



SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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CALENDAR

May 7- May 11 – Staff
Appreciation Week

May 9 – Multi-Cultural Education
Discussion (1:30- 2:30pm):
Library

May 16 – Spring Walk to School
Day

May 21 – PhD (Parenthood
Development) (7:00- 8:30pm):
Cafeteria

May 25 – Passport Check Day

May 25 – World Sports Day

May 28 – No School- Memorial
Day

May 31 – STEM Egg Drop
(11:00am- 2:00pm): Field

June 1 – Virtue of Month:
Courage

June 7 – Staff Appreciation-
International Food Day

June 7 – PTSA Reimbursement
Deadline

June 8 – Field Day (1:30pm-
3:30pm): Field

June 11 – Book Swap (6:30pm-
7:30pm): Cafeteria

June 18 – Volunteer
Appreciation Coffee (8:15am-
9:05am): Library

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 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. Please sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4caaa62ba1fd0-somerset> to attend. If this meeting results in interest to explore other topics about education, more meetings will be arranged.

Take Parent Survey to Determine PTSA’s Priorities for 2018-19-- NOW

Please take the Somerset PTSA End-of-the-Year Parent Survey. We need your feedbacks on our events and programs. Survey responses will directly influence how the PTSA spends its time and money in 2018-19. We are planning next year’s PTSA budget in May, so reply to the survey now and have your voice heard.

The deadline for survey responses is Friday, **May 18th**.

To take the survey, click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/kZz7jp9IWLQep5zv2> **PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT ONE SURVEY PER FAMILY**. All families are welcome to participate in the survey (even if you aren’t a PTSA member).

June 18 – Volunteer
Appreciation Assembly (9:15am-
9:30am): Cafeteria/Gym

June 20 – PTSA General
Membership Meeting (8:15pm-
2:00pm)

June 21 – Passport Check Day

June 22 – 5th Grade Pool Party
(11:15am- 1:30pm): Somerset
Rec Club

June 22 – Last Day of School



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This survey remains anonymous. But we will offer a \$75 Amazon **gift card** as an incentive for participation in this survey. If you provide your contact information at the end of this survey, you will be entered in a drawing for this gift card. If you wish your survey reply to remain anonymous, you would not be entered in the drawing for the gift card.

Somerset PTSA Annual Awards and Volunteer Recognition

Wow -- what a year of excellence -- made possible by so many committed volunteers, teachers, and staff!

Please take a moment to nominate for our many awards. Detailed descriptions available [HERE](#) for State PTA awards: *Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, 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 demonstrate excellence ABOVE and BEYOND what is expected. Use the form [HERE](#) 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 Wed May 16th.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is next week from **May 7th to 11th**. We would like to take the week to recognize the hard work of all teachers and staff members at Somerset.

All classes and students are expected to participate in this annual event. Every class will take care of their teacher and one assigned staff member. The room parents are responsible for organizing and deciding how your class will appreciate your teacher and assigned staff member(s). Here is the general guide for the schedule of the week.

Monday: Choice Day

Tuesday: Flower Day

Wednesday: Staff Appreciation Luncheon (provided by PTSA)

Thursday: Card Day

Friday: Gift Day

More details will come in the emails sent out by room parents. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Staff Appreciation Chairs:
Nicole liyanhua90@gmail.com or Suzanne xzhengster@gmail.com.

Recap of Math Olympiad (MO)

Great news! Somerset did an outstanding job in 2018 WSMC Math Olympiad Competition on Saturday, April 28th at Seattle University. There were 20 teams from 4th grade, 5th grade and 3rd GESP in our school to attend this competition, which was about 43.5% of total 46 teams in it. We got 9 Medals and 14 excellent ribbons. Both top scores in Long Problem and Short Problem were Somerset teams. Two of the total three teams that got two Medals were from Somerset!

After 8-months of hard work, we achieved the best results in Somerset MO history. Congratulations to all Somerset MO teams, Parents and Coaches! And thanks to all MO coaches and parents volunteers for your help, especially Yueqin, Ashley, Rafiq, Vashali, Aparna, Monika, Evan, Rich, Vikrant, Danny, Yale, Shrey Aeron, Seema Gupta, and Pauline Cho. We couldn't have done it without your dedication. **Thank you!** If you want to get more involved in our math activities, please contact somersetpta@gmail.com.

