



October 19, 2018

Unit # 020471

PTSA NEWS

PTSA / School Calendar - Upcoming Dates and Events

- Saturday - Sunday, October 20- 21- WSPTA Legislative Assembly
- Tuesday, October 23rd - 7.00 - 8.00pm - PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Friday, October 26th - 9.00 - 1.00pm – Passport Check Day
- Friday, October 26th - 6.15 - 8.00pm - STEM Fair / Family Engineering Night

Outlook on November

- Friday, November 2nd - Movie Night
- Friday, November 9th - Professional Day - No School
- Monday, November 12th - Veteran's Day - No School
- Wednesday, November 14th - School Picture Retakes
- Tuesday, November 20th - Staff Appreciation Event
- Thursday - Friday, November 22nd - 23rd - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

Washington State PTSA Legislative Assembly

State PTSA legislative assembly will take place this weekend, October 20th - 21st, 2018. All PTA members are asked to take the poll to select state legislative issues. Delegates will vote and determine the Top 5 issues to address for the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. Please select 5 of the 12 issues that are most important to you.

Select State Legislative Issues: [HERE](#)

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:00 - 8:00pm

All PTSA members are invited to attend our first general membership meeting for 2018-19 in our school library. This is a great chance to learn about our wonderful PTSA programs, hear our PTSA financial report, make new friends, explore opportunities to be more involved in the PTSA. And, more importantly, give us your comments and suggestions on the PTSA can serve our children best. Together we work for our children. Thank you for your continuous support for our school and our PTSA.

STEM Family Night

Friday, October 26, 6:15 - 8:00pm

Hands-on free family fun! Come explore a variety of STEM stations designed for student-parent interactive learning as well as cool demonstrations. A list of stations will be at the main entrance and you and your student can explore aeronautics, acoustics, buoyancy, mechanical and structural engineering, math dilemmas, and robotics. Create and launch rockets, make a scribblebot, design a wind turbine, calculate pi, take on various building challenges and more. Volunteers needed so we can host a wide range of stations. There is time to help out for part and still go around with your kids! Sign up [HERE](#).

Somerset Math Adventure "Secret Agent" - Registration open

Friday, December 7th, 6:15 - 8:15pm

Somerset PTSA is hosting a Secret Agent themed Math Adventure on Friday, December 7th, 6:15 - 8:15pm. Somerset Math Adventure is a non-competitive, team-based, fun, interactive event. Please visit the FAQ page for a general description of Math Adventure, how to form teams, etc. Registration is open to Somerset students in grades 1 through 5. Assemble teams of 4 students with a similar math level, a team coach, and at least one adult volunteer. Please use this form to register your team, including level and team name. Registration fee is \$15 per student and payable by check (to Somerset PTSA) to the main office after online registration. Need-based scholarships available through the main office. Registration closes November 7 and may fill earlier.

Please send a message to SomersetMath@gmail.com if you would like to join the event planning committee or have further questions.

Fall Fundraising Drive

Thank you to those who have made a donation during the Fall Fundraising Drive. Through the drive, we have collected \$70,063, which is about 70% of our goal. This total amount does not include Corporate match, so the amount collected will be higher than this number.

As the school year continues, we will still be accepting donations online at www.somersetptsa.org or by dropping off cash/check into the white mailbox at the office. If you have not made a donation yet and wish to do so, please donate using the link provided. Please speak to your employer to see if they have a corporate match program. If they do, don't forget to submit your donation to your company so they can match your donation.

Thank you for supporting your child(ren) at Somerset.

PTSA Fall Fundraising Committee

Fall Fundraising Drive Donor List

We are collecting information of all families who participated in our 2018 Annual Fall Fundraising Drive and would like to publicize a full donor list (adult names only) shortly. If you donated and wish to remain anonymous, please let us know: somersetpta@gmail.com.

If you donated through your employer's internal donation link and wish to include your name in the list, please also let us know: somersetpta@gmail.com. Please let us know your wishes by Fri Oct 26th. The list of donors will be included in the ENews during the week of Oct 29th.

Auction Volunteers Needed

To make the Somerset auction a success we need your help. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Editor: this volunteer will help write or edit a number of documents, such as procurement letter, flyers, notice, FAQ, and other short articles or updates. These products will be used to procure donations, market our events, promote ticket sales, address parents' questions or concerns, and brief our community. We have products from last auction but we always want to improve them.

Video producer: this volunteer will create a short video clip that will be played during the 'raise the paddle' session. The producer needs to videotape raw clips, edit and mix with appropriate background music and/or narratives. The final product is a 5-minute video.

