



The Gator Gazette

Decatur PTA Newsletter

September 29, 2026

Upcoming Events

10/1 Curriculum Night
6-7:05pm

10/8 Bingo Night
6:30-8:30pm

10/12 Author Visit

10/21 PTA General Membership Meeting
6:30-8:00pm

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.



PTA General Membership Meeting

The fall PTA General Membership Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-8:00pm** in the Decatur Cafeteria. We hope you will join us to hear about what the PTA is doing, ask questions, and share ideas. No RSVP needed!



BINGO NIGHT

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

***Awesome
Prizes!***



We still need some volunteers for this event! Please [sign up](#) for a volunteer shift to help the evening run smoothly.

NEW THIS YEAR! DIPPY'S ICE CREAM: In addition to the BINGO night snacks provided by the PTA, there will be an ice cream truck parked outside where families can purchase frozen treats. A portion of sales will be donated to the Decatur PTA.

Last Call for 5th Grade Theater

Last call for the fifth grade morning theater program with director Eia Waltzer from Off Book Productions! Sign-ups are due this **Wednesday, September 30**. Read more about the program and sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/cTx54dvm1wX7GWV5A>



Volunteer Opportunities

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.](#)

Volunteer paperwork must be submitted in order to volunteer in any capacity. Please allow a few days for this process to go through. Click the link to "update your volunteer paperwork"

here: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/>. Make sure Decatur Elementary is on your list of approved schools.

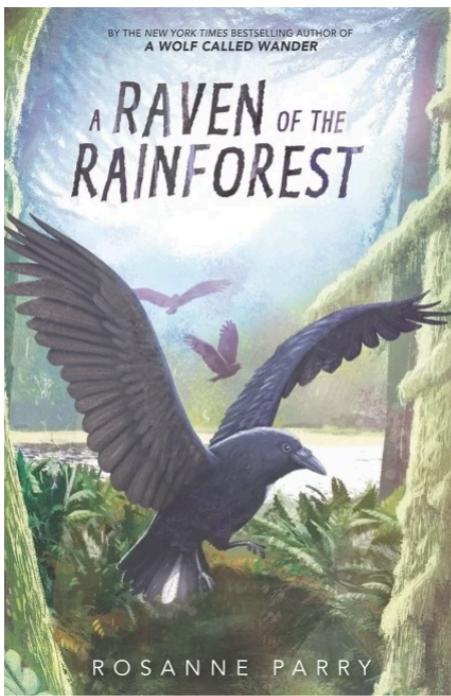
Get Your Gator Gear By Friday 10/2



The fall Gator Gear sale is still going on! Show your Gator pride with a variety of spirit wear choices. Orders are due by **Friday, October 2**.

Submit your order at this link:

<https://forms.gle/qyEYdEJLcvw3oEDeA>



Author Rosanne Parry Visits

Rosanne Parry is the author of the bestselling novels *A Wolf Called Wander*, *A Whale of the Wild*, *A Horse Named Sky*, *A Wolf Called Fire* and the new book *A Raven of the Rainforest*. She will be visiting Decatur on **October 12** to talk with the 4th and 5th grade classes.

If you would like to order one of her signed books for your student to receive at the event, please use [this link](#) to order from Third Place books. Orders must be placed by October 11.

We'd also love to have a few copies of Rosanne's book's for the Decatur library. If you'd be willing to purchase and donate one, please check in with comms@decaturpta.org before you order, so we can coordinate getting copies of different books. Thank you!

Community Engagement Meetings

The Superintendent will be hosting Community Engagement meetings this year with a rotating list of topics and locations.

The meeting **TODAY, TUESDAY** September 29 will include discussion about Academic Rigor in SPS and School Design (including HC schools). Please attend to share your support for HC services and increased academic rigor throughout the district.

To make participation as accessible as possible, all meetings will include:

- Language interpretation (Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese) and ASL services
- Light refreshments
- Activities for children

Upcoming Community Engagement Meetings (All meetings will be held on Tuesdays and run 6:30-8 p.m.):

- **Sept. 29 at Thornton Creek** Elementary School (7712 40th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115)
- Oct. 27 at Eagle Staff Middle School (1330 N 90th St., Seattle, WA 98103)
- Nov. 17 on Zoom (Virtual)
- Dec. 15 at Chief Sealth Intl. HS / Denny MS (2600 SW Thistle St., Seattle, WA 98126)
- Jan. 12, 2027, at Coe Elementary School (2424 7th Ave. W, Seattle, WA 98119)
- Feb. 9, 2027, on Zoom (Virtual)
- March 23, 2027, at Garfield High School (400 23rd Ave., Seattle, WA 98122)
- April 6, 2027, at South Shore K-8 (4800 S Henderson St., Seattle, WA 98118)
- May 18, 2027, at Ballard High School (1418 NW 65th St., Seattle, WA 98117)

Decatur Morning STEAM/Chess Club

Decatur Morning **STEAM**/Chess Club will be starting in mid-October and has room for more! This is a community for new and experienced chess students to learn and grow together. We will cover chess endgame skills, tactics, openings, and positional chess concepts in addition to **STEAM** topics, such as geology, biology, atmospheric sciences, chemistry, astronomy, and physics. The club will meet

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:40-8:40 AM. For more info or to sign up, please reach out to Megan Brady at megybrady@gmail.com.

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Community Shares

Complimentary Tickets to Jazz and Blues Shows

The [Bellevue Jazz & Blues Music Series](#) is thrilled to offer local area PTA/PTSA families **complimentary tickets** to either one of our headliner shows at [Meydenbauer Center Theatre](#): Friday, October 9, 7:30pm – [Jazz Overhaul](#) and Saturday, October 10, 7:30pm – [Lady A](#). Click on the link(s) above and it will prompt you to advance with ticket reservations via Eventbrite. If prompted, comp code for both performances is **SCHOOL**.

Enrichment Classes at UW Robinson Center

The UW Robinson Center for Young Scholars offers Saturday K-8 enrichment classes every quarter for intellectually curious students, focusing on exploring topics beyond the standard curriculum in a supportive, collaborative environment. Scholarships are available for students eligible for free/reduced lunch. [Click for more info.](#)

[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.

[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.

The Gator Gazette goes out each Tuesday and shares news that is of use and interest to the school community. To submit an item to the Gazette, please email comms@decaturpta.org by 9pm Monday.

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