PhD (Parenthood Development): Self-Defense Class

Our PTSA PhD (Parenthood Development) committee will present a Self Defense class from 7pm to 8:30pm on Monday, **May 14th** at our multipurpose room. Kirsten Smith, a 4th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Arnis, will teach this class starting with basic principles about how to avoid being a victim and move into simple, memorable moves you can do to defend yourself in a variety of situations. Kirsten has been teaching and training at True Martial Arts on the Sammamish Plateau for more than 17 years. Everyone will then be practicing the self-defense techniques so please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. This class is intended for adults only.

Space for this class is limited so please sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somerset-phd-self-defense-tickets-44887530813>

Spring Walk to School Day

With great support from the City of Bellevue, we will have our Spring Walk to School Day on Wednesday, **May 16th**. Students may walk directly to the School, or you may send them to our Walking School Buses. A Walking School Bus is a group of students walking to school with parent volunteers. We have designated two Walking School Bus routes. Map for the detailed routes and the scheduled 'pick-up' locations along the way will be handed out to students shortly. All students who walk to school on May 16th will be greeted by a PedBee mascot and win a small prize when they arrive at school. We need volunteers to walk with students on the

two Walking School Bus routes and to greet students when they arrive at the school. If you can help, please sign up [Here](#).

In addition, all students who participate in this Walk to School Day will automatically enter the 'Take the Earth Day to Bike Day Challenge' by the Bellevue [SchoolPool](#) Team. It will earn money for our school and prizes for him/herself after filling out the [SchoolPool card](#). This SchoolPool card has been sent home or you may find it [HERE](#). *Our students participated in last SchoolPool challenge last October and earned about \$2000 for our school!* All funds are to be used in our intervention room to support students who need help or have need challenges. Please help us with challenge to benefit our children in school. For questions, please contact somersetpsa@gmail.com.

PTSA Passport Club Volunteers Needed-- Friday

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, **May 25th** during lunch time. Please click on this link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/HXsPTEf>. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Egg Drop

We will have our Egg Drop event on Thursday, **May 31st**! This fun activity is open to **ALL** students in our school. Build a protective container/lander that can hold an uncooked egg survive an EGGSTREME drop off from a 60-foot height! Please bring your lander to school on Thursday, May 31st and watch it get launched during the lunch recess! Will your egg survive or splat?! Join the eggcitement as an individual or as a team of max. 3 members. For rules and registration, please click <https://goo.gl/forms/3epmHYZROgcihAU13>. Parents are warmly invited to enjoy this event too. You may come as an observer during lunch time from 11:40am to 1pm. Moreover, if you can help out, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849aea72cabf58-volunteer>. Together, we will make this event memorable!

Create - Build - Catapult !

Field Day

Our highly-anticipated annual Field Day will be taking place from 1:00-3:15pm on Friday, **June 8th**. The theme for this year's field day will be "**Heroes**". All students are encouraged to dress their favorite "Hero" costume (NO masks please per school district policy. Sorry). If your child does not have a costume, please encourage them to wear a blue shirt that day to show our Somerset spirit! Parents please note that we will need many volunteers to make this day a memorable and successful event for our children. So please keep your eyes open for the volunteer sign-up sheet which will be available soon. **Thank you!**

Reflections

2018 Reflections winners are now available at the National PTA [website](#).

2019 Reflections theme will be "Heroes Around Me". For more information, please click [HERE](#).

The PTSA wants to thank our co-chairs *Maggie Xu and Lisa Wong* for volunteering their time to this wonderful program for our children in our school.

2018-19 PTSA Chairs Recruiting

Somerset PTSA offers a variety of programs to benefit all students and families in our school. We need your help to continue these excellent programs in 2018-19 school year. Chair positions are open for parents to take a lead:

Chess Club
Field Day
Math Adventure
Nomination Recognition
Passport Club
PhD (Parenthood Development)
Volunteer Coordinator
Book Swap
Maker Market
Potluck Family Night
2018 Fall Fundraising Drive

If you are interested, please email somersetpts@gmail.com. We will connect you with previous chairs for transition/training. We work together for our children!
Thank you!

Summer Camp Through 6crickets.com

It is time to sign up for summer camps again. This year, 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

“World Sports Day” -- Friday, **May 25th**, will be “World Sports Day” at Somerset. Have fun dressing in the gear of your favorite sport, game, or activity. The class that has the greatest number of participants wearing sports attire will be featured in the morning assembly announcements and win a class prize!

