

# Gatewood NaviGator

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## Introducing NEW Gatewood Annual Fund!

Help your Gatewood Gators by contributing to our brand **NEW Gatewood Annual Fund!** With your support, we can “fill in the pieces” and ensure that our children receive the rich educational experiences they deserve.

### Where do your Donations go?

Your generosity will help us provide essential programs, resources, and support that are vital to our students' success, such as:

- Update classroom equipment
- Providing robust reading resources
- Supply grants for every classroom
- Afterschool Enrichment programs
- Community Building Events
- Field trip grants
- Author/Speaker Events



### What's our awesome funding goal?

We are hoping to hit \$40,000 this year and you can help us make it there! Every little bit helps so donate throughout the school year!

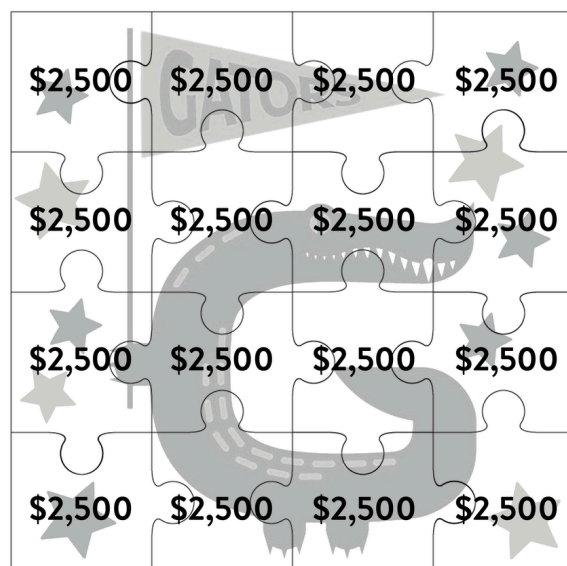
**Anyone can donate! So be sure to share with friends and family!**

### Fill in the Pieces, Celebrate!

For every \$2500, we will “fill in” a piece of our Gatewood Gator puzzle!

**Every time we complete a row (\$10,000!) we will celebrate!**

- **1st Row:** School wide Pajama Day
- **2nd Row:** Extra Long Recess
- **3rd Row:** Tape Ms. Hogg to the wall
- **4th Row:** School wide Pizza Party



## OCTOBER

**10/16 Donuts and DJs to kick off the Gatewood Annual Fund!**

Gatewood Playground 7:30-8am

**10/17 Smile - It's Picture Day!**

**10/17 Gatewood PTA Meeting**  
Gatewood Library 6:30-8pm

**10/18 Gatewood Movie Night!**  
Gatewood Cafeteria 6pm

**10/22 Communi-Tea @ Staff Room 9am**

**10/22 Parent Ed Night 6pm**

## NOVEMBER

**11/7 Author Event:** The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

**11/9 Communi-Tea @ Ladro Cafe 9am**

**11/11 No School - Veterans Day**

**11/14 Gatewood PTA Meeting**  
Gatewood Library 6:30-8pm

**11/19 PTA Coffee & Chat**  
Staff Room 8am

**11/21 Picture Re-Take Day**

See full [Gatewood Annual Calendar](#).

## It's Picture Day!

Smile! It's time for picture day at Gatewood Elementary on **Thursday October 17th!**

**Families can preorder photos here:** [2024-25 Gatewood Elementary Picture Day 10/17](#)

Paper order forms have been sent home with students. If you opt to order via the paper form, please send it with your child on Picture Day, with the exact amount of cash enclosed.

If your child is sick or has a planned absence for October 17, mark your calendar for **Retake Day - Thursday, November 21.**



## Join the PTA!

Thank you for your support so far - We already have **139 PTA Members** this year! Woohoo!

**Our goal is one member per student, so if you haven't already, now's the time to join!**

How to Join:  
[gatewoodpta.givebacks.com/store](https://gatewoodpta.givebacks.com/store)



## PTA Meeting This Week

Our next Gatewood PTA Meeting is **Thursday Oct 17 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.

