# The Gateway Page

**GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** 

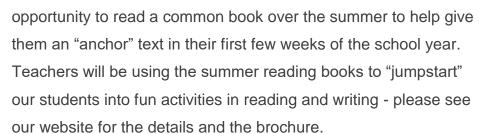
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## From the Principal

We can't believe how time flies! The end of the school year is just a few short weeks away, and we know everyone is ready for summer!

In this edition of the Page, we have included some information about the summer reading program. Every year, we give our students the



It has been my pleasure to work with you and your students this year as Gateway's Interim Principal. Matt Bennett, Gateway's new principal, will be fully onboard starting July 1st. He has had several opportunities to spend time in the school with staff and students and is excited to begin his work with the Gateway students and community. As an administrative team, we would like to thank you for your support for your students this year. We are grateful you have chosen to share your students with us; they are what made Gateway the best middle school in the state of Washington! Enjoy the summer, and see you in September!



## **Linda Butler** Principal

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#### June 4

Final Band Concert—25<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration GW Gym, 7:00 p.m.

#### June 7

Student of the Month Breakfast GMS Commons, 7:30-8:00 am

Early Release- Dismissal @ 12:15 pm

#### June 10

GMS PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm

Final Choir Concert Everett Civic Auditorium, 7:00 pm

#### June 11

Gateway Farewell Orchestra Concert GMS Commons, 7:00 pm

#### June 18

Yearbook Distribution Locker Clean-out June Jamboree

#### June 19

8<sup>th</sup> grade Away Day Willis Tucker Park

8<sup>th</sup> grade Bridging and Celebration JHS, 6:00—9:30 pm

#### June 21

Last day of school- Dismissal @ 2:45 pm

Mrs. Batler, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Spear, and Mr. Samuels—Your Gaardian Administrative Team



## When does school end this year?

June 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year. It is a full day with a regular dismissal time at 2:45 p.m.

Reminder: Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, students will be released 2.5 hours early and Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, students will be released 75 minutes early.

## SBA scores are coming soon

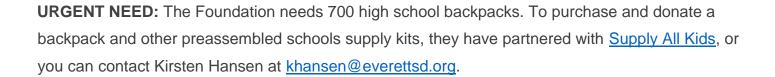
Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the <u>district assessment</u> website.

#### How do I get the test scores?

<u>Instructions are online</u>. If you don't have an account or have questions, contact <u>LMS@everettsd.org</u>.

## Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 10th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students. This year they have requests for over 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 16-18.





## Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls in school next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We will track the information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

Do you have a personal exemption for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)? The exemption may not be valid for the next school year due to a new state law. Learn more on the Washington State Department of Health's website.

## Summer school registration is open!

Registration materials are now online. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

## **Summer Reading Program**

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



### School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.



#### Summer meals

Did you know that many children qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 8 through Aug. 15 at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.

### Change to assessment requirements

The Washington State Legislature recently passed a bill creating multiple ways to meet required graduation assessments. School districts are required to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both mathematics and English language arts to all 10th graders. Passing each of these assessments is the first "pathway" among a set of multiple pathways to graduate. Students identify their pathway in their High School and Beyond Plan. Students in the class of 2021 and beyond must still earn 24 credits to obtain a high school diploma.

For a complete list of graduation assessment requirement options, please visit the district <u>graduation</u> website under the *Students* tab.



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