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GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

We are excited to be starting our 2nd semester classes today. We are continually amazed by the focus, creativity and commitment that I see within each of our students on a daily basis. As we move into second semester all of our students will have a fresh start. This is also a great time to help students set the stage for a successful second semester. Over the long weekend, students can start to reorganize their binders and backpacks. Securing those floating and crumpled papers into folders or files can be a helpful way to start the semester.

Another way that we can help to set-up students for success is designating a specific time and place to complete homework. We are fortunate to be able to offer after-school learning opportunities for our students here at Gateway. Monday through Thursday, students are able to attend study hall from 3:00-4:00 pm. At 4pm all students must be picked-up or ride the activity bus home or to the YMCA.

In addition to our after-school learning opportunities at Gateway, we are fortunate to have a community partnership with the Mill Creek YMCA. Earlier this year they started to offer the Youth Development Center for teens after school. With a youth membership, Gateway students are able to go to the YMCA Monday – Friday after school to work on homework in the Youth Development Center and use the gym and pool under the supervision of the YMCA staff. In addition, with a youth membership, there are discounts on other youth programs.

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Jan. 28

No School- Teacher Work Day

Feb. 1

Learning Improvement

Friday

Feb. 8

Learning Improvement

Friday, HS&B Schedule

Feb. 11

PTSA Board Meeting 6:30

Library

Feb. 15

Learning Improvement

Friday

Feb. 18-19

No School, Mid-Winter

Break

No School- Mid-Winter Brea

Feb. 22

Learning Improvement

Friday

Feb. 27

Incoming 6th Grade Parent

Night



If you would like more information regarding teen programs at the YMCA please contact Nolan Martin, the Youth and Teen Program Director at 425-357-3034 or NMartin@ymca-snoco.org.

As we greeted students in the hallway the first day of second semester, we could see how excited they are to begin the second half of their school year. Thank you for sharing the best students in Washington State with us!

-Mrs. Butler and Mr. Samuels

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) On that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Are you registered to vote?

Students studied Dr. King's legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under [QuickLinks](#) on the district website.

Kindergarten registration begins in March

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

Lunch payments just got easier



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. A new icon inside the app gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.



News and information

The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app that is now 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.



Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.common sense media.org.

Access a teacher's website from a smartphone

Use this nifty [help sheet](#) for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone.



Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



High school growth forum

High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar.

In addition to these two community forums, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).



Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



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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