

2026 Gatewood HaviGator

FEB 2026

Si necesita esta información en español, envíe un correo electrónico a communications.gatewoodpta@gmail.com

AUCTION: DONORS & SPONSORS NEEDED

CALLING ALL DONORS AND SPONSORS! Procurement deadline: **March 1**

Have tickets, a vacation rental, or a unique experience to offer? Have a favorite business? Own a business or work for a great company? Support Gatewood and share the love!



Hitch a ride to Gatorstock on The Magic Bus!

Seats are still available! Book now before they sell out! No driving, no parking, no stress. Just ride and relax.

\$38 per person includes: roundtrip charter bus ride, one drink ticket, and a Boss Drive-In Burger on the ride home.

Visit GatewoodPTA.org/auction-2026 to buy bus tickets, donate, or sponsor!

SCIENCE FAIR: VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Responsibilities: Distributing information & coordination of student entries, other volunteers, including judges, as well as setup/clean-up.

Key Dates: May 29th - 30th

Contact
Volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com

THE CLAW!

Gatewood's first musical theater production, **The Claw**, was an amazing success! The students put on three shows (for the school assembly + two public shows). Special thanks to everyone involved in making this such a fun and enjoyable experience for the students.

The last performance was recorded so stay tuned for more information on how to access this performance recording.



FEBRUARY

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



MARCH

6 Class Pictures

11 DEI Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Virtual

12 Advocacy Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Library

18 Passport Club check-in Day

19 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Library

23 Kaleidoscope Collective

7:30pm, Virtual

24 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am, Staff Room

27 Gatewood Auction

PTA Fundraiser Event



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

THE CARE CLOSET



The Care Closet continues to see immense value. Please continue to donate and check out the PTA website for the latest needs at <https://www.gatewoodpta.org/carecloset>

Email: GatewoodCareCloset@gmail.com

PTA MEETING THIS WEEK

Our next Gatewood PTA Meeting is:

Thursday Feb 12th 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

JOIN PTA LEADERSHIP FOR 2026-2027



We are a drama-free PTA that works hard alongside Gatewood staff to support all of Gatewood's kids. **Won't you join us in a leadership role for next school year?** Or, find a buddy and do it together (ex: co-treasurer). Per our bylaws, all board positions are re-elected each year and have a term limit of 2 years.

Positions include: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Advocacy, Communications, and Activities Chair.

Interested? Reach out to: gatewoodptapresident@gmail.com.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE COLLECTIVE

Our first meeting was WONDERFUL!

Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was truly special to connect and share as a community supporting neurodivergent and highly sensitive children.

Our next virtual meeting is **Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM**, and we would love to see you there!

Interested in connecting? Email: GatewoodKCollective@gmail.com





SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATES



Gatewood will be seeing a few updates as well as volunteer opportunities in efforts to continue to prioritize student safety. For more information, refer to the email sent out by **Principle Kyna Hogg on Feb. 2nd**

Volunteer Opportunity: Parent Volunteers at Arrival and Dismissal

- To provide additional reassurance and supervision during arrival and dismissal, we are looking for parents who may be interested in volunteering during these times at Gatewood—and potentially at other school sites as well.
- If you are interested and available to help at Gatewood or another school site, please reach out to **Principle Kyna Hogg** directly. kkhogg@seattleschools.org



New After-School Fence Locking Procedures

- The Cottage School is a licensed child care provider that rents space at Gatewood during both school and after-school hours. The Cottage School will be using the playground and blacktop areas from 3:00–6:00pm. During this time, the fences will be locked, and the playground will not be available for community use, in alignment with child care licensing requirements and SPS Superintendent Policy 4200.
- The playground will continue to be open to community members from 2:25–3:00pm, and again after 6:00pm on weekdays and all weekend.



FEBRUARY MONTHLY LEARNING BONUS!

For the February Monthly Bonus, we are spreading the love of gardening by offering students a flower bulb to plant in their garden! In the office, students and families will find a basket filled with paperwhite and tulip bulbs and planting instructions. While supplies last, Gators are encouraged to take one home and plant it in their garden or gift it to a loved one!

More information and ideas can be found on the **Monthly Bonus** page: <https://gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/the-monthly-bonus-blog/>



ALL FAMILIES ARE SAFE & WELCOME AT GATEWOOD

The Gatewood PTA would like to amplify the Seattle Public Schools District's stance on supporting all families:

We have a constitutional obligation to educate all students. No matter where you're from, you are welcome here".

Read more about the district's policies on their website, and if you have questions or are looking for resources please reach out to the DEI committee dei.gatewoodpta@gmail.com

<https://www.seattleschools.org/news/commitment-to-sps-students-staff-and-families/>



It's not that difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles apart...

One will see you late, and the other will see you in a while. 😊



NEW SPS SUPERINTENDENT

SPS Welcomes New Superintendent: **Ben Shuldiner**



Seattle Public Schools officially welcomed its new leader on Monday, Feb. 2. Supt. Shuldiner's will be making Community Engagement Tour to listen and learn from the community. He will be at West Seattle Elementary on March 31st. To learn more and to RSVP for Community Meetings, head to the SPS website or by using the links below: <https://www.seattleschools.org/news/>



Superintendent
Community
Engagement Tour



RSVP for Community
Meetings with Supt.
Shuldiner



Superintendent's
Newsletter: Ben
Shuldiner

CONNECT & CONTRIBUTE

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

Join the PTA Instagram page: [instagram.com/gatewoodelementary/](https://www.instagram.com/gatewoodelementary/)

Join the PTA Facebook page: [facebook.com/GatewoodElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/GatewoodElementaryPTA)

Join the Gatewood Elementary group on Facebook: [tinyurl.com/gatewoodfb](https://www.tinyurl.com/gatewoodfb)

Submit questions, ideas, and feedback: communications.gatewoodpta@gmail.com