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GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Please join me in welcoming **Matthew Bennett** as your new Principal at Gateway Middle School. Matt will officially become a Gateway Guardian on July 1, following my year of service as Interim Principal this school year.

Matt has been an assistant principal at Cascade High School since 2015, having overseen ASB operations, assessments, master scheduling, the overhaul of campus security, emergency operations, and curricular data analysis.

Before joining the Cascade community, Matt served students in Arizona as assistant principal at Higley High School, Dean of Students at Desert Ridge Junior High, and director of speech and debate at Desert Vista High School. Prior years saw Matt serving as a reading, English, speech and debate teacher for four years at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, AZ and five years as a technical theater director and instructor at Eastlake and Redmond high schools in the Lake Washington School District.

Central Washington University is where Matt earned his bachelors in Language Arts Education, followed by his master's in Education Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

We are excited to have Matt join the Gateway team!

-Mrs. Butler, Mr. Samuels, and Mrs. Spear

Your Guardian Administrative Team

Linda Butler

Principal

Andre Samuels

Assistant Principal

Kalle Spear

Assistant Principal

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Mar. 1

Learning Improvement Friday -
HS&B Schedule

Mar. 5

Spring Band Concert 7:00 Gym

Mar. 8

Learning Improvement Friday -
HS&B Schedule

Mar. 11

PTSA Membership Mtg. 6:30-8:00

Library

Orchestra Concert 7:00

Commons

Mar. 13

JHS Counselors Meet with 8th

Graders

Bridging Choir Concert with

HW 7:00 Everett Civic Auditorium

Mar. 15

Learnig Improvement Friday

Mar. 19

JHS 8th Grade Family Night—6:30

Mar. 21

Jackson HS Counselors to

Gateway—8th Grade HS

Registration

Mar. 27

Students of Color Field Trip, ECC

Mar. 29

Student of the Month Awards

Commons 7:15-7:50

Sno-Isle Field Trip

Apr. 1-5

Spring Break



Staff Update

Lorie Lambert, our Office Manager, has been a positive presence at Gateway for the past 23 years. I had the privilege of hiring Lorie all those years ago and now have the privilege of announcing that she will be leaving Gateway in the middle of March for her new position at the district office as Executive Assistant to Dr. Peter Scott, Deputy Superintendent of the Everett Public Schools. We are all very sad to say good-bye to Lorie but know that she will be a tremendous asset in her new position. I know that many of you have worked with Lorie closely, so I wanted you to be aware of this change in our office staff.

FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes:

- The Microsoft® Office Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Google Drive/apps/doc/form
- Internet Safety
- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Guardian Honor Roll

We are so excited and proud of our Gateway Guardians! They did an amazing job in the first semester, and we are happy to announce first semester Honor Roll. We have two levels of honor roll—Gold Honor Roll is for students who have received a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher. Silver Honor Roll is designated for students who have a GPA of 3.2-3.499 for this semester. We have



so many reasons to be proud of our students' achievements, and this academic achievement is just one of many celebrations for our Guardians! Thank you for all of your support in making these students the best in Washington State!

Gold Honor Roll (GPA of 3.5 or higher) (See link below this letter)

Silver Honor Roll (GPA of 3.2 to 3.499) (See link below this letter)

Gold - <https://www.everettsd.org/cms/lib/WA01920133/Centricity/Domain/14/Gold Honor Roll Fall 2019.pdf>

Silver - <https://www.everettsd.org/cms/lib/WA01920133/Centricity/Domain/14/Silver Honor Roll Fall 2019.pdf>

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary School, register at your nearest neighborhood elementary school.

Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



21st annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23



Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>.



Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities.



Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email careerlink@everettsd.org.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250