



# SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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## CALENDAR

**March 16 & 19**– No School:  
Professional /Conference Day

**March 19- 23**– Multi- Culture  
Week

**March 21**– PTSA General  
Membership Meeting (1:15-  
2:00pm): Room 206

**March 23** – Twin Day

**March 23** – Festival of Cultures  
(6:00- 8:30pm): Cafeteria/Gym

**March 30** – Passport Check Day

**March 30** – Mock Math  
Olympiad Test (6:15- 8:15pm)

**April 1** – Virtue of the Month:  
Confidence

**April 4** – K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music  
Concert (6:00-6:30pm): Cafeteria

**April 4** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music  
Concert (7:00-7:30pm): Cafeteria

**April 5** – Staff Appreciation:  
International Food Day

**April 9- 13** – No School: Spring  
Break



## Somerset PTSA Events & News

*Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of 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.*

### Somerset Math Adventure Sign-Up Due this Wednesday!

*If we do not have enough teams and volunteers signed-up by Wednesday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will cancel the event.*

Since we are creating the puzzles, we need volunteers mostly BEFORE the event. The registration includes job descriptions and sign-ups. This is a fun project and volunteers will have guidance. *If your children are interested in Math Adventure, but the date or levels do not work for you, please send us an email so we can gauge overall interest for future planning.*

We need story ideas, puzzle makers, puzzle testers, prop masters, HS volunteer coordinators, set-up volunteers and event coordinators. Each team should plan on providing at least 5-10 hours of volunteer time, most of which will be before the event. Currently the plan is to have levels 3-5. If there are enough volunteers to create puzzles for other levels, those will be considered. Instructions are here <https://goo.gl/forms/h336K1oiVVkABqVE2> with room for comments. Click [HERE](#) for a general description of Math Adventure.

Additional questions can be asked at [Somersetmath@gmail.com](mailto:Somersetmath@gmail.com). You are responsible for creating your own teams (ideally 4 equal level students). Training optional and at your discretion. Anticipated date is from 6:15pm to 8:15pm on Friday, **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. A mandatory final event prep meeting, which requires at least one volunteer per team, will be given from 7pm to 8:30pm on Monday **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### Festival of Cultures: Display Booth-- Still Recruiting

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We are One Somerset with diverse cultural backgrounds. To help our children understand that it is OK to be different and introduce them to more cultures, we need your help creating a Display Booth in our annual Festival of Cultures on Friday night, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Currently we have families signed up for **16 booths representing France, Norway, Peru, Taiwan, Japan, England, Switzerland, China, Russia, South Korea, Germany, Bangladesh, Turkey, Vietnam, Indonesia and Australia**. We need more to join us! If you can host a booth to showcase a different country, please sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904054EAFAC28A02-call](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904054EAFAC28A02-call)

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### Festival of Cultures-- Calling for Food Donation

Our annual ***Festival of Cultures*** will be held from 6pm to 8:30pm on Friday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** in our Cafeteria. This year's theme is ***Food Around the World!*** We are calling for help from our wonderful parents. If you have favorite restaurants of your heritage, please help us ask for a food donation to our festival. Different traditional food will be represented and recognized in this culture- enriched event. If you can lend a hand, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944aaad29a2fd0-restaurant>

Some reminders for this food donation:

1. Please make sure the donated food is easy to serve in small samples. Volunteers will sell the samples during this event. As a tradition, all income earned from this food sale will be used for next year's Culture Festival.
2. Please mark major ingredients for allergy alert such as nuts, wheat, dairy, etc.
3. There is no food quantity required for donation, yet it is preferable if you could get more than 20 servings.
4. All perishable food brought from restaurants has to be delivered in a Somerset Food Transfer Foam Box. Please contact Edward to fetch one at [Em2life@gmail.com](mailto:Em2life@gmail.com), call/text [2066186890](tel:2066186890), or contact in person.

If you have any suggestions/comments, please contact our Chair: Hui Zhao [zhaohui\\_xhy@yahoo.com](mailto:zhaohui_xhy@yahoo.com). *Let's work together and celebrate our Annual Multi-Cultural Festival!*

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### PTSA General Membership Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our second PTSA General Membership Meeting from 1:15pm to 2pm on Wednesday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>** at Room 206. In this meeting, we will review PTSA mid-term finance and vote for coming PTSA Executive Committee members for 2018-19 school year. In addition, our Principal, Ms. Bowlby, and Assistant Principal Ms. Yung will share the Community Panorama Survey results

(this survey was sent to all families in last December). They will talk about prospects of our school for the next years based on these results. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our school and our PTSA.

