



SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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Unit # 020460

CALENDAR

June 12 – Book Swap (6:30pm-7:30pm): Cafeteria

June 15 – Passport Check Day (updated)

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

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

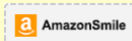
June 19 – 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony (2pm- 3:15pm): Cafeteria/Gym

June 19 – LEGO Workshop (7pm-8pm): Cafeteria

June 20 – PTSA General Membership Meeting (1:15pm-2:00pm): Room 206

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

June 22 – Last Day of School (9:05- 11:05)



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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.

Book Swap-- This Tuesday

Start Collecting your old books and get ready to turn them into new books for some summer reading fun! The PTSA will host the **Annual Somerset Book Swap** in the Multipurpose Room from 6:30-7:30 pm, on Tuesday, **June 12th**. Attending this event is a great way to liven up your bookshelves at home and in the classroom. The event is free to all, and the more books you bring to trade, the more you get to take. There will be picture books, early reading, youth & adult chapter books, how-to, workbooks, cooking, and activity books. Invite your friends and family! We hope to see you there. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Emilie Castle at emiliecastle@gmail.com. If you would like to lead this event next year, please contact Emilie too.

PTSA Passport Club Volunteers Needed-- This Friday

Our last Passport Club for this year will be on Friday, **June 15th**. Students will be tested on the U.S. states and capitals in this last activity. Since it will take more time, we will have 2 shifts: 10-11am in room 206 and 11:05-12:15pm on the stage in the lunchroom. We need your help for these two shifts. Please sign up through this link [Passport Check](#) as much as you can. Thank you!

Volunteer List and Recognition -- All are Welcome!

We tried our best to retrieve all volunteer names in all of our activities from last August (except for this and next week's events). It is inevitable that some names

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have been forgotten. Here is the [volunteer list](#). If you volunteered in event(s) but your name is missing, please let us know: somersetpts@gmail.com so we will update it. This list will be presented in our Volunteer Assembly on Monday, **June 18th** and posted in our website.

More importantly, please join us at 8:20am on Monday, **June 18th** to recognize **YOU**, our wonderful volunteers! The Quiet Cafe will open early so you can drop-off your students. Then come to the Somerset library to enjoy a light breakfast provided by the staff as appreciation for **YOU**. At 8:40am the PTSA will present awards to parents. At 9:05 everyone will go to the cafeteria with the whole school, where the students will perform for **YOU**. Thank **YOU** for all of your contributions throughout the year!

General Membership PTSA Meeting

Our next General Membership PTSA meeting is scheduled from 1:15pm to 2pm on Wednesday, **June 20th** at Room 206. At that time, we will be reviewing and voting on the 2018- 19 PTSA Budget. In addition, we will vote for 2018-19 PTSA Executive Committee (EC) officers. Please review 2018-19 Somerset PTSA Budget [HERE](#). If you would like to provide input on the budget and vote for our EC, please attend the meeting. Thank you!

LEGO Workshop

The PTSA will be hosting a LEGO Workshop from 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday, **June 19th** at our Cafeteria. Experienced coaches will give an introduction to the First Lego League and its Robotics. This workshop is intended for parents of **students 9-14 years old**. Space is limited, so please use the link here for detailed information and sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lego-workshop-a-quick-introduction-to-first-lego-league-and-its-robotics-tickets-46871108748>

Yearbook Update

Yearbooks are here! They will be distributed to the teachers/classrooms on Friday, **June 15th**. The leftover yearbooks will be on sale from Monday, June 18th morning starting at 8 am in front of the school with a first come, first serve basis. The sales price will be \$30 each.

2018-19 School STEM Activity Coordinator(s) Recruiting

We are recruiting one or more School STEM Activity Coordinators for next year. This volunteer will work closely with our teachers during school hours when teachers have STEM activities for their classes. The requirements for this positions are: 1. Has to love organizing since props for STEM activities are stored separately and have to be returned to original places after each use; 2. Has to love STEM; and 3. Has to be able to work during school hours to help our teachers. If you can help, please contact us: somersetpts@gmail.com. Thank you!

2018-19 School Supplies

2018-19 School Supplies are available now: [Kindergarten](#), [First Grade](#), [Second Grade \(GenEd & GESP\)](#), [Third Grade \(GenEd & GESP\)](#), [Fourth Grade \(GenEd\)](#), [Fourth Grade \(GESP\)](#), and [Fifth Grade \(GenEd & GESP\)](#). They are also posted on our website: somersetpts.org. You may bring them to school on Tuesday, **August 28th** in Meet and Greet Your New Teacher.

Last Day of School

The last day of 2017-18 school year is Friday, **June 22nd**. Please note it will be a short day from **9:05am to 11:05am**. Please pick up your student on time or arrange for childcare accordingly. Summer calendar has been updated in our website: somersetpts.org. Have a safe summer break!