Procurement: multiple volunteers are needed to join the procurement team. They will solicitate donations (in-kind donation) by email, telephone calls, online application form or in-person visit. 60% or more of solicitation will be done by email. All contact information will be provided. Must be self-motivated. Volunteers are expected to set and stay on their own schedule, track progress, and keep contact with prospective donors until final response is received. Procurement is challenging but very rewarding. Talking to different people (most likely strangers) is great experience after all.

Please contact us at somersetpta@gmail.com to sign up for one of the open positions.

Reflections Program

The Somerset PTSA is encouraging all Somerset students to participate in the 2018 Reflections Program which 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](#). It is a great opportunity for students to use their creative talents and express themselves through their own original works. A student may submit an entry/entries in six art areas.

The six art areas are [Literature](#), [Music Composition](#), [Photography](#), Visual Arts (2D only), [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!

Battery Donation Needed

Our Emergency Preparedness Squad needs you to replace/restock new batteries in our emergency stock room. Please sign up [HERE](#). You may bring batteries to our front desk or kindly ask your child to do so. There is a box for collection. Thank you!

Box Tops

Box Tops Collection Competition is back! All classes will participate in this competition.

Starting from November 1st, our Box Tops Program Chairs will distribute collection sheets to students so they can begin collecting box tops and students may return them to the PTSA drop off box located in the school office before December 15th.

In January, the winning class will be announced and recognized in assembly and the prize will be: EXTRA recess time!!! Here is a summary of this program. Please help your student as to help our School!

Collection Period: November 1st - December 15th

Action Items for Parents and Students:

- 1) Buy: you can find pink box tops on hundreds of items. Click [HERE](#) for participating products
- 2) Clip: the Box Tops from the package. One = 10 cents
- 3) Send: Send Box Tops to school on the collection sheets.
- 4) Earn: cash for our school.

For more information on the Box Tops program go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com>

For questions, please contact us at maggie_618@hotmail.com or lisa.liping@gmail.com

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. If your child's teacher does not have a separate Passport Club testing date, your child can come during their lunch recess to get tested. Prizes will be given to students who pass the level for their grade each month.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with the September Passport Club session and the wonderful students who came by to test their knowledge. Our next check will be on **Friday, October 26th**. Here is the link to sign-up or to view the testing dates and times: <http://signup.com/go/bPvquFm>

Thank you for supporting Passport Club!

BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Fundraising Drives 2018-2019

Did you know that the Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) funds computer science initiatives, social studies programs, staff to help students, and much more? Supporters of BSF invest \$1M in Bellevue Schools each year in programs that support all students and prepare our kids for life in the 21st century. You can check out the district-wide investments BSF makes in innovative programs on the website.

As you may have heard at Curriculum Night, the BSF invites you to donate any amount to the Bellevue Schools Foundation during one of the major fundraising drives. Please look for opportunities to donate at the

"All in for Kids" click-a-thon in October.

This year, Clickathon will be held on October 23-24

Giving Tuesday on November 27

Spring for Schools Luncheon on May 3, 2019.

Also, consider attending our Diwali-themed benefit tonight, Friday, October 19th from 7:00 - 10:00pm. Proceeds support Arts, Enrichment and Innovation Grants at our school. Register [HERE](#).

WASHINGTON STATE PTA

40th Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly

The 40th annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly will take place from October 20th to 21st at the Green River College in Auburn. At legislative assembly, you will discover the power PTA has to advocate for every child – the whole child – regardless of race, creed, gender, or zip code. If you wish to attend, please let us know: somersetpsa@gmail.com. An active PTSA membership is required for this assembly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

After School Activities

Small Hands on Art Drama Production

Join the drama group with Howard and Amy McOmber of Small Hands on Art. Students of all grades are welcome. The next production is "Beauty and the Beast." Rehearsal dates are October 25th, November 1st, 8th and 15th from 8:00am to school start. Recital is scheduled for November 15th at 7.30pm, in the school cafeteria.

Costs: \$85/student, checks payable to Small Hands on Art. Registration forms can be picked up in the main office and in the school cafeteria. For more information call # 425 - 313 9431.

Tyee Holiday Bazaar -- Save the Date & Vendor Registration

The Tyee PTSA is excited to bring back our free community event, the Tyee Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 30th from 5.30 - 8.30 pm at Tyee Middle School. Join us for a fun evening of entertainment, games, food and shopping.

Vendor registration to reserve a table is open through November 4th.

Vendor registration and payment: [BSD Family form](#), [Commercial Vendor form](#), or [Online](#)

Directory / Links

Executive Committee

Co-President: Bonnie Lau & Christine Lee

Secretary: Katherine Ma

Co-VP Programs: Aparna Sambamoorthy & Xiaohui Ge

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Somerset PTSA Email: Somersetpts@gmail.com

[Somerset PTSA Website](#)

[Somerset Elementary School Website](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)