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### **Last Chance for Spiritwear Purchase**

Our spiritwear online purchase has been closed for 2017-18 school year but we received a couple of inquiries about how to purchase one, so our Spiritwear Chair, Andrea Wohlan, decided to host a last round spiritwear sale on Friday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at our Annual Festival of Cultures. This will be the LAST chance to purchase any spiritwear. Spring is around the corner and our new Somerset Baseball cap will be a good fit for our gorgeous summer whenever your family goes for a hiking or an outdoor game. There are two sizes, Youth and Adult, to serve your whole family, so please stop by our Spiritwear Booth when you take a break from our festival. Please get a Check (with payable to Somerset PTSA) or cash ready for purchase. Thank you for showing your SPIRIT support of our school and our children.

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### **After- School Activity Info**

Information about after-school programs are listed below in the "**Community News**" of the eNews. The after-school programs in the Community News section are run by outside vendors and are NOT sponsored by the PTSA. As a service to the community, the PTSA publicizes these programs in the eNews.

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### **PTSA Passport Club Volunteers Needed**

PTSA Passport Club Program was brought to our school several years ago to help students familiarize themselves with other countries, while also encouraging cultural exploration through the Special Itinerary sheet. In addition, Passport Club helps prepare students for middle school where they are tested on over 100 countries. This is a great way for them to start practicing early!

We need your help! The next Passport Check will be on Friday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, during lunch time. Please click on this link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/HXsPTEf>. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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### **Somerset PTSA Talent Show-- Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Date Changed!** Our 8th Annual School Talent Show will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Friday, **April 20<sup>th</sup>** in the cafeteria. This is a show, not a competition, so come prepared for a great evening of fun! If you can act in a skit, do a magic show, sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes, what are you waiting for? Start planning! Spots are limited. A sign up and more information will be sent out soon.  
Care & Share Crafting Night

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### Care & Share Crafting Night-- Call for Volunteers & Donations

Want to help others by making cool crafts like handmade dog toys, bird treats, cards for kids, and blankets? Please mark your calendar for our **Annual Kindness Challenge: Care & Share Crafting Night** from 6:30pm to 8pm on Monday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** when we will create needed items for the [Seattle Humane Society](#) and [Seattle Children's Hospital](#). We are seeking donations and project leaders. For project ideas, please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). To volunteer as a project leader, please pick an idea and prepare materials for 15 – 20 children. If you can't lead a project but have donations of items like fleece material, t-shirts, socks, ping pong balls, or dog/cat treats, please indicate in the sign-up the materials and your contact info and we will arrange to get them from you.

This is a great family fun opportunity to demonstrate volunteerism, kindness, and generosity. Please consider to participate and sign up here:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e44a4ad2aa02-somerset1>

Thank you!

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### Family Game Night recap and Committee Help for Next Year

Great fun on Friday with several hundred from Somerset enjoying all sorts of games, including with our special guests from the Washington Students Math Association and NDN Players! Thank you to all who helped out, especially with clean-up. Next year is our Game Chair, Francine's, last year at Somerset elementary and it would be great to have a committee to keep having this event in the future. If you enjoyed Family Game Night and would like to make sure it continues, please email [SomersetGames@gmail.com](mailto:SomersetGames@gmail.com) to be added to a list. Very low time commitment, chance to play games more often, and experienced chair to lead the way.

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### Egg Drop Event Revived!

We are so blessed to have found two Chairs, Aparna and Peggy, to run this year's Egg Drop in June. Please attend this fun and educational event. More information about how to participate will be announced shortly. Please stay tuned for our weekly eNews. **Thank you**, Aparna and Peggy!

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### **Immediate Help Needed-- Afternoon Safety Volunteers**

We are currently short of staff in our school and need one afternoon safety volunteer per day from 3:30pm to 4pm right away who will monitor traffic, help pedestrians crossing street and lead students back to the front office after 4 pm mostly in the school entrance area. This volunteer will be needed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. If you can help out regularly or once in a while, please sign up [HERE](#). Thank you!

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### **2017-18 Reflections Updates**

All entries for this year's Reflections and award ribbons have been placed in our front office. Please claim your piece/ribbon there. Thank you for all participants and we wish to see you again in next year's competition.

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### **Looking for PICTURES for the Yearbook**

Please submit candid shots of school events and classroom parties no later than **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the yearbook.

5th grade parents! Please submit your child's baby photo by **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**!

All photos can be emailed to: [yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com](mailto:yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com).

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## **School News**

**Twin Day--** Friday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, will be "Twin Day" at Somerset. The class that has the greatest percentage of students participating by wearing the same outfit as a classmate will win a prize and be featured in the morning announcements.