Fifth- Grade Graduation Activity Summary

- 1) Promotion cap decorating on Wednesday, **June 13th**: from 9:15am to 3pm depending on classes.
- 2) Promotion Ceremony on Tuesday, **June 19th**: from 2pm to 3:15pm at our cafeteria/gym. It will start at 2pm sharp. Please arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.
- 3) 5th Grade Pool Party on Friday, **June 22nd**: from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please submit your permission forms by Friday, June 8th.

Please remind your student to wear their promotion tshirt on both promotion ceremony and pool party with their names clearly labeled. For volunteer slots, please review and sign up [here](#). For more details, please click [HERE](#). You may find

[Pool Party Permission Form](#) and [Photo/Videotapes Permission Form](#).

Curriculum Enhancement - Your PTSA Donations at Work!

The **PTSA** Curriculum Enhancement Committee (CE) works in partnership with teachers to coordinate in-school assemblies, field trips, and provide supplemental materials to enhance the classroom experience and expand grade level curriculum.

Thus far for the 2017-2018 school year, CE has coordinated and/or funded up to 100% of these items (except for school buses due to liability issue). For a full list of all activities CE funded, please click [HERE](#).

Field Day Recap

Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the rain and made our "Heroes" Field Day a success. The kids had a great time and it wouldn't have been possible without your support!

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:

Recess Volunteer Coordinator (new position)

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!

Tyee PTSA 2018-19 Volunteer Opportunities

Tyee PTSA are recruiting several 2018-19 Chair positions, including:

- **Bellevue Schools Foundation Ambassador:** Serve as the link between Tyee PTSA and the Bellevue Schools Foundation.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Create and email online sign-up sheets to Tyee families for volunteer opportunities. This role can be done at home.
- **Student Directory:** Compile, print and distribute the Tyee PTSA Student Directory. This role can be done at home.
- **8th Grade Party Chair:** Organize the graduation party for next year's 8th graders.
- **Family Outreach:** Plan educational and social programs for Tyee parents.
- **Cyber Safety Chair:** Organize events to educate students and parents about

online safety.

- **Reflections Club Chair:** Organize a new fall student club where the art teacher assists students with their Reflections (arts competition) projects.
- **Year-End Awards:** Coordinate the nomination and selection process for Tye PTSA year-end awards.

No experience is necessary; we will provide the relevant training and guidance. Volunteering is a great way for parents to further connect with the school and their student. If you are interested in any of the above roles, email president@tyepts.org. If none of the roles above catch your eye, we can find a role that suits your interests, available time and abilities. Email us to find out more.

School News

Overlake Hospital Clothing Drive-- Please participate in Overlake Hospital Clothing Drive by Ms. Greytak's class, which is a part of her class's service learning project. Please kindly donate new socks and underwear, and gently used t-shirts, sweat pants, and shoes in adult sizes for homeless patients who are being released from Overlake Hospital. Donation bins are in the foyer, near the library, and outside Ms. Greytak's class. This drive will end on Tuesday, June 19th. Please help as much as you can. Thank you!

Meals for Kids & Teens-- If you need meal help for your student during summer time, please refer to this free [Meal Programs for Kids & Teens](#).

SchoolPool Survey-- Please take 5 minutes to complete this short [survey](#) to help [SchoolPool](#) program from the City of Bellevue to evaluate strategies for this program, which aims to reduce drop-off and pick-up congestion at schools. The deadline for this survey is Friday, **June 22nd**. If you have questions, please contact Stela Nikolova, Bellevue SchoolPool Program Lead, at snikolova@bellevuewa.gov.

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!

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 Recreation Club-- Somerset Recreation Club 2018 Summer Memberships are still available so sign up today! All are welcome to join (reminder you don't have to live in Somerset to enjoy all the benefits of this great pool). Sign up today at www.somersetrec.org! Summer swim team (great for kids 7-18) deadline is May 29th! SRC's Sharkies pre-swim team program (designed for kids ages 5-7) and summer swim lessons registration now open - so sign up before we fill up as space is limited.

Bellevue Wolverines Girls Lacrosse Summer Camps-- For 3rd- 9th grades: session 1 is Developmental Camp from 1-4pm on July 9th to 12th at Chinook Middle School Turf Field and session 2 is from 1-4pm on July 16th to July 19th for experienced players. For more information and registration, please visit bellevuegirlslax.com.

Volleyball Camp-- For children entering 4th thru 9th grade. It is designed to teach volleyball techniques and skills. Coaches include the Newport High School volleyball coaching staff, area club coaches, NCAA players, and current Newport players. June 8th, 6:00pm - 8:30pm, June 9th, 9:00am - 3:00pm at Newport High School. Cost \$85. Registration and payment information can be found at: <http://www.newportvb.com>

Girls On the Run Camp-- For Girls entering the 3rd-5th Grades. July 9th – July 13th 12:00pm – 4:00pm at Bellevue Boys & Girls Club – South Bellevue Clubhouse 14509 SE Newport Way. Cost \$185. For more information and registration, please click [HERE](#).

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>

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>

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.