New Rules of Building Closure-- For the safety and security of all our students and staff, the front doors of the school will be locked at 4:15 pm. This will go into effect after Spring Break on Tuesday, **April 17th**. For Monday, April 16th, the door will remain unlocked until 5:30pm.

For all after-school activities, the after-school teacher will need to walk all of the students to the front lobby door to meet their parents outside. Once all students have been picked up, the staff can then remain in the building to clean up. When leaving, please ask after school staff to make sure that the door closes tightly behind them.

The front door will be unlocked on the nights that the school hosts events in the Library. The side Cafeteria/ Gym door will be open on the nights there are events in the cafeteria/ gym. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

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!

Bellevue School District (BSD)

Bellevue Gifted Alliance Update on BSD Gifted Programming-- Please join us at 6:30pm on Monday, **May 14th** at Odle Middle School to hear about gifted services in Bellevue School District from Dr. Ivan Duran, superintendent, and Lora McHugh, supervisor of gifted education. Afterwards there will be a parent social hour from 7:30-8:30pm for families to connect.

Strategic Planning Update and Survey-- In March, the BSD launched the Strategic Planning work. Through creation of a new Strategic Plan, the BSD will set the course for the district for the next three to five years, defining the vision and values, refining the mission, solidifying the priorities, and providing a framework for aligning work with those priorities. Please refer [HERE](#) for more information. In addition, please fill in this Strategic Planning [Survey](#) before **May 11th** to have your voice heard!

Connect Conner

Tyee Game Night! Friday May 18th, 6:30-8pm-- Fifth grade families going to Tyee next year? Join us at Tyee for Free Fabulous Fun. Mox Boarding House is bringing their awesome games. Challenge your family or take on your friends with a wide array of board games, card games, and mind bending puzzles. Find new games or revisit familiar ones. Leaderboards, prizes, and more!

Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF)

Supporting Kids Through Tough Times: *Trauma Informed Care & Restorative*

Practices-- Join Bellevue Schools Foundation and CJ Ellsworth of Sea Mar Community Health Center for a discussion of what we can do as parents and community members who care about our youth.

Saturday, June 2, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Highland Middle School, [15027 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue](#)

(light refreshments provided, childcare available)

This event is free and open to the public; [please register at this link.](#)

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.)

Fun and affordable summer camp for girls, held in South Bellevue-- Girl Scouts Bellevue holds a not-for-profit summer camp that is perfect for any girl who enjoys crafts, singing, games and nature learning in an outdoor setting. Girls do not need to be Girl Scouts to attend the camp. Camp dates for 2018 are July 16-20, 9am - 3.30pm. Brothers and preschoolers welcome for those that volunteer. For more information contact linda.ohare@gmail.com or register online at <https://sbmidaycamp.weebly.com>

Annual Somerset Cub Scout Pack Rocket Launch-- For Kindergarteners who are interested in learning about Cub Scouts, please join Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629 for their annual Rocket Launch from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Saturday, **May 12th** at 60 Acres Park [15200 NE 116th St., Redmond, WA 98052](#). The supply of rockets is limited so **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Please email Den Leader: Ron Wangelin ronwangelin@gmail.com for registration. You may visit www.pack629.shutterfly.com for more information.

Epic School Kids Pass-- The Epic SchoolKids Whistler Blackcomb Pack is a FREE program for Canadian and Washington State Kindergartners through grade 5 that provides five days of free skiing and riding at Whistler Blackcomb. For registration and more information, please click <https://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/tickets-and-passes/more-options/epic-schoolkids.aspx>

Somerset Recreation Club-- Somerset Recreation Club (SRC) 2018 Summer Memberships Registration is Now Open. Only 225 Summer Memberships Available! Beat the rush! Sign up today at www.somersetrec.org! SRC Open House is Saturday **May 12th** from 1-4pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the opening day festivities so bring your swim suit and come swim and enjoy the pool deck and enjoy FREE hamburgers while supplies last and learn all that SRC has to offer. See you there!

Bellevue United FC-- Bellevue United FC Announces Registration is Open for 2018 Fall Recreational Soccer and Select Tryouts. To learn more and register visit <https://www.bellevueunitedfc.org/>

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/>

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.

