



Media Advisory

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Goats clean up invasive plants at Gatewood Elementary

Environmental carnival, "KIDS 4 Kids," on Saturday, October 20

As roughly 60 weed-eating goats continue their work at clearing overgrown ivy and blackberry bushes, Gatewood Elementary will be hosting an environmental carnival, "KIDS 4 Kids," from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. featuring art projects, games and other fun activities for children and adults. Students, families and the community can have their photos taken with a goat, purchase goat art, sponsor a goat or buy "goat-pie" cookies.

The environmental carnival and ivy/blackberry-clearing are part of the school's playground renovation project, *Operation Imagination*, which also includes plans for a multi-generational learning garden, new playfield, new trees and other environmentally oriented renovations. The project has received support from the city's Small and Simple Grant Program and a \$90,000 matching grant from the city's Department of Neighborhoods.

Media are welcome to join Gatewood Principal Rhonda Claytor, her staff and school supporters at the Saturday, October 20th event. Gatewood Elementary is located at 4320 SW Myrtle Street, Seattle. For more information, please contact Principal Rhonda Claytor at (206) 252-9400 or *Operation Imagination* committee member Lori Lieske (206) 718-9083 or (206) 718-9084.

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