The Gator Gazette

Decatur PTA Newsletter

October 13, 2026

Upcoming Events

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

10/23 Discs and Donuts
3:30-5pm

11/1 Gx Player Ultimate Frisbee Event
2-3:30pm

11/5 Diwali Night
6:30-8:00pm

View the full PTA events calendar **here**.

Announcements



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!

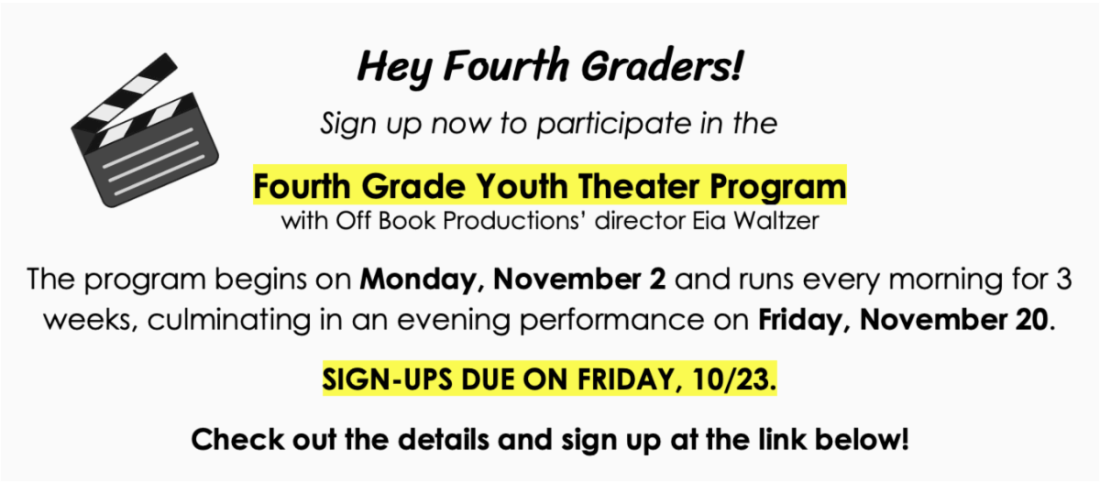


VOLUNTEERS AND PERFORMERS NEEDED FOR DIWALI NIGHT
Decatur Diwali is coming up on Thursday, Nov 5th, and we need your help to make it a success:

Volunteers: Sign up to help set up, monitor hallways, and clean up.

Performers: We're also looking for Decatur student (and family) performers to perform at Diwali Night!. Dance, music, poetry, puppetry - bring it all! Sign up to perform.

Please email Jane Curtis (PTA Events Chair) at events@decaturpta.org or Anjana Prasad (Diwali Event Lead) at prasad.anjana@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Decatur community!



Click here to sign up for the Fourth Grade Theater Program.



Decatur Ultimate Frisbee Signup and Events

We are gearing up for another season of Ultimate Frisbee starting with a couple of fun introductory events.

Discs & Donuts - Open to All
This event will introduce the sport of Ultimate Frisbee to anyone who's interested and there will be donuts! It's open to all students at Decatur. Experienced players are welcome too!
When: Friday 10/23 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Where: Decatur Playfield

Gx Only Event
This event is specifically for all Gx (girl identifying) players of all levels! We would love to increase participation among our Gx students and we hope this event will be a fun way to experience how awesome Ultimate Frisbee is.
When: Sunday 11/1 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Where: Decatur Playfield

If you are interested in any of these events and/or interested in staying up to date on Ultimate Frisbee news, please fill out this sign-up form and help spread the news! If you have any questions, please email decaturultimatefrisbee@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Have some time to spare and want to spend it helping out our specialists? Please consider signing up to volunteer in the art room or for PE! Our 5th grade classes are especially large this year and Ms. Munro and Ms. Bastasch could use an extra

set of hands! You are welcome to stay longer and help out with other classes, however these sign-ups are for the 5th grade slots specifically! Thank you for your willingness to help!

Art: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084EAAAE2CA7F85-66480167-artroom

PE: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084EAAAE2CA7F85-66480587-pevolunteer

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.

Community Engagement Meetings

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

- 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 begin Tuesday, October 20th, and has room for more! Drop-ins will be accepted, but pre-registration is required. This community allows 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

Need Weekend Plans With the Kids?

takethe.kids keeps a free list of family events around Seattle, updated every day, with nothing to sign up for. Link here.

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.

New Fall After-School Classes for Kids at SQUIRRELLY WORKSHOP:
Now enrolling for Mindfulness Through Art and "Food and Art." Mon-Friday after school; scholarships and financial assistance are always available.

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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