

August 28, 2020

Dear Somerset Elementary Families,

On behalf of the PTSA Executive Committee and Board Members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families joining us for the 2020-21 school year. We are fortunate to be a part of a community that has a high level of engagement from both our dedicated and skilled teachers and staff, and all of our wonderful parent volunteers. Our children are lucky to have the opportunity to learn in such a rich, caring and culturally diverse environment. We believe that the strength and involvement of our PTSA is an integral part of Somerset's success.

2020 has affected all of us in complex ways and has challenged us to find resilience, compassion and socially mindful ways of living. While this year school will look different, our team is finding creative ways for the students and their families to be engaged and continue feeling the school spirit. Depending on the state health guidance, we will plan the year's programs. PTSA is a key way that we can all support our school. I hope that you will become a PTSA member and join us in supporting all of the academic and extracurricular programs and activities that we fund. If you're looking for a way to get involved at school, PTSA can help. We have moms, dads, grandparents, and other family and community members who help out.

Some ways to best support our PTSA and contribute to our school community:

1. **Join!** Become a PTSA member. You can join online at [somersetpts.org](http://somersetpts.org).
2. **Give!** Participate in our annual fundraising drive.
3. **Volunteer!** We need parents to get involved and volunteer for all of the wonderful programs and events, some of which will be offered online this year.

For more information about the Somerset PTSA, our events or activities, please visit [somersetpts.org](http://somersetpts.org). We also have a Facebook page with grade level groups where you can make new friends or plan safe playdates. After-school activities will start closer to the end of September as many of our vendors are figuring out the details. We will have information coming up on the [PTSA website](#), Facebook page as well as on [e-news](#). Parents can subscribe to e-news by [clicking here](#).

You can always reach us at [somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpts@gmail.com) with any questions or to get involved.

If you would like to share their children's pictures in the remote learning mode they can send pictures to [communications.somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:communications.somersetpts@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing new and familiar faces soon!

Best Regards,

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