**Free Tutoring Club--** Newport High School students will run a FREE [tutoring club](#)

from 4:15 to 5:15pm every Tuesday in portable 303 under supervision of Mr. Rogers to help any Somerset students who need or want some extra support in any subject area. If interested in, please RSVP to [NewportTutorClub@gmail.com](mailto:NewportTutorClub@gmail.com) so these high schoolers will get ready in advance. **Thank you**, Mr. Rogers!

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## Bellevue School District (BSD)

All families are invited to attend below equity policy seminars! Title for the seminar is '***What does an equitable school district look like to you?***' What impact would racial equity have on you and your student? Please attend and give your comments to BSD. Childcare and interpreters are available. If you can't make any of them, please take a moment to complete the **Equity Survey**.

- March 13 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Odle Middle School
- March 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at WISC Baker Room
- March 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at WISC Adams Room
- March 22 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Sammamish High School
- March 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Bellevue High School

[RSVP](#) is not mandatory, but will help plan for childcare, interpreters, and seating. The same content will be presented each night, yet you are invited to attend multiple sessions.

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## Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF)

**Spring for Schools 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Luncheon**-- Please join us in thanking the sponsors of the Spring for Schools Benefit Luncheon from 12- 1:15pm (Education Showcase begins at 11 am) on Friday, **April 27<sup>th</sup>** at Hyatt Regency Bellevue. For more information and registration, please click [HERE](#).

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## Community News

*(All News in this section are NOT sponsored by the Somerset PTSA. As a service to the community, the PTSA help publicize these programs in the eNews.)*

**Somerset After School Soccer Program**-- Titans FC is the #1 youth soccer club on the Greater Eastside, providing top quality coaching to over 1,000 players and prioritizing player development at all levels. The Somerset After School Titans program is an excellent way for players at Somerset Elementary to learn about the game we love, as well as get a feeling for our program in a fun, safe, and engaging environment. Our coaches will run a game based sessions that will ensure players of all levels will have a great experience. This program is an excellent "introduction to soccer" and is highly recommended for beginners! Please text 'Somerset' to 345345 to receive a registration link, and contact [Keenan@npsatitans.com](mailto:Keenan@npsatitans.com) for any questions. We hope to see you out on the field!

**After-school Activities at Somerset Elementary School**-- Registration for several vendor-run after-school programs in SPRING season will be posted at **8pm on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Links to vendor registration sites will be on <http://somerseptsa.org> starting at the time above. Due to limited space, all registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

**CENSE Call for Action: Safety Concerns for Tye-- It's time to tell your city to say "NO" to Puget Sound Energy so please comment!**  
[How to Comment on Energize Eastside Permit Applications](#)

For more information on the Permitting Process and Documents please refer below

- [The Energize Eastside EIS and Permitting Process](#) - general overview
- [Energize Eastside Permit Documents](#) - more info and links to documents

CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy) is a volunteer-based citizen group which has been fighting against PSE for years for our community after PSE announced its "Energize Eastside" high-voltage transmission line project. The latest project proposal outlines power lines that pass close to Tye Middle School, which also includes replacing the existing wooden poles with steel monopoles sharing the same corridor as the Olympic pipeline. Should this project be established, the risk of a catastrophic pipeline fire would increase. For more information about Tye at Risk, please click [HERE](#). For more information about CENSE, please click <http://cense.org>. CENSE is having a Fundraising Drive of \$150,000 to hire experts against PSE for the public hearing in the near future. Please consider [donating](#) for the sake of your children and our community. **Thank you!**

**One-on-one Private Piano Lessons with Dr. Kao**-- Dr. Kao, a professional trained classical pianist and a piano educator, recently moved to Bellevue and started to provide one-on-one private piano lessons in Factoria area. If interested, please call [443-825-0988](tel:443-825-0988) or visit <http://harmonicpianostudio.com> for more details.

**Newport Select Boy Basketball**-- 2018 Spring Tryout Registration is OPEN now. Tryouts will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at Tye Middle School. For registration and more information, please visit: <http://www.newportbasketball.com>.

**WISE Camp**-- Wise Camps is a non-profit summer camp that offers exciting science, math, art, finance, Model UN, SAT prep and cooking camps July 16-20<sup>th</sup> & July 23-27<sup>th</sup> at Newport High School in Bellevue for students entering grades 3-10 (morning sessions, afternoon sessions, or full day). The camps are designed to give students a unique, hands-on experience and excite them even more about these topics! Lunch on campus is provided for those who choose to do full day. Questions? Contact [wisecamps@gmail.com](mailto:wisecamps@gmail.com). Camp descriptions, prices, promotions and registration at: [www.wisecamps.org](http://www.wisecamps.org).

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