

Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of each and every child at Somerset Elementary School. As part of the Washington State PTA, we are a nonprofit membership association bringing together the home, school, and community on behalf of our children.



PTSA NEWS

PTSA / School Calendar - Upcoming Dates and Events

- Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day - No Remote Learning / No School
- Friday, June 5th - Submission Deadline for Award Nomination (detailed info below)
- Wednesday, June 8th - Reimbursement Deadline (detailed info below)
- Wednesday, June 17th - 1:15 - 2:00pm - Virtual PTSA General Membership Meeting

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th from 1:15 - 2:00pm

Parents please join our final PTSA General Membership Meeting for the school year virtually to decide on items for the 2020-2021 school year that directly impacts your child. Information on how to join the call will be published in the eNews 06-14-2020.

The three major issues that need your attention are:

1. Approving the 2020-2021 budget
2. Approving modifications to the standing rules:
 - o Meetings can be done in person and virtually
 - o Setting reserve fund amount
 - o Election of officers



Volunteers Needed!

We acknowledge that we live in uncertain times but we, as a PTSA, remain hopeful that we will return to some degree of normalcy for the next school year. We may return to a school life that looks different from the way we are used to and we sure don't know what the future holds. But we are determined to continue providing students and families with community building events and after school activities. The planning for the next school year starts now and we rely on parent involvement to make events happen.

We also want to thank all Somerset families who participated in our PTSA Parent Survey 2019-2020. Several programs/events scored low in interest but already have chairs to run the event and other programs have a high interest but no chair/s have signed up yet. We want to be considerate of the survey results and are currently looking for parents who would like to chair (or co-chair with a friend - it's more fun to partner with someone you know) one or more of the following programs/events:

- o Art Imagination
- o Math Adventure (co-chair)
- o Care & Share
- o Parenthood Development
- o Maker Mall
- o Festival of Cultures
- o Pizza & Bingo Night
- o Family Noodle Night (co-chair)
- o Walk to School
- o Movie Night
- o Yearbook
- o PTSA Membership

Should you be interested in chairing one of the above mentioned programs/events please email us at somersetpta@gmail.com and let us know what program/event you are interested in. Please email us by **Friday, May 29th**. Thank you!

Somerset PTSA Annual Awards and Volunteer Recognition

This year has been an interesting one. While we were not able to hold all of our events, we still had many volunteers working hard to make Somerset PTSA great. We would like to thank all who spent time enriching the lives of students at our school.

Please take a moment to nominate people at our school for one of our many awards. Detailed descriptions available [HERE](#) for State PTA awards: Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate (under review), Outstanding Student Advocate, Lifetime Achievement, and Somerset PTSA awards: Crystal Apple, Unsung Hero, and Rising Star. Past awardees listed [HERE](#), although you may nominate people again who demonstrated excellence ABOVE and BEYOND what is expected. Use the form [HERE](#) (page 2) or send an email to somersetpta@gmail.com. You do not need to specify which award; just list the people you want to nominate with a brief description why by **Friday, June 5th**.

Thank you for all you do at Somerset.

PTSA Reimbursement Deadline

Calling all teacher and parents who chaired an event or ran a program, please submit your receipt(s) along with the filled [check request form](#) to somersetpta@gmail.com. Deadline for PTSA reimbursement is **Wednesday, June 8th**.

We Want To Hear From You!

Somerset eNews has a new section. **We want to hear from you!** Everyone has a story to tell and sharing your story about your experience during the pandemic can be inspiring, reassuring and fun. This week Satwati Chatterjee, Somerset parent, is sharing how her family's been adjusting to the new mode.

The Chatterjee family



We hope everyone is managing to stay healthy and safe during these trying times. In our household, there are a few things that we try to stick to. Keeping the house and study area clean and organized, going outside, while social distancing, once a day to get some fresh air and...arguably the most important... cooking and eating healthy and tasty foods at home.

Kids have taken on more chores and responsibilities and, above all, ownership of their school work. They experiment with new recipes and make their own lunches. The boys have club soccer drills on Zoom. The teenage boys work out with their buddies on Zoom. Ping-pong can go a long ways too.

As a family we have been watching motivational documentaries and TV series (Last Dance being one of them). Music brings a lot of positive energy to our household. Singing together, experimenting on piano, guitar. Music Maker is an app we have been using a lot lately. Besides, dinner and cleaning up afterwards is a family bonding time for us.

