



September 14, 2018

Unit # 020466

PTSA NEWS

PTSA / School Calendar - Upcoming Dates and Events

- Monday, September 17th, 6.00 - 7.30pm - Curriculum Night grades K, 2nd and 4th
- Tuesday, September 18th - Vision & Hearing Screening - [sign up](#) to volunteer
- Friday, September 21st, 6.30 - 8.30pm - Back-to-school Ice Cream Social Night
- Tuesday, September 25th, 9.10 - 10.00am - ELL Parent Coffee
- Wednesday, September 26th, 9.15 - 10.15am - Room Parent Orientation
- Thursday, September 27th, 6.15 - 6.45pm - Math Adventure Information Night
- Thursday, September 27th, 7.00 - 8.00pm - STEM Family Night Sneak Peak
- Friday, September 28th, 6.15 - 7.30pm - Kindergarten and 1st grade Noodle Night
- Tuesday, October 2nd - Picture Day
- Wednesday, October 3rd - Picture Day
- Wednesday, October 10th - Walk to School Day
- Friday, October 12th - Professional Day - No School
- Tuesday, October 16th - Parenthood Development Event
- Tuesday, October 23rd - 7.00 - 8.00pm - PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Friday, October 26th - 6.00 - 8.00pm - STEM Fair / Family Engineering Night

2018-19 Fall Fundraising Drive

INVEST. ENRICH. TOGETHER.

Let's INVEST to ENRICH our children's education...TOGETHER!

As of September 14th, we have raised \$30,125 which is 30% of our goal! 150 out of 660 students have contributed.

If you have not donated yet, the Fall Fundraising campaign runs through September 28th so please donate today! Please do not forget to check your company match program for specific instructions on how to submit for the company match portion. Some companies, like Expedia, are offering double the match for the month of September. So, if you make a \$200 donation in September, Expedia will donate \$400 towards Somerset PTSA. Your generous donation goes towards your student and the school. Don't delay, please make your donation today!

Here is Expedia's company match link <https://expediacares.benevity.org>

Donate online at: <http://somerseptsa.org> or pick up the yellow fall fundraising brochure in the school office.

We need your help to advertise this Drive in the mornings as well as in the afternoons when parents drop off/pick up students in school. All signs are ready and they are located in our PTSA office. Please help as much as you can and sign up [HERE](#).

Questions?

For more information about our Fall Fundraising Drive please go to www.somerseptsa.org or email us at somerseptsa@gmail.com.

Somerset Auction 2019

Coming up in spring of 2019 we will be having our biennial Somerset Auction! We are asking for families to get involved in the Auction early by helping us select out themes. If a great idea jumps out at you for the Auction theme for this time around please send us your thoughts to somerseptauction@outlook.com

Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 21 from 6.30 - 8.30pm

Please join us in the Somerset Cafeteria for our PTSA Welcome Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Community Fair. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Meet the Somerset PTSA Board and volunteer for the school year. We will have a few vendors to share information as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join the Somerset PTSA

Please become a PTSA member! Our membership fee is only \$25 per family per year and \$15 for a single parent membership. For about 6 cents a day, your membership fee supports the education, health and welfare of all students at Somerset. As a member, you will receive discounts to Wild Waves Theme Park, Great Wolf Lodge, car rentals, Key Arena, McCaw Hall, Angels of the Wings Arena at Everett, Ticket Monster, etc. Your membership will also help us reach our goal of winning 100% Membership Award, Bronze/Gold/Platinum Award, etc. from the Washington State PTA, which we have won in the past two years. Our annual student directory is exclusively for current PTSA members.

We kindly ask you to join our effort to make Somerset a GREAT school by joining or renewing your membership today! To join/renew your membership, please go to www.somerseptsa.org and click on "PTSA Membership" or fill out the membership form in the welcome packet and drop it off in the PTSA box in the Somerset Office.

2018 - 2019 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:

Nomination of Recognition
PhD (Parenthood Development)
Volunteer Coordinator
Maker Market
Potluck Family Night
2018 Fall Fundraising Drive
Field Day
Book Fair

We are also looking for co-chairs for the following programs:

Grant Writing
Bellevue School Foundation Ambassador

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

Vision and Hearing Screening - Volunteers needed

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help run the vision and hearing screening smoothly. No previous experience is required. Volunteers should arrive at school by 8:50 am and screening will take until about 1.30pm. Please sign up [HERE](#).

