person, you can join virtually <https://calendar.app.google/EahsgzhLKwyKvbP9A>.



GATOR JOKE:

What do you call a alligator who loves watering plants?



An Irrigator!

GLOW BINGO

11/21 5:30PM



This event is **SOLD OUT** but if you have a ticket there is still time to order your pizza!! There will be very limited pizza available on site, so order ahead to ensure you get one!

Questions?
email Sarah.Adler219@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT & GATOR SWAP 12/12 @ 6PM, CAFETERIA





Support the 5th Graders as they raise funds at **Movie Night on Friday 12/12 @ 6pm** in the Cafeteria! (doors open at 5:30pm)

Bring your blankets and snacks and stake out your spot!

Suggested donation of \$10/family

Popcorn is always FREE



Start Sorting Through Your Stuff Now!

The Great Gator Swap will happen on 12/12 during the movie night.

During the week of 12/8 the PTA will be collecting adult/children clothing as well as toys. Then, on 12/12 come and take whatever you want!

Questions?
Email Sarah.Adler219@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER UPDATE - NEW PROCESS!

SPS has updated the process for NEW volunteers to volunteer in the school. The PTA is working with the school admin to determine the procedure. Please stay tuned for more information. volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com

NOVEMBER MONTHLY LEARNING BONUS!



Inspired by Dia De Los Muertos, students celebrated their lost loved ones this Day of the Dead, whether it was writing a letter, sharing a memory, drawing a picture, or just giving themselves some time to feel their grief.

They also learned about Mourning Altars. These beautiful Altars, created by Day Schildkret, are made from objects found in nature.

See more, including a **video with Day Schildkret** on the Monthly Bonus page of our Gatewood Learning Garden Website.

Monthly Learning Bonus Blog:
<https://gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/the-monthly-bonus-blog/>

SHOUT-OUT TO MS. EMMA'S GARDEN CLUB FOR DIGGING THE POTATOES!

GATEWOOD SCHOOL SPUD-MASTER 2025 WINNER:



136

Total number of spuds found in the Learning Garden Potato Patch!
Our winner this year was two off with a guess of 134 Spuds!



ALDER SPUD-MASTER 2025

FINALISTS

2nd Place: Avery (Ms. Noelle) and Sam (Ms. Anita) at 132

3rd Place: Nora (Ms. Noelle) at 131

4th Place: Zemi (Ms. Noelle) and Poe (Ms. Ott) at 130

5th Place: Violet (Ms. Ott) and Carrie (Ms. Noelle) at 128

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



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

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