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GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

The Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) are the state assessments that students take in the spring to measure their progress. This spring all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will take the SBA tests in both Math and English Language Arts; eighth graders will also take the WCAS in science. The results from these tests will give an accurate picture of whether students are on track to be college, career and life ready after high school. At Gateway, we have been taking advantage of practicing some of the tests online with our chromebooks, giving students the opportunity to gain confidence and experience with the tools of the test, also.

Students will take these tests online. It is very important that your son or daughter attend school each day and arrive to school on time when his or her grade level is testing. An assessment calendar follows below for the specific dates and tests.

Sixth and seventh grade students have two content area tests (English Language Arts and Math), and eighth grade students are tested in ELA, Math and Science. We have broken the testing up so that students have two days of testing in each content area (Science is only one day of testing); each grade level has no more than one test per week.

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

Your Guardian Administrative Team

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Apr. 1-Apr. 5
NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK

Apr. 8
SCHOOL RESUMES

PTSA General Membership meeting
(GMS library) 6:30-8:00 pm

Apr. 17
JHS 8th Grade Parent Night—Meet the
Principal 7:00

Apr. 23-25
SBA Testing for GMS (see calendar
on page 2 for specific testing date
info.)

Apr. 30-May 1
SBA Testing for GMS (see calendar
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info.)



Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) Dates:

APRIL				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 7th Grade- ELA	24 6th Grade- ELA	25 8th Grade- ELA	26
MAY				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29	30 6th Grade- ELA	1 8th Grade- Science	2	3
6	7 7th Grade- ELA	8 8th Grade- ELA	9	10
13	14 6th Grade- Math	15 7th Grade- Math	16 8th Grade- Math	17
20	21 All Grades- Math (part one)	22 All Grades- Math (part one)	23	24



Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.

Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20



Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).



Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at www.everettsd.org/expo.



Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at www.everettsd.org/supersearch.



Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.