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Noodle Night

Friday, September 28, 2018 from 6.15 - 7.30pm

Families of all kindergarteners and 1st graders, please join us for a fun community-building event in our school cafeteria consisting of a noodle-based potluck along with dry noodle-themed craft activities and games. We look forwards to seeing you there. Please sign up [HERE](#) for helping with the set up, craft activities and clean up.

Passport Club

Do you know that in middle school, the students will get tested on over 100 countries? Let's get them prepared by familiarizing them with some of these countries early! You can help your child by having them participate in Passport Club. If you and/or your child are interested, please have them stop by the

front office for a study packet. Each month they will get tested on the countries listed on the provided monthly maps.

We need volunteers to run the Passport checks for the kids. We have a new system this year which will get more kids tested faster. There are ten check days in total for the school year and 2 shifts (9-11am and 11:00am-1:00pm). Our first check will be on Friday, September 28th. The testing location is in the portable by the playground (302) which will provide us with more space and a quieter environment for this important club.

Here is the link to sign-up or to view the testing dates: <http://signup.com/go/bPvquFm>

Thank you in advance for supporting the Passport Club!

Math Olympiad Club Registration

Math Olympiad club is a traditional PTSA program in Somerset running for about 10 years. Joining this program is an excellent way to inspire your kids' interest in math, developing their math abilities especially in advanced problem thinking and solving skills and prepare for math competitions.

Students in grades 4th, 5th and 3rd GESP who want to take math challenges are welcome to enroll in this program.

Please register your child/children through our [website](#). Registration will open at 10:00 AM on September 18th and will close on September 25th. Please read carefully through the Math Olympiad description on our website before signing up your children. In addition, all enrolled families need to have an **active PTSA membership**.

The club member fee is \$50, which includes: Math Olympiad registration fee, all math training equipment and supplies needed, handouts, coach fee, and year-end party. Please pay online. No refunds after registration.

If you have any question about registration, feel free to contact our Math Olympiad chair Yueqin at mo.somerset@gmail.com.

Somerset Chess Club Registration

General registration links will be added to the Somerset PTSA [website](#) under Programs / Chess Club the night of September 20th, and will be scheduled to be operational at 10.00am on September 21st.

Last year's chess club volunteers: If you have not received an email by now, please check your spam folder.

If your registrations are successful, checks are due at 4.00pm on September 25th. More instructions can be found on the club web page.

On the first day of club (October 1st for Session I and October 2nd for Session II), all students should go to the library.

Math Adventure Information Night

Thursday, September 27, from 6:15 - 6:45pm

Interested in finding out more about a team-based non-competitive super fun math puzzle solving treasure hunting adventure at Somerset for all grade levels? If you are new to Math Adventure, please join us for an informational meeting in the Somerset Library, and/or click [HERE](#) to read our FAQs. If you have already participated in Math Adventure, cannot make the meeting, or find the FAQs gives you enough information, you do not need to come to this meeting -- just stay tuned for date and registration information advertised in an upcoming eNews.

STEM Family Night Sneak Peak

Thursday, September 27, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Come select which fun hands-on stations we will be featuring at STEM Family Night (formerly the Family Engineering/STEM Fair) in October. We need adult volunteers to choose, test, and finalize the supplies for stations ranging from building challenges, aeronautics, buoyancy, acoustics, wind turbines, catapults, and more.

If you have experience or an idea that could make a special station, please come to the meeting or contact SomersetSTEM@gmail.com and SomersetGames@gmail.com. The amount of response (number of people coming to help) will determine how many stations and great activities we can have at the event. This is a low key, high impact way to contribute to our school community -- please come!

Reflections

The Somerset PTSA is encouraging all Somerset students to participate in the 2018 Reflections Program. The Reflections program is sponsored by the National PTA and Washington State PTA to promote and encourage artistic creativity.

It is the 50th-year competition and the Theme of this year is [Heroes Around Me](#). The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. A student may submit an entry/entries in six art areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: [Literature](#), [Music Composition](#), [Photography](#), Visual Arts ([2D](#), and [3D](#)), [Film/Video](#), and [Choreography/Dance](#).

Please fill the attached form (<https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/18-19-Student-Entry-Form-fillable.pdf>) to enter the competition(s).

