



Gatewood Gator

Dec 2025

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



Come and check out what your fellow gator families are shedding! Or pick up some up-cycled toys before the holiday season! **All items are FREE.** Anything left over at the end of the night will be donated to **West Seattle Food Bank Clothing Line.**

Clothing/Toy Collection for Gator Swap 12/9-12/12

Drop off your gently used ADULT and KIDS CLOTHES and TOYS at the storage container on Myrtle.

Want to help? Questions? Email Sarah.Adler219@gmail.com

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

THE CARE CLOSET

CARE CLOSET SPECIAL REQUEST – SHARE JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

A special thank-you goes to the residents of **The Kenney**, who generously raised funds to support **Gatewood's Care Closet**. We'd like to say thanks by sharing some holiday cheer with our friends at **The Kenney**. A heartfelt card, a handmade craft, or some extra treats from a family baking day can mean so much to seniors this time of year.

Drop off any goodies whenever you're able @ **7125 Fautleroy Way SW**. It's a meaningful way to teach our children about giving and to share the spirit of the season as a family. Thank you, Gatewood Gators, for helping us spread joy and kindness in our community!

Please visit our webpage for the most up-to-date needs and to shop our Wishlist. <https://www.gatewoodpta.org/carecloset>

Interested in donating? Email: GatewoodCareCloset@gmail.com

THE KALEIDOSCOPE COLLECTIVE

THE KALEIDOSCOPE COLLECTIVE is a Parent Support & Affinity Group creating a supportive, safe space created by parents, for parents. Whether your child is neurodivergent, has heightened needs or sensitivities, or you're still exploring and understanding their unique way of experiencing the world, you are welcome here

Our monthly group offers opportunities to **share experiences, exchange resources, and build meaningful connections** with others who truly understand the journey.

Here, you'll find understanding, encouragement, and community:

- **No diagnosis needed** – just curiosity, questions, or the desire for connection.
- **Share openly** – vent, ask for advice, or celebrate your child's wins.
- **Feel seen and heard** – among people who “get it” because we're walking a similar path.



JOIN OUR FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 26th at 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 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**



JANUARY

- 5 Back to school!**
- 7 DEI Committee Meeting**
6:30pm, Virtual
- 8 Advocacy Committee Meeting**
6:30pm, Virtual
- 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**
- 28 Passport Club check-in Day**



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 Dec 11th 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](https://www.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

LAST DAY OF FALL CLUBS + WINTER SIGN UPS SOON!

Last day of Fall clubs is Dec. 12th unless communicated otherwise.. **Club registration for Winter opens Jan. 14th.**

Scholarship registrations for clubs opens January 5th.
Email gatewood.enrichment@gmail.com.



Scan here for
**Club Dates &
sign up info!**

GATEWOOD AUCTION

Auction Tickets On Sale Jan. 21

All you grown-up flower children, dust off your tie-dye: tickets to Gatorstock, Gatewood's annual auction celebration, go on sale on January 21st!

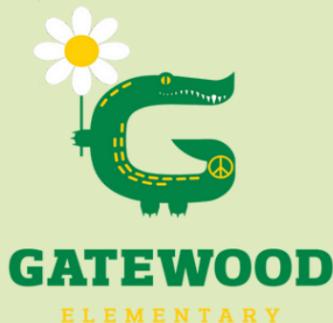
This year's happening will be packed with mystic experiences, far-out fare, radiant community energy, and yes... LIVE KARAOKE.

Tickets will be available for individual purchase by solo artists, or get the band together and grab a whole table. Start planning now—tickets will sell out fast! This is **THE** party of the year you won't want to miss.

We get by with a little help from our friends, so let's show up for Gatewood. Turn on, tune in, and drop January 21st on your calendar!

Visit GatewoodPTA.org/Auction-2026

Questions? Email: GatewoodAuctionChair@gmail.com



5TH GRADE ROBOTICS

The 5th Grade Robotics team, Dat! Llamas, competed in UNEARTHED: First LEGO League competition on Saturday.

A huge THANK YOU to their coach, Dr. David and parent mentor Heidi Kimsey.



READING CHALLENGE!

December 1st marks the beginning of our winter reading challenge in the Library! Pick up a bookmark tracker in the library and challenge yourself to read **10 books by January 31st!** Participants will receive a certificate of completion, a photo on the wall and a little prize!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED + NEW SIGN UP PROCESS

We are always looking for volunteer help! Any family or community member can complete the SPS volunteer application. That means not just parents—grandparents, aunties, uncles, family friends, and even older siblings (for certain events) are welcome to volunteer.

- **Current events like Movie Night, Gator Swap, and the Staff Holiday Lunch need your help!**
- **Passport Club** needs monthly volunteers to quiz students on geography - next check in day December 17th.
- **Interested in helping in the classroom?** Check in with your classroom GatorAid for opportunities.

All PTA committees also welcome new voices! Meeting days and times are listed on the PTA calendar and shared in the weekly Gator News. We value diverse perspectives and would love to have you join the conversation. Have questions or want to get involved? Email volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com



DECEMBER MONTHLY LEARNING BONUS!

The Monthly Bonus: Our final Monthly Bonus of the school year is a **celebration of winter and the changing of seasons with a reading of Winter's Gifts by Kaitlin B. Curtice.**

This story is an indigenous celebration of nature shared in the perspective of a young girl named Dani. I hope this story reminds everyone of all the gifts that winter can bring! This is a great time of the year to reflect on and express gratitude for both the small and large things in life!

Direct Youtube

link: https://youtu.be/6Cgig0OY_Ws

Monthly Bonus website

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

OUR NEXT AUTHOR EVENT

Due to the gracious support of the Gatewood PTA, our school will be hosting the prolific **New York Times bestselling author, Dan Gemeinhart!** His latest chapter book, **Busted**, is available for checkout in the library and can be pre-ordered at Paper Boat Booksellers. Explore his other award-winning titles including The Remarkable journey of Coyote Sunrise, The Midnight Children and The Honest Truth to name a few.

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

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