The Gator Gazette

Decatur PTA Newsletter

October 20, 2026

Upcoming Events

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

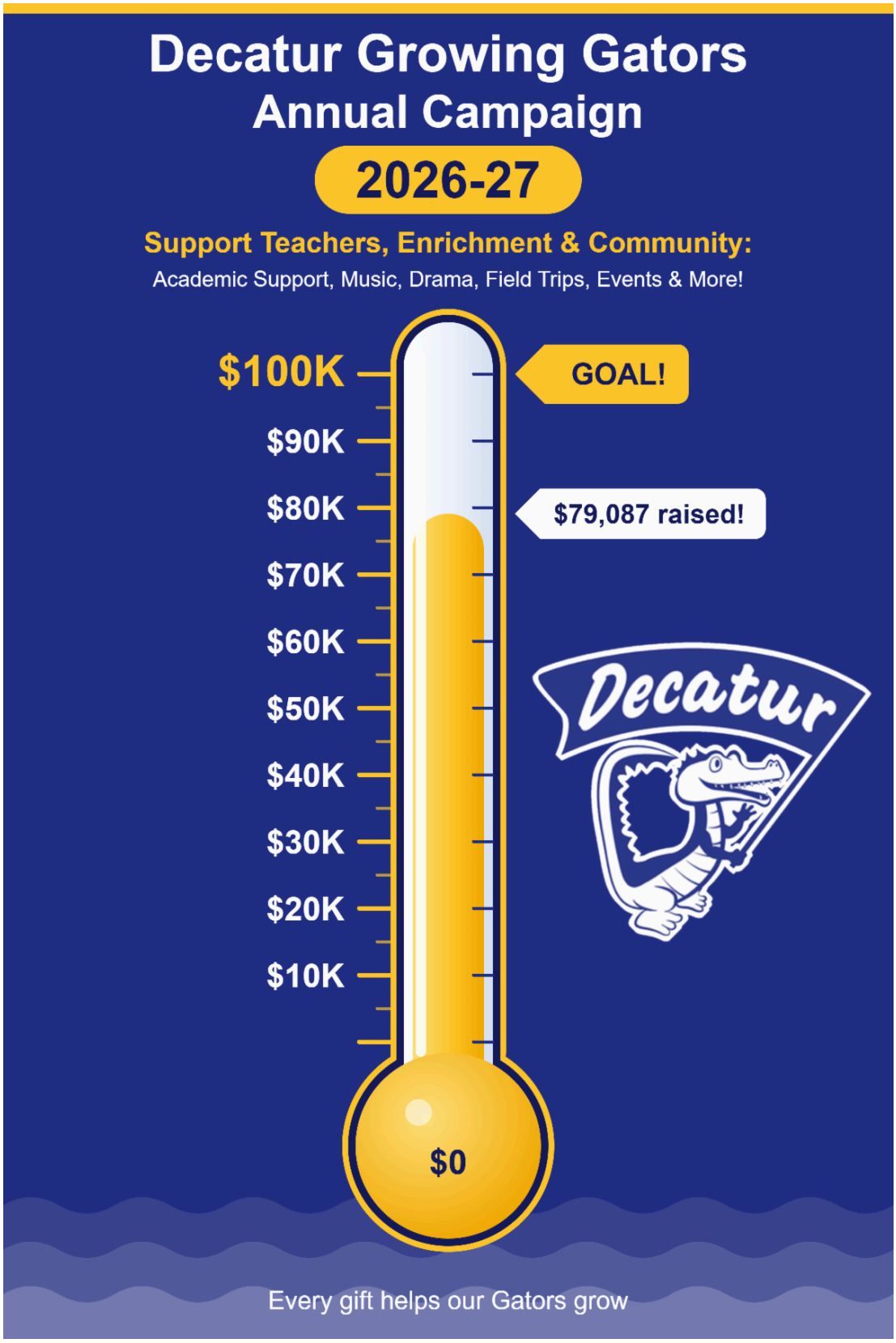
10/23 Discs and Donuts
3:30-5pm

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



Help Growing Gators Campaign Cross the Finish Line

We're Almost There, Gators!

Thanks to our amazing Decatur families, we've raised over $79,000 toward our $100,000 Growing Gators Annual Campaign goal. Your generosity supports our teachers and pays for academic support, music, drama, field trips, and the events that bring our community together.

We're less than $21,000 from the finish line, and every gift counts, big or small. If you haven't given yet, now is a great time to help our Gators grow. If you already have, thank

you! You can help even more by sharing the campaign with extended family and friends, or by checking whether your employer will match your gift.

Donate online here by Friday, October 23rd.

Giving a larger gift? Paying by check avoids processing fees, so more of your gift goes directly to Decatur PTA. You can bring your check to the PTA General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, 10/21, from 6:30 to 8 PM, or see here for other options.
Let's fill that thermometer together. Go Gators!

Questions? Contact us at fundraising@decaturpta.org.

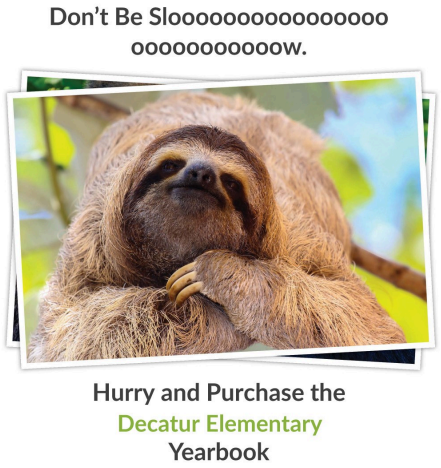


PTA General Membership Meeting

The fall PTA General Membership Meeting is **this 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!

Yearbook Order Form Available Now!

You can place your order for the 2026-2027 Decatur Yearbook at this link.





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!

Fourth Grade Play Sign-Ups Close This Friday



Hey Fourth Graders!

Sign up now to participate in the

Fourth Grade Youth Theater Program

with Off Book Productions' director Eia Waltzer

The program begins on **Monday, November 2** and runs every morning for 3 weeks, culminating in an evening performance on **Friday, November 20.**

SIGN-UPS DUE ON FRIDAY, 10/23.

Check out the details and sign up at the link below!

Click here to sign up for the Fourth Grade Theater Program--**by THIS FRIDAY.**

From Your Advocacy Chair: Refer Your Students for HC Identification by November 6

The HC eligibility referral form is live! Students in grades 2, 3, 5-11th can be referred for HC eligibility (1st and 4th grades will be universally screened and do not need referral). If your student was identified as HC for a single domain last year and you would like their data to be reviewed for dual domain eligibility, you need to submit the form. If your student is dual domain, you do not need to complete the form. Referral is very easy (name, school, student ID, your relationship to the student).

I strongly recommend you submit this referral regardless of whether your single domain student is already enrolled in the HC Cohort or is about to go to middle school. The HC program is undergoing rapid changes and single domain services are still in the pilot phase. Referring allows you to keep your student's options open.

-Jessica Chong, Advocacy Chair



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.

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

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Community Shares

North Seattle Blackfish Lacrosse and Doublecrosse...

are partnering with USA Lacrosse to host a FREE Pick Up & Play clinic for all boys and girls grades K-8th for the in celebrating the National Celebrate Lacrosse Week. Click for more information and to sign up.

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.

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.

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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