

Gateway Middle School Newsletter



January 6,
2025



Principal's Message

Happy New Year! As we begin the month of January, we welcome the opportunity for fresh starts and new goals. At GMS, we encourage our students to embrace a growth mindset - approaching each day with curiosity, determination, and a willingness to improve.

Our teachers are eager to build on the progress your children have already made, guiding them to further success both academically and personally. This month, we will focus on fostering resilience, collaboration, and responsibility as we prepare students for the road ahead.

We are also excited to cheer on our junior basketball teams as they participate in several tournaments this month. Their hard work, dedication, and team spirit have been inspiring! Go Griffins!

Looking ahead to February, we are proud to announce that our school will host district basketball playoffs. We look forward to welcoming teams and fans from across the Northwest for what promises to be an exciting and competitive event.

As always, we encourage open communication between families and our school staff. Please check the Edsby app regularly, and if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out. . Let's make 2025 a year of growth, achievement, and meaningful connections!

Mrs. Angela Ellis

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New Year, New Goals!

January is a time for fresh starts and new goals! At Gateway, students are encouraged to reflect on their accomplishments and set personal and academic goals for the year ahead. Whether it's improving study habits, trying a new activity, or being more kind and inclusive, there's no better time to start working toward success!

Let's make 2025 a great year for learning and growth!



Safety Reminder

To ensure the safety of all students, we kindly remind parents to drop off their children on the Gateway side of the street. This helps avoid the need for students to cross the road. Please note that the school parking lot is reserved for staff use only. We ask parents not to use the parking lot for drop-offs or pick-ups. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe!

Student Attendance

If your child will be absent from school, there are several convenient ways to inform us:

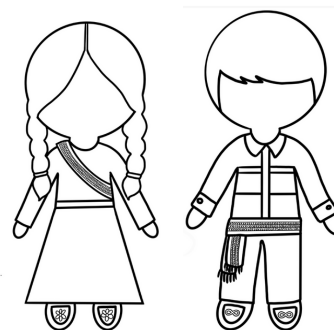
- **Call:** 306-236-4141
- **Text:** 306-240-4234
- **Edsby App**

We appreciate your help in keeping our records accurate and up to date!

Ribbon Skirt Day

Please join us in wearing Ribbon Skirts and Ribbon Shirts on **January 7th** to honor and celebrate Indigenous culture, identity, and resilience.

This special day is an opportunity to show support, respect, and solidarity with Indigenous traditions and communities. We encourage everyone to participate!



Top AR Earners- DECEMBER

1. Parker Evans - 323.1
2. Chase Nicholson - 159.9
3. Luke Nicholson - 137.8
4. Eli Cappelle - 120.4
5. Onyx Aubichon - 113.1
6. Kian Amisola - 100.2
7. Kyan Benedicto - 88.5
8. Jaren Bear - 81.6
9. Cody Munro - 80.1
10. Isuka Peduru Hewage - 76.4
11. Kaden Angus - 75.9
12. Dane Semeniuk - 68.0
13. Trevor Thompson - 67.3
14. William Pickett - 65.5
15. Hudson Schenk - 63.6
16. Ivy Lajeunesse - 63.1
17. Nate Cappelle - 62.6
18. Ellie Myette - 58.7
19. Sakindu Dammalage - 56.5
20. Kael Mazuren - 54.9

Vaping Awareness Presentation

On December 6th, students attended an informative presentation on the dangers of vaping. The main message of the session was clear: vaping poses serious health risks, especially for young people.

Students learned about the harmful chemicals found in vaping products, the potential for addiction, and the long-term impact on lung health.

The presentation encouraged students to make informed choices and to seek healthier ways to manage stress or peer pressure.

Families are encouraged to continue this important conversation at home.

Dates to Remember

- **GRADE 5/6 BASKETBALL**
Begins January 15
- **RIBBON SKIRT/SHIRT DAY**
January 7
- **SCC MEETING**
Jan. 14 @7:00 pm
- **JR. GIRLS GRIFFIN SLAM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
January 10 & 11
- **SEMESTER TURN-AROUND DAY- No School**
January 31

Basketball



Basketball season is in full swing for our Junior players in Grades 7 and 8! Both the boys' and girls' teams have been hard at work, practicing for upcoming tournaments and District playdowns.

Looking ahead, Grade 5/6 basketball kicks off on Wednesday, January 15th with weekly practices held at noon. Students will have the opportunity to sign up this week.

The season will wrap up for all teams just before the February Winter Break.
Best of luck to all our players this season!

“Take Care of Each Other”



Following Their Voices- Student Voice Tool

Gateway teachers and students have been busy exploring a new online tool designed to amplify student voice in the classroom. This innovative tool enables students to provide valuable feedback about their learning, which teachers use to inform instructional decisions.

Check-ins are conducted when teachers are trying new strategies or reaching critical points in the curriculum where gauging student understanding is essential. The feedback helps teachers respond to student needs and reflect on evidence to accelerate learning and growth.

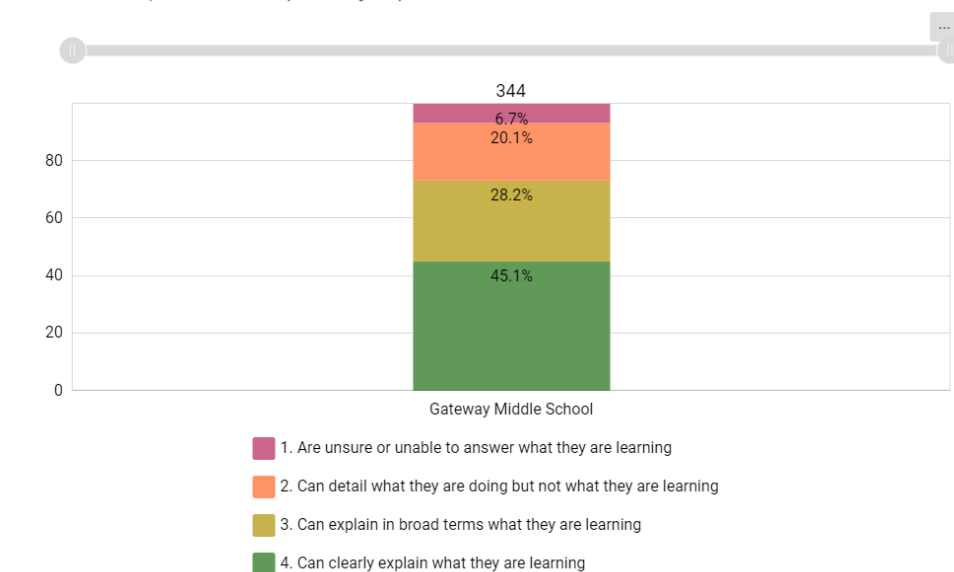
Through the tool, students have the opportunity to reflect on their learning and share insights with teachers, including:

- What they are learning.
- Where they believe they are in their learning journey, supported by evidence.
- Which teaching strategies help them the most.
- How they feel about their learning progress.

Teachers review this data during weekly collaboration meetings, using it to inform both individual and school-wide goals. The tool's consistent, accessible, and user-friendly format enhances the use of student voice to adapt teaching practices and support student success.

Student understanding of the learning focus - Whole School

Verso Check-in Question: What are you learning today?



Thank you for reading!

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