



SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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Unit # 020451

CALENDAR

April 1 – Virtue of the Month:
Confidence

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

April 4 – 2nd Grade Music
Concert (7:00-7:30pm): Cafeteria

April 9- 13 – No School: Spring
Break

April 20 – Talent & Variety Show
(6:30- 7:30pm): Cafeteria

April 23 – Care & Share Craft
Night (6:00- 8:00pm): Cafeteria

April 24 – PhD (Parenthood
Development) (7:00- 8:00pm):
Library

April 26 – Family Safety and
Anti-Bullying Information Night
(6:30- 8:00pm): Library

April 27 – Passport Check Day

April 27 – Math Adventure (6:15-
8:30pm)



Find us on 

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.

PICTURES for the Yearbook Due-- Monday, April 2nd

Deadline for all pictures submitted to the Yearbook is on Monday, **April 2nd**. Please submit candid shots of school events and classroom parties to:
yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com.

*5th grade parents! Please submit your child's baby photo by **April 2nd** too!*

Somerset PTSA Talent Show-- Friday, April 20th

This year's PTSA Talent Show was so popular that all performing spots were filled up within one day. Due to capacity limit, we are sorry that we cannot accept new signups, but all Somerset families and friends are welcome to attend our **8th Annual School Talent Show** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Friday, **April 20th** in our cafeteria. Our talented Somerset students will sing, dance, play an instrument, and more!

PhD: Be SMART About Gun Safety-- Tuesday, April 24th

Somerset PTSA has invited the Be SMART representative, Susan Fleenor, to give an educational presentation on gun safety from 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday, **April 24th** at our Library. She will cover topics such as how guns should be safely stored, and how to talk to our kids about gun safety in their lives, etc. This meeting is intended for adults only, given the sensitivity of some of the information and questions that may arise. Please sign up at

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somerset-phd-be-smart-about-gun-safety-tickets-44709029912> to attend. Thank you!

Family Safety and Anti-Bullying Information Night-- Thursday, April 26th

Please join members of the PBIS and Safety Teams, Somerset counselor, Student peer mentors, and the District's safety liaison for an information night to learn about Somerset's school-wide expectations, social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, anti-bullying efforts, and the mandatory safety measures and drills conducted at school from 6:30-8 pm in the library on Thursday, **April 26th**. Families are welcome to attend and learn about ways to discuss school safety issues, anti-bullying, and SEL at home. Please sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4caa62ba1fd0-family> to help plan seating. Thank you!

PTSA Passport Club Volunteers Needed-- Friday, April 27th

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, **April 27th** during lunch time. Please click on this link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/HXsPTEf>. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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 30th** 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!

Somerset Multi- Cultural Education Discussion

All parents are welcome to join Ms. Kirsten Toning (5th grade GESP), Mrs. Judy Bowlby, and Mrs. Helen Yung for a [Multi- Cultural Education Discussion](#) at 1:30pm on Wednesday, **May 9th** in the Somerset Library. Topics such as “What is education?”, “What does it mean to **you**?”, “What types of educational experiences have you had?” and “What’s it like to learn in another country?” will be discussed. It is a great opportunity to share and learn about the many cultures represented in our school.

If this meeting results in interest to explore other topics about education, more meetings will be arranged.

Tentative Spring Fundraising Efforts Cancelled

In keeping with our promise to minimize fundraising efforts at our school and having reached our \$100K goal for our fall fundraising drive through the donations of generous families and employer match programs, we have decided to cancel our tentatively scheduled spring fundraiser this year.

Please note that the PTSA accepts donations all year round and if you had plans to donate in the second half of the year because you missed the fall drive, you can always do so online at somersetptsa.org or you can drop off your check in the PTSA mailbox located in the school office.

Thank you for supporting the PTSA. Your donations allow us to provide programming for all kids at Somerset!

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.

Summer Camp Through [6crickets.com](https://www.6crickets.com)

It is time to sign up for summer camps again. This year, [6crickets.com](https://www.6crickets.com) donates 10% of its earnings from summer camp purchases made by our parents to Somerset PTSA.

If you book a summer camp or a class through <https://www.6crickets.com/>, please make sure you enter **Somerset Elementary** at checkout. Thank you!

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!

School News

Principal Coffees and Interest Surveys-- To date, Principal Coffees have been held the first Friday of every month. We have covered a variety of topics and engaged in rich conversation, however, the morning time does not seem to work for the majority of our families. In an effort to increase attendance, please take one minute to take this [Parent Interest Survey](#) to express topics of interest and times that may be more convenient. **Thank you** for your participation.

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 so these high schoolers will get ready in advance. **Thank you**, Mr. Rogers!

Connect Corner

(This section is for news from other PTSA)

Angst-- Join us for a screening of the Indieflix film *Angst--Breaking the Stigma*

Around Anxiety at 7pm on Thursday, **April 19th** in the Tye Gym. This is a film that explores **anxiety**, its causes, effects and what we can do about it. The filmmakers' goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Angst features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they've learned about it. Experts highlight research and offer tools and resources that provide hope. The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as help, resources and tools.

There is **no cost to attend** this event thanks to funding from the **Newport Way Library**. Please register to reserve your seat: <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/5aa6ea4ca719c62f00269560>

Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF)

Spring for Schools 30th 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 27th** at Hyatt Regency Bellevue. For more information and registration, please click [HERE](#). *Emilie Castle, Xiaohui Ge and Lily Yin* (thank you, Ladies!) are all hosting tables for this event. If you want to sit with Somerset families, please pick their names from the table captain list.

Community News

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Field Trip Ambassador Volunteer-- Pacific Science Center welcomes thousands of students on field trips every year. If you are outgoing, energetic, organized, and enjoy working with teachers and school-aged children you can help facilitate their Pacific Science Center experience. As a Field Trip Ambassador you will welcome school groups and help them get a great start to their day at the Science Center by setting a tone of fun and learning. Shifts are available Mondays – Fridays, 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Learn more about this position at: <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/volunteers/volunteer-opportunities/>

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 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 19th**. Links to vendor registration sites will be on <http://somersepts.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!**

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 16-20th & July 23-27th 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. Camp descriptions, prices, promotions and registration at: www.wisecamps.org.

