

September 12, 2016

Unit # 020384

CALENDAR

September 14 – Curriculum Night for 4th-5th grade

September 20 – Curriculum Night for 2nd-3rd grade

September 21 – Curriculum Night for k-1st grade

September 27 – Room Parent Orientation at 9:15am in Cafeteria

September 30 – Math Olympiad Parent Orientation at 7pm (Location TBD)

September 6- October 7 – 2016-17 Fall fundraising drive

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2016-17 Fall Fundraising Drive

A big **'Thank You'** to the Somerset families who have already donated! One week has passed since the start of the drive and we have received a great response from the families at Somerset! We have reached close to **15%** of our goal in the first week alone!

We have **3 ½ weeks left** for this drive. If you have not made your donation yet, please do not delay to do so. Let's all work together to keep Somerset a great place to learn for our children!

Our goal for this drive is to raise **\$200 per child** at Somerset to help fund the excellent programming below (**100% funded by the PTSA**):

- **Curriculum Enhancement**- field trips, grade level activities
- **Instructional Aides** – 3 additional aides for classroom support
- **STEM Activities** – Egg Drop, STEM Week, Math Blast
- **Additional classroom needs & supplies funds for every teacher/classroom**
- **Teacher Development**- books, seminars, paying for substitute time
- **Art** - Art Imagination, Reflection, Young Author Assemblies
- **Staff Appreciation**
- **Emergency Preparedness and Child Safety**
- **Community Building Programs**- Game Night, Talent Show, Festival of Cultures

With a successful Fall Fundraising Drive we can:

- Eliminate the need for excessive fundraising activities (e.g. catalog sales)
- Reduce the scale of our auction in the spring
- Continue all of the excellent programming that helps make our school a great place to learn

Please donate online at <http://somerseptsa.org> and click the **'2016-17 Fall Fundraising'** icon on the left-hand bar or return the Donation Form (from the welcome back pack) and donation (payable to Somerset PTSA) to the PTSA box in the school office.

Membership

As part of the Washington State PTA, the Somerset PTSA is a nonprofit membership association that brings together home, school, and community on behalf of our children. Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of our children. Please help build a stronger Somerset Community by **joining and renewing** your annual PTSA membership. Your membership will support many enrichment programs and activities that PTSA sponsors in the academic and extracurricular journey of the Superstars. Become a member online at <http://somerseptsa.org> or return the Membership Form (from the welcome back pack) and payment (payable to Somerset PTSA) to the PTSA box in the school office.

Yearbook

This year, the Somerset Elementary yearbook can be ordered online ONLY. Go to the Somerset School PTSA website: <http://somerseptsa.org/Home>. Click on 'Somerset Elementary PTSA' icon on the left-hand bar. Then choose ORDER 'YEARBOOK'.

Volunteer Opportunities at Somerset Elementary

We **THANK YOU** all volunteers in the events of Welcome Packets, Welcome Back Coffee and Back to School Ice Cream Social. Because of those volunteers and their hard work, our PTSA could make those events happen.

More volunteer opportunities are available! Everyone is welcome. English language learners are encouraged to volunteer. We have needs in the following areas:

Communication:

Database/Directory
FACE (Family & Community Engagement)
Historian/Photographer
New Families
Room Parents
Student Directory
Survey
Wall Display Cases

Programs:

Child Safety/Emergency Prep
School Picture
GAME (Games and More Enrichment)
Math Adventure
Chess Club
Recess Volunteers
Traffic & Safety
Wellness/Walk-to-School
Young Authors

Fundraising:

Auction 2017
Amazon Smiles
Book Fair
Corporate Donations/Sponsorships
Walkathon

For more information or to sign up, go to Somerset PTSA.org and click "Create an Account" or "Somerset PTSA" then "Volunteer". If you have questions, please talk with our Executive Committee or email us at SomersetPTSA@gmail.com

Volunteer Application

Every person who volunteers at Somerset Elementary (e.g. room parents, field chaperones, helpers in the classroom, PTSA volunteers, etc.) is required to fill out a Volunteer Application with the Bellevue School District. If you have already completed this once, you don't need to do it again. However, if you are new to the Bellevue School District and want to volunteer, you need to fill out the form. You only need to complete this once for the lifetime of your student(s) at the Bellevue School District. Click on <http://www.bsd405.org/get-involved/volunteer/> and then click "Application" under "Parent Volunteers".

Facebook

Our Facebook page is another great place for parents to share, communicate and connect. Please "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetPTSA/>.

Translation Help

We appreciate the diversity of our Somerset families. If you need translations of newsletters, please feel free to contact us: somersetptsa@gmail.com.

Si necesita traducciones de boletines de noticias, por favor no dude en contactar con nosotros: somersetptsa@gmail.com.

如果您需要帮助翻译, 请和我们联系, 请发邮件到邮箱somersetptsa@gmail.com. 我们还有一个关于小学的家长信息微信群, 如需加入也请与我们联系。

당신이 뉴스 레터 의 번역 필요하면 저희에게 연락 주시기 바랍니다 :
somersetptsa@gmail.com.

あなたがニューズレターの翻訳が必要な場合は、お気軽にお問い合わせください: somersetpsa@gmail.com.

Graduated From Somerset or Moved?

Please log in your account at <http://somersetpsa.org> and delete your information.

Community News

Howard McOmber and Small Hands on Art presents: Peter Pan. Small Hands on Art is a not-for-profit organization that believes in providing arts education to students.

This is a drama class for all ages: Kindergarten though 5th grade. No experience necessary. Every child receives a part.

Drama classes offered throughout the year with Small Hands. Look for flyers in the school office.

Rehearsal Dates are: September 15, 22, 29, and October 6.

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Recital: October 6 at 7:30 p.m. Students arrive at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$85

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Cost: \$85.00 Checks payable to Small Hands on Art ?s Call 425- 313- 9431
Small Hands on Art is a not-for-profit organization that believes in providing arts education to students. Small Hands on art does not discriminate on any basis.

Application Form: Age: _____ Send Check and Application to:
Name: _____ 15 210th PL SE
Phone Number: _____ Sammamish, WA 98074
Parent Contact Number: _____ Teacher: _____ Somerset

