

Gatewood Navigator

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HUGE GATEWOOD TURNOUT AT THE BILLION DOLLAR BAKE SALE EVENT!!!

Gatewood **SHOWED UP** in a major way at the state-wide Billion Dollar Bake Sale! Parents and kids of all grades joined up with the entire 5th Grade at the state capital in Olympia to **demand that public education be fully funded** in this year's state budget. Thank you to all for participating by either attending, creating postcards in art class, or writing/calling your legislators.

Following an impactful rally, **we were able to talk with all three of our legislative representatives** in the 34th district. What a wonderful experience for all and impossible for our elected leaders to ignore. Thank you all!

➤ Please keep on the pressure by calling our legislators:

- Senator Emily Alvarado: (360) 786-7667
- Representative Joe Fitzgibbon: (360) 786-7952
- Representative Brianna Thomas: (360) 786-7978



BILLION DOLLAR BAKE SALE WASHINGTON

If you are interested in getting involved, we have a Gatewood PTA Advocacy Committee. Please reach out to Megan and Jessica at gatewood.pta.advocacy@gmail.com

VOTE!

Vote by TODAY, February 11th!

This ballot includes critical propositions for school funding for Seattle Public Schools.

Seattle School District Prop 1 is to replace the Educational Programs and Operations Levy (materials and supplies for teachers and students)

Seattle School District Prop 2 is for a Building Excellence Program (school construction and repairs)



LEARN MORE HERE BEFORE YOU VOTE!



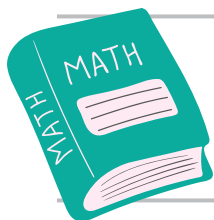
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TOURS FOR INCOMING KINDERGARDENERS!

Volunteer tour guides needed for the Incoming Kinder sessions!

February 12th at 8am - 9am and 6:30pm-7:30pm

Families meet in Library for a short presentation by Ms Hogg. Then volunteers take families around the school and answer questions about a typical Gatewood day.

[sign up here](#)



MATH NIGHT! 2/27 6-7PM GATEWOOD

Join us for a night of activities celebrating all things MATH! And make sure to stop by the cafeteria for some popcorn provided by the PTA!

AUCTION IS SOLD OUT! BUT YOU CAN STILL HELP!

🎟️ **Buy a raffle ticket:** You could win a \$500 Alaska Airlines gift card or \$200 to El Gaucho!

🎁 **Donate to your grade's experience package:** Instead of assembling baskets, this year each grade is donating a super rad experience instead. A suggested donation of \$20 per student will take it to the max!

📅 **Bid on the silent auction:** Opens 3/7

🛍️ **Shop vintage fashion at Doll Parts Collective and mention Gatewood:** 10% of your purchase will support the PTA!



FEBRUARY



2/3-7 Black Lives Matter at School Week

2/6 Advocacy Committee Meeting

6:30pm Gatewood Library

2/8 Communi-Tea

9am Cafe Ladro (Saturday)

2/12 Tours for new families

8:15am / 6:30pm Gatewood Library

2/12 Passport Club check-in Day

2/13 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm Gatewood Library

2/17-21 No School - Mid-Winter Break

2/25 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am Staff Room

2/27 Math Night

6pm Gatewood Classrooms

MARCH



3/6 Advocacy Committee Meeting

6:30pm, Library

3/7 Class Pictures

3/8 Communi-Tea

9am Cafe Ladro (Saturday)

3/13 General PTA Meeting

6:30-8pm, Gatewood Library

3/14 PTA Annual Auction

3/18 PTA Coffee and Chat

8am Staff Room

3/19 Passport Club check-in Day

3/28 Movie Night

6pm Cafeteria (doors open 5:30)

See full [Gatewood Annual Calendar](#).

PTA MEETING THIS WEEK

Our next Gatewood PTA Meeting is:

Thursday Feb 13 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

COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION AT GATEWOOD



Hello Grownups! We are looking for **Gatewood community members that are interested in sharing their college and/or career experience with Gatewood students.**

We're hoping to represent a wide range of jobs/careers, school/post-secondary experiences and identities.

If you're interested in sharing your experience and willing to be interviewed and recorded please reach out to Gatewood's School Counselor Ms. Hopp lahopp@seattleschools.org.

MOTHERS AGAINST MEDIA ADDICTION MEETING

Mothers Against Media Addiction Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 11th 6-7:30
 Seattle Public Library
 SW Branch 9010
 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA
 (upstairs meeting room)

Dads, teachers, caregivers and all concerned citizens welcome!

[Learn more](#)

Contact: Meghan.kaulmeghan@gmail.com.



LEARNING LIBRARY MONTHLY BONUS

For the February Monthly Bonus, I am calling all student artists to submit drawings for our garden signage! The signs in our garden have been worn out from wind, rain, sun and snow which means it is time to replace them. **Students can submit completed plant, flower, vegetable drawings in color on white paper.**

Where to Submit: Bring to library or send to ervielbig@seattleschools.org.

Ideas for Drawings:

Herbs (Rosemary, thyme, oregano, dill, basil, mint etc.), flowers of all kinds, corn, beans & squash, salad greens (kale, lettuce, chard, etc.), pollinating insects and animals (birds, bugs, bees), potatoes & potato plants, strawberries, teacups, other veggies (cucumber, carrots, radishes, tomatoes, peppers), and Native Plants (snowberry, huckleberry, ocean spray, oregon grape, etc.).

Watch it with your Kids!



Learning Garden Monthly Bonus: gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/about/

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls on the Run is an **afterschool program for girls and nonbinary youth in grades 3-5** that combines life skills with physical movement. GOTR boosts participants' confidence and social/emotional skills right when they need it most, all while working towards a **big goal: a celebratory 5K.**

Sign your Gator up now for the spring program which starts this week.



Questions? Contact Melissa Heller (melissadeno@yahoo.com) who has a 4th grader at Gatewood and is our site liaison.

PARENT ED NIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

140 local parents left this event with positive momentum towards giving our children a childhood that is **more PLAY FULL and PHONE FREE** to support their wellness as they develop into resilient and healthy human beings.

The discussions included:

- Data on social media usage and mental health for kids presented by local experts
- Encouraging play based childhood, waiting until 8th grade for smartphones, and until after age 16 for social media.
- Collectively brainstorming problems and solutions, share ideas across schools

Watch the Recording Here:



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SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL GATEWOOD SPRING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE IS APRIL 28TH



WINTER READING CHALLENGE IS A WIN!

Let's celebrate all the 2nd-5th grade students who took part in our Winter Reading Challenge!

These students challenged themselves to **read 10 books** over the course of December and January (at least 8 chapter books). Their smiling faces will be on display in the library for the remainder of the school year!



WHERE DO YOU READ? DISPLAY IN LIBRARY- CALLING FOR MORE SUBMISSIONS!

Currently, in the Gatewood Library we have a display encouraging students and families to **send in pictures of their favorite places to read!** This can be out on an adventure or in your favorite reading nook at home.

Calling for Submissions to be added to our "Where do You Read?" display!

Please email pictures to Ms. Emma at ervielbig@seattleschools.org with the students' name and location of where they are reading!

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.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/gatewoodfb)

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