

Stay in the LOOP With PSO

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Updates for the Families of Westgate Elementary

Back
to
School!



Our Mission

Our Mission is to provide enriching experiences that promote curiosity, creativity, and growth in our students. We strive to promote equal opportunity, while embracing cultural diversity, to create a strong community of parents, staff and students within the walls of Westgate.



About The PSO

Our Westgate Parent Staff Organization (PSO) is part of the heartbeat of what happens at Westgate Elementary. The PSO is an all-inclusive, welcoming group of volunteer parents and staff working together to plan, organize and implement many of the fun and educational activities that happen inside and out of the classroom at Westgate Elementary. Because of the efforts of PSO volunteers, our students have been able to enjoy many educational and social activities that make our school so special and wouldn't be possible without the support of the PSO.

Upcoming Events

- Clean Up Westgate - A Saturday at the End of September
- Read-a-thon - October (This is in place of our Fun Run)
- Holiday Catalog Fundraiser - Oct/Nov

Meeting Dates

Wed, Sept 16th
Weds, Oct. 21st
Weds, Nov. 18th
No Mtg in Dec.

September Meeting

Where - Zoom
Time - 6:30-7:30pm
When - Weds., Sept. 16th

Message from our Board

For this year our board will be handled in a slightly different manner. Our Fundraising Chair is our main point of contact for this year. Please continue to contact her about fundraising, as well. Our Treasurer does not have a student at Westgate this year but will continue to be full involved in the PSO. Our Secretary and Enrichment Chair will continue to full fill their duties in their position. Our Co-Chairs are on a hiatus for this school year but will still be involved in some of the bigger decisions with PSO.

Thank you for understanding and supporting us!

Meet our Board Active

Fundraising Chair - Tara Blake

This is my second year as the Fundraising Chair and my 6th year as a Westgate parent. I am a stay-at-home mom to three girls and many pets. We moved to the area 5 years ago and fell in love with the community and area. I currently have one student at Westgate. She is in 5th grade and has been a student there since Kindergarten. I have two other students in the district. My oldest attended from 4th - 6th grade and is now a student at Mountlake Terrace High School in 9th grade, in the STEM program. The other attended from 1st - 4th, and this is in 6th grade and her second year at Terrace Park Elementary in the Highly Capable Program.

I have been volunteering in schools since my oldest was in Kindergarten so going on my 10th year. I love volunteering and getting to know the kids and staff and look forward to the challenges this year may bring.



Treasurer - Liz Erickson

I'm a stay at home mom to a 2nd grader, 4.5 year old and one year old. We have been at Westgate the last two years. We will be doing WAVA this year but will be returning to Westgate next year for 3rd grade and Kindergarten. We also have two dogs and two cats keeping us super busy. I love our Westgate family and hope to find creative ways to support our staff and students in this unique year of learning.

Zoom Link for Mtg

Not Available.
Will be sent out a few days before meeting.

Topics for Meetings

Please submit all topics for consideration by the Monday before the meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

None at this time

Next Issue

Things you want to see in next or upcoming issue.

Email
westgatefundraisingchair@gmail.com
Use subject 'NEWSLETTER'

Secretary - Laurie Ganberg

I'm the parent of a 3rd grader and have been volunteering as the PSO Secretary since she started Kindergarten at Westgate. In my work life, I'm a clinical social worker in private practice and have been thankful to be involved with and contribute to the Westgate community in this way. I'm at all the meetings, so please say hello!



Enrichment Chair - Selina Gillespie

The Gillespies moved to Edmonds in 2013 and have two students at Westgate: Noa (6th grade) and Holden (3rd grade).

When they're not at school or work they're almost always playing, coaching or watching one of the many sports they're involved in. This is Selina's second year as PSO Enrichment chair at Westgate Elementary. Please feel free to email her if you have any ideas or questions about after school enrichment: selinagillespie@gmail.com.

On Hiatus

Co - Chair - Christin Ngy

I have been a parent at Westgate since 2014. My oldest, Ava went here in 3rd and 4th grade before heading to the Challenge Program and is now a freshman. My youngest, Camren has been at Westgate since Kindergarten and she is going to be in fifth grade. I have been the picture day coordinator, art docent, volunteered in the classrooms, helped at numerous events and have been the lead for the yearbook for the past three years. Outside of Westgate I am a soccer coach with my husband. As a family we enjoy traveling, sports and games. This upcoming school year is going to look very different but as a community we will remain dedicated to supporting our teachers and kids wherever we can.



Co - Chair - Marisa DeLisle

Marisa De Lisle is the current Co-Chair and has two children who have attended Westgate. Marisa and her family has loved every aspect of the school, especially the community that has developed over the past 6 years. During the 2020/2021 school year the children will be homeschooling, so they will be taking a slight pause from the Westgate community. They expect to be back at Westgate the following year. Marisa and her husband, Jason, own a small business Shoreline. Outside of work and volunteering at the school, Marisa enjoys skiing, hiking, reading, boating, cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

Ways to support the PSO so we can support the school

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Websites & Groups

PSO Website
www.westgatepso.org

PSO Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/westgateelementarypso>

Westgate Parent Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westgateelementarychatter>

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