



The Gator Gazette

Decatur PTA Newsletter

September 15, 2026

Upcoming Events

9/29- School Pictures

10/1- Curriculum Night

10/8- BINGO Night

View the full PTA events calendar [here](#).

Announcements

Curriculum Night

October 1, 6-6:30pm for 4th & 5th Grade Parents,
6:35-7:05pm for 2nd & 3rd Grade Parents.

Come meet your children's teachers and learn what they'll be learning! This event is intended for parents, and no childcare is provided. If you do need to bring your student, please bring something quiet for them to do in the hall outside the classroom.



**BINGO
NIGHT**

**Thursday, Oct 8th
6:30 - 8:00pm
Decatur Cafeteria**

***Awesome
Prizes!***

All are invited to BINGO night, a fun Decatur tradition. Please sign up for a volunteer shift to help the evening run smoothly!

[Click here for volunteer signup.](#)

Library Volunteers Needed

Our librarian, Ms. Purcell, would appreciate some parent volunteers to help check in and shelve returned books. See info below (under "Reminders") about how to register to volunteer with SPS.

[Sign up for an hour long shift here.](#)



Before-School Enrichment Opportunity

We are currently recruiting 5 more students for a pilot Chess Club on Tuesdays & Thursdays in October from 7:40-8:40 AM, run by Coach Ray of [Orangutan Academy](#). Cost would be \$24.50 (includes tax) per student per class. Please reach out to Megan at megybrady@gmail.com if you'd like to be on the interest list, or for more info as the program takes shape. We are still looking for vendor(s) for remaining days (Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays), and are open to any recommendations/feedback!

Reminders

Join the PTA!



Please consider becoming a PTA member this year. Even if you purchased a membership in the past, you must re-enroll each year to keep your membership active. Dues are \$15 for one person, and \$25 for a couple. Buying a PTA membership allows us to keep our PTA in good standing and qualify for grants and opportunities offered by the state and national PTA. Sign up [at this link](#).

Opt In to Room Parent Emails, School Directory and More:

Please take a moment to fill out the [Back-to-School Information form](#), if you haven't already (it's quick!). This will set you up to receive Room Parent messages, school-wide event details, opportunities to buy Gator Gear and the yearbook, and more.

Are You Approved to Volunteer?

In order to volunteer in the classroom or to chaperone field trips, you must go through Seattle Public Schools' volunteer approval process, which includes a background check. Approvals must be renewed every two years. Check your status or apply for a new volunteer approval through the [SPS Volunteer Portal](#). It can take two to three weeks to be approved, so it's good to start the process early!

Track Your Child's Bus

Families receiving bus service may track their child's bus each day using the [Zum app](#).

From the Community

These brief announcements from outside Decatur are provided as a service to the community, and are not endorsed by the PTA. Click links below for further information.

[SQUIRRELLY WORKSHOP: After-school Art Classes](#)

Add some sunshine to your child's week this fall, and send your kiddos over to Squirrely for bountiful creative fun and adventure. Classes start 9/14.

[UW Recruiting Participants for Study on Obesity](#)

The BRIGHT Study focuses on the health and development of young girls in the Seattle area, and is an opportunity for underserved families in the Seattle area to receive treatment for childhood obesity.

Climbing Clubs at U District Bouldering Project-4502 University Way NE

After-school climbing clubs (for [ages 10-12](#) and [ages 7-9](#)) start this week, with prorated deals for Decatur families who join late: use code **NSEA15** during sign-up for 15% off.

Submit an Announcement to the Gator Gazette

We are happy to share school news, or news from the broader world that is of interest to our school community. Please send items to communications@decaturpta.org by 9pm each Monday for inclusion in that week's Gazette.

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