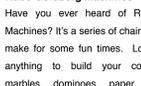
So...please keep laughing, singing, playing and whatever it is that you enjoy doing together...we will all come out of this stronger together as a family, community and a nation!

Please share your story with us at somersetpta@gmail.com and we will publish your story in the eNews.

Superstars Can Do Super Things At Home

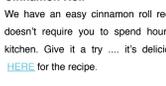
If you are looking for fun things to do with your children, here are some activities your family can do together this week.

Activity



Rube Goldberg Machines
Have you ever heard of Rube Goldberg Machines? It's a series of chain reactions that make for some fun times. Look around for anything to build your contraption like marbles, dominoes, paper towel tubes, household items, toys...you name it, you can use it. [HERE](#) is an example but if you are looking for a more advanced idea that was built by a Somerset student, search up "Crazy Contraptions 2!" on YouTube.

Recipe



Cinnamon Roll
We have an easy cinnamon roll recipe that doesn't require you to spend hours in the kitchen. Give it a try ... it's delicious. Click [HERE](#) for the recipe.

For those of you on Facebook, please feel free to post photos of your Rube Goldberg Machine or your yummy cinnamon roll [PTSA Facebook page](#). Also, stay tuned for more ideas next week.

If you have a fun recipe, craft idea, or family game, please send it to us at somersetpta@gmail.com. And, please let us know if it's okay to share your name in the eNews.

SCHOOL NEWS

Free eBook Access

Our wonderful librarian Ms. Bravanec wanted you to know that you and your student have free access to a variety of eBooks.

Your login credentials are:

1. Go to destinydiscover.com.
2. In the Location box, it says "Any Location." Do not change.
3. In the School box, enter "Follett eLearning, McHenry, IL" and click Go!
4. To log in, click on the "Log In" button at the top right of the screen.

Username: **guest**

Password: **follett**

You may share this login info with teachers, parents and students. Please don't post login info to public forums or social media.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coronavirus Update

The Bellevue School District is committed to keeping our learning community informed. The health and well-being of our students, staff, and community are a top concern.

- o Bellevue School District school buildings will be closed but remote learning is open for the remainder of the school year.
- o **Remote Learning Plan:** For each grade level and subject area, the district has identified essential skills and concepts students need to master. Educators are designing weekly plans for the remainder of the year, including learning activities and resources for each week, that will support students in mastering these skills and concepts.
- o **Family Connections Centers:** The district is currently operating three Family Connections Centers that are open Monday through Friday. These centers are focused on supporting all students and families and specialize in connecting families with district and community support services.
- o **Sites and Hours:**
 - o Lake Hills Elementary, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - o Sammamish High School, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - o Stevenson Elementary, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- o **Free Meals for Kids & Teens:** As the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continue to impact members of our community, we know that access to food is a growing concern for an increasing number of families. The Bellevue School District is offering free meals for children 18 and younger. There are locations throughout Bellevue for grab and go meals and pre-order is available. Students do not need to be enrolled in the Free & Reduced Lunch program to receive meals.
 - o **Pre-order by phone:** Call (425) 456-4507 between 7:00 am and 8:45 am, Monday through Friday, for same-day delivery to scheduled locations. More info [HERE](#).
- o **Expanded Grab & Go Locations:**
- o **Four new locations are available for Grab & Go meal pickup:**
 - o Eastgate Elementary
 - o Newport Heights Elementary
 - o Sherwood Forest Elementary
 - o Tillicum Middle School
- o **Opt-in for Text Messages from BSD:** Did you know you can receive important alerts from BSD via text? Just text "Y" or "YES" to BSD's short code number - 67567 - to receive text messages. If you ever want to opt-out, text the same number or reply to one of our messages with "Stop." We recommend saving the short code number in your contacts to avoid third-party blocking systems with interfering with your receipt of important messages and updates from the district. The Bellevue School District utilizes [SchoolMessenger](#) to deliver text messages.

COMMUNITY NEWS

University of Washington Summer Camps

We are excited to announce that the University of Washington's Summer Youth Program will be offering online **Debate for Kids Camps** in August. Join us for a 2-week class comprised of live instruction, self-paced project work, and time to connect with teachers and fellow students. Detailed information is available on our [website!](#)

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