The Gator Gazette

Decatur PTA Newsletter

November 10, 2026

This Thursday! Decatur Community Meeting

The Decatur PTA invites you to join us for a virtual meeting to discuss the district's proposed school merger and how it may impact our community. We plan to share survey results and give time for questions and discussion.

The meeting will take place on Google Meet on Thursday, November 12 from 6:30-7:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ewd-hhkr-xpc
Or dial: (US) +1 561-614-0224 PIN: 619 072 404#
More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/ewd-hhkr-xpc?pin=6242246989532

Upcoming Events

11/11 Veterans' Day - No School

11/12 Decatur Community Meeting to Discuss School Merger
6:30-7:30pm, virtual (see above for link)

11/23- 11/25 Parent-Teacher Conferences

12/10 Superintendent Meeting to Discuss School Merger
6:30-8:00pm, View Ridge Elementary

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

Announcements



Friends of HiCap Seattle (FoHCS) invites HC and HC-interested families to join us for a December 3rd webinar “Who are HiCap Kids and Why Do They Need Something Different?” from local WA state HC expert, Dr. Austina De Bonte, from *Smart is Not Easy*. Subscribe to the FoHCS newsletter to receive the Zoom link.

Pilot Program for Decatur Math Focus Group/ Club

A small group of parent volunteers is leading the effort to form small student groups to practice for a few different math competitions for the 2026-2027 season. If your kid is interested, please fill out the online google form https://forms.gle/XqXSCRrkn5FYUtPK7 to get further information.

Wordmasters Challenge

This year Decatur is taking part in the WordMasters Challenge. It's a fun way for kids to stretch their vocabulary and relational thinking skills, while competing against other schools. It is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We will participate in three meets; the first will be in November.

Practices
When: Thursdays at lunch recess: October 22 and 29, November 5, and 12.
Where: Lunch Recess in the Library

This activity is parent-run. If you would like to help, please contact Sarah McBride sarahmcbr@gmail.com.

5th Grade Parents: Middle School Info Night

The PTA plans to hold a parent-led info night for fifth grade families looking at middle school. It will focus on the decision/enrollment process and on the two SPS middle schools that are options for most Decatur kids: Jane Addams and Eckstein.

Parents of 5th Graders, if you haven't filled out our planning survey yet and would like to weigh in, please do so by this **Friday 11/13:**

https://forms.gle/LKT4P4YWRAurNebB8

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.

Decatur Morning STEAM/Chess Club

Decatur Morning STEAM/Chess Club runs Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:40-8:40 AM during the Fall Session: October 20th to December 17th (except school holidays). It's not too late to join, and 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. For more info or to register, please reach out to Megan Brady at megybrady@gmail.com.

Helpful Links

PTA Full Calendar | **District Calendar**

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Community Shares

Holiday Gift Making Is Back At Squirrelly!

Kids will spend six weeks creating beautiful, handmade surprises for family and friends- all wrapped and ready to give. So much creativity, joy, and holiday magic!
Sign up at squirrellyworkshop.com

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.

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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