Details and agenda at [gatewoodpta.org/pta-meeting-info](https://gatewoodpta.org/pta-meeting-info)

*Prefer babysitting to meeting? Let us know:*  
[volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:volunteergatewoodpta@gmail.com)

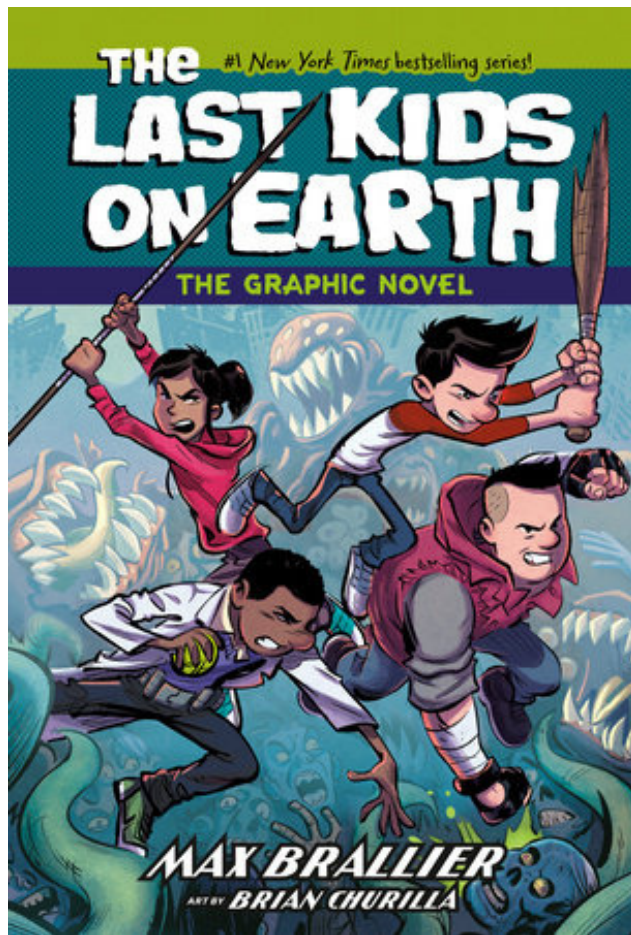
## Join us for an Author Event: The Last Kids on Earth

Thursday Nov 7th  
Gatewood Library

**One Student will win an autographed copy of the book!**

Join Gatewood 2nd-5th graders for a special event with Max Bralier, author of the New York Times Best Selling series the Last Kids on Earth.

**Pre-order the book here for 20% off the original price!**



## DJs & Donuts!

Help us kick off our brand new Annual Fund Campaign with some **Music and FREE Donuts** this **Wednesday October 16th at 7:30am** on the Gatewood Playground (before school drop-off)

**Or Donate any time using the QR Code below!**



## Movie Night!

Support the 5th Graders as they raise funds at **Movie Night Friday, October 18th at 6pm** in the Cafeteria! (doors open at 5:30pm)

**\*School wide votes picks the movie, which will be announced that night!\*\***

**Suggested donation of \$10/family**

Bring your blankets and snacks and stake out your spot!



## Spud-Master Challenge!

**4th Annual Spud-Master Challenge** is a school-wide challenge where every student gets to guess how many potatoes will be dug up in our school potato patch!

**The winner(s) take home a Spud-Master crown and sack of garden potatoes.**

Class logs that due by Friday, Oct. 18th.



## October Monthly Bonus

The **October Monthly Bonus** introduces the Spud-master challenge to students and teaches kids how to make some classic mashed potatoes.

**Learning Garden Monthly Bonus:**  
[gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/about/](http://gatewoodlearninggarden.wordpress.com/about/)

**Youtube Video:**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aq1N3xvNXJM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aq1N3xvNXJM)

## ✨ ADVOCACY: TAKE ACTION! ✨

### Sign the Open Letter to Governor Inslee

Public schools across Washington State are experiencing a funding crisis and our state is not meeting its constitutional duty to fully fund K-12 education.

**Sign and share the Open Letter calling for Special Legislative Session to FULLY FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

**Sign and Share:**  
[gatewoodpta.org/openletter](http://gatewoodpta.org/openletter)



### Attend Parent Ed Night!

Join us **Tuesday 10/22 6:30-m (online)** to learn about how education funding works at the state level, how we have gotten to the budget deficit we are facing today, and the proposals to work our way out of it!

Zoom link [here](#) or email [GatewoodPTA.Advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:GatewoodPTA.Advocacy@gmail.com)

### No on Initiative 2109

This initiative repeals a capital gains tax revenue that goes directly to support public education. **Be sure to vote on Nov 5th!**

[wastatepta.org/washington-state-pta-opposes-initiative-2109/](http://wastatepta.org/washington-state-pta-opposes-initiative-2109/)

## Connect & Contribute

Visit the **Gatewood PTA website** for a clickable NaviGator, Calendar, updates, forms, and details: [GatewoodPTA.org](http://GatewoodPTA.org)

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