Please format and package your entries strictly following the rules and requirements of the competition. Deadline to submit to Somerset Reflections committee is November 2nd. Good luck and have fun!

Please feel free to contact adgarima@gmail.com with any questions.

After School Activity Info

Information about after-school programs will be 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. In addition to these outside vendor-run programs, Somerset Elementary School will run a Coding Club (for 4- 5th graders) & Robotics Club (for K-5th graders). The school will provide information about those clubs in the near future.

There are three types of after-school activities:

1. Those run by our PTSA: Chess Club and Math Olympiad. These clubs are heavily relied on parent volunteers and PTSA membership is required to register. We put those news pieces under the PTSA News section.
2. Those run by our teachers: to be determined by our wonderful teachers. We had Coding Club and Robotic Club last year. Teachers will send out information to the appropriate grades in the near future. If we receive info from them, we will include it in our weekly eNews under the School News section.
3. Those run by outside vendors: Soccer, Karate, Art, Coding, etc. All registrations and payments are handled by the vendor directly. They are not covered by our insurance. PTSA helped to bring them in based on feedback from our annual parent survey as a service to our community.

All after school activities for this school year offered and run by outside vendors are currently being coordinated and contracted. Please stay tuned for more details in our weekly eNews.

SCHOOL NEWS

ELL Parent Coffee

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 9.10 - 10.00am

All parents who wish to learn about our ELL program are cordially invited for a ELL Parent Coffee from 9.10am to 10.00am on Tuesday, September 25th at Room 208. If you need a translator, please kindly let our ELL teacher, Ms. Hwang, know: hwangh@bsd405.org and she will try to find one for you. Thank you!

Lost & Found Helper Needed

Do you hate clutter? Do you like to organize? If yes, please consider volunteering once a week to get our lost and found organized. Every day the pile of lost & found is growing, which makes it difficult for students to find their lost items. We need one dedicated parent volunteer to come in and sort through the pile of clothes, put coats on hanger and straighten up the other items in the lost and found. Please contact Shannon Gregory-Lowe in the school office for more details.

The school is also still in need of hanger donations. Please drop off your unused hangers directly in the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

After School Activity Providers

Coding with Kids

Give your child an opportunity to learn how to create fun programs and games! Coding with Kids classes are updated with NEW PROJECTS EACH SESSION so that your children can continue to advance their coding skills. We teach kids real programming skills in a fun and engaging way. The fall session registration link and when registration opens will be posted in next week's eNews.

Smart with Art

Join Smart with Art as we explore an assortment of art mediums in an education environment. Discover art history and culture content as we expand our creative mind with our imagination. Each session, students will delve into a variety of art materials and methods through our processed oriented exciting lessons. The fall session registration link and when registration opens will be posted in next week's eNews.

After Skool Soccer (previously NPSA)

After Skool Soccer offers an affordable, fun, and safe soccer program for players of all genders, ages, and skill levels! All of our staff are professionally licensed coaches through United Soccer Coaches and are put through federal background checks to ensure a quality program. Registrations opens today, Friday, September 14, 2018. For more information and registration link please go to www.afterskoolsoccer.com.

Join Somerset's Cub Scouts

Is your child interested in learning about Cub Scouts? Somerset Pack 629 will have a table at the Ice Cream Social on Friday 09/21/18 6:30-8:30pm. Come learn more about scouting and also meet our parent leaders. Cub Scouts is filled with fun activities and it also helps teach youth about nature, good citizenship, sportsmanship, leadership, fitness, community involvement, and service. We currently have openings for scouts to join the Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 4th Grade Dens. Please contact the email or number below if you have questions.

Andy Louie / Application Coordinator - Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629
pack.629@outlook.com or call 206-856-1746

Washington Shito Ryu Academy

Practice karate for mind - body and spirit. Karate training develops self-awareness, self-discipline, concentration, focus and determination.

Classes are currently in session, but if you are interested in getting your student in, please email info@washitoryuacademy.com for information and pricing.

Session 1: Friday, August 31st through October 5th from 3:35pm - 4:35pm

Session 2: Friday, October 5th through December 14th from 3.35 - 4.35pm

Classes are held at Somerset Elementary.

More information can be found at www.washitoryuacademy.com or email at info@washitoryuacademy.com

Directory / Links

Executive Committee

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