



ONE Somerset: April

Welcome to April and to our virtue of the month, **Confidence**. It is hard to believe we are this far into the school year and are already planning for the 2018-19 year ahead. Following our spring break, you will receive a *Somerset Class Placement Information* form where you will have the opportunity to provide input regarding your child's enrollment and class placement.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our parent survey. As you will read in this news, you responded and we listened. Based on your feedback, we have organized an evening session in April to address school safety, bullying prevention/reporting and positive behavior interventions. In May, fifth grade teacher Kirsten Tanning, Helen Yung and I will meet informally with families, during the day, to celebrate our different cultures. Our goal is to learn, from each other, about diverse educational experiences.

Answers from our survey:

1. Are you interested in attending informational sessions at Somerset?

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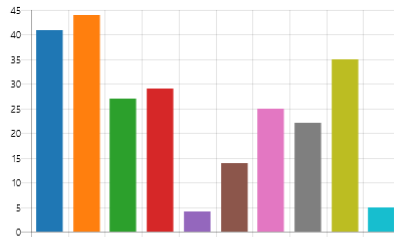
Yes	44
No	8
Maybe	31



2. If you answered yes, above, please select the sessions you would be interested in learning more about. You may select multiple sessions.

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5. If you are interested in attending a session, what is the best time of day for you?

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8:15am - 8:50am	9
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[GESP Parent Information Night – For families new to the GESP program](#)

Please join us on Thursday, April 5th from 6:00-7:00pm in the library to learn more about our gifted program. This is an informal presentation where you will have the opportunity to meet some of the teachers, learn about the curriculum, and ask questions. Your student is welcome to attend.

[Safety and Anti-Bullying Information Night](#)

Please join us in the library from 6:30-8:00pm on Thursday, April 26th. You will hear from members of Somerset's PBIS and Safety Teams, our school counselor, student peer mentors and Somerset's assigned safety liaison. Topics include our school-wide expectations, social emotional learning, anti-bullying efforts and mandatory safety drills. To help us prepare seating arrangements, please sign up using the following link: [Safety and Anti-Bullying Information Night](#)

[Diversity at Somerset](#)

What is education? What does it mean to you? What types of educational experiences have you had? What is it like to learn in another country? Do these questions interest you? If so, please join us for an informal discussion about education based on our diverse experiences. We will meet in the library on May 9th from 1:30-2:30pm and want to learn from you! Students are welcome.

[Virtue of the Month](#)

Our virtue this month is **confidence**. Confidence is believing in something or someone. It is a type of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. Self-confidence is something that you can control and is up to you to believe you can do it. When you tell yourself you can do something, you are more likely to achieve that goal since you will try your best and not give up. Have you ever noticed that people with confidence are likable and you want to be around them?"

[Lost and Found](#)

Please check the lost and found prior to Spring Break. All items will be donated Friday, April 6th.

[April Dates](#)

April 4: Kindergarten and First Grade Music Concert: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Second Grade Music Concert: 7:00pm – 7:30pm

April 5: GESP Parent Information Night: 6:00-7:00pm for families new to the GESP program

April 9 - 13: Spring Break, No School

April 26: Safety and Anti-bullying Family Information Night: 6:30-8:00pm in the library

April 27: Bellevue Schools Foundation *Spring For Schools* Luncheon

May 9: Diversity at Somerset: 1:30-2:30pm in the library

For more information and event times, please refer to the [PTSA Calendar](#).

Respectfully,

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