



One Somerset: June 2018

As the year comes to a close Helen and I reflect on what a fabulous 2017-18 school year we have experienced with our students, your children. Please help me in celebrating the learning experiences and educational opportunities that have taken place over the course of the year. Our students committed to our BIG 3: Making Good Decisions, Solving Problems, and Showing Respect. This was evident in the gold stars, which filled our Bucket Filling graphs. In addition, they maintained a growth mindset when it came to learning and we are so proud of their accomplishments. This time of year brings excitement for a summer break and also anxiety for students as daily structures change. Our staff is working diligently to ensure consistency in these last weeks of school while also celebrating a fabulous year together!

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2018-2019 Staffing

As we close out the school year, we also are preparing for our year ahead and with that comes staffing changes. We wish the best to current staff who will move on to new opportunities (including retirement!). Below is a tentative list of our staffing plan for next fall. Please know that additional changes are always a possibility over the summer months. In the fall, you will have the opportunity to meet staff new to Somerset and become acquainted with your child's classroom teacher. New staff come to us from in and outside our district; we are fortunate to work in such a well-regarded district and are able to recruit highly qualified educators.

Superstar Teachers (names in **bold** are new to our school)

Grade Teachers

<i>Kindergarten</i>	Christine Ayers, Elizabeth Wilbert, Emily Shriver
<i>First Grade</i>	Lisa McCaskey, Rob Brown, Tara Rastetter, Melia Maxwell
<i>Second Grade</i>	Shana Bowen; Karen Greytak; Cathy Gagne; Andy Day; SOON TO BE FILLED
<i>Third Grade</i>	Amy Scott; Kelly Richards; Lena Pothitou West; Kathryn Campbell; Kim Palmer; Chris Brodhead
<i>Fourth Grade</i>	Shanna McLean; Megan O'Hare; Pachomius Schmidt; Jon Pelto; Karen Jackson; Sarah Geren-Ziegler
<i>Fifth Grade</i>	Jenny Hunter; Stephen Veit; Erin Serafin; Amy Roongsang; Kirsten Toning; Duncan Rogers
<i>Specialists</i>	English Language Learning teacher: Lily Martin; Instructional Technology Curriculum Leader: Tiffany Poppe; Librarian: Susan Bravenec; Special Education: Grace Waylen (additional staffing is expected to remain the same, but is not confirmed until August)

End of Year Progress Reports

Progress reports will be mailed home the week of June 25th.

PTSA Kudos

Our amazing and active Somerset PTSA was the recipient of a number of awards on May 29 at the Bellevue PTSA Council annual awards and recognitions dinner. Click on the link below for more information!

[Bellevue PTSA Council Recognitions](#)

Message from Somerset office

A friendly reminder to pay your students' field trip fees! There are a LARGE number of outstanding fees. You can either pay online or stop by the office with cash, check or credit card. Please note that the office is not equipped to provide change.

Important Dates

- Friday, June 8: All library books due
- Friday, June 8: Field Day (**K-2** 1:00-2:00; **3-5** 2:15-3:15) Note: – Families planning to take students home after Field Day must sign out in the office and show their teacher the office pass. This communication will help us ensure student safety.
- Tuesday, June 19: 5th Grade Promotion 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Friday, June 22: Last day of school (9:05-11:05)
- Friday, June 22: 5th Grade Pool Party 11:30-1:30pm
- Friday, June 22: Last day Somerset office is open

August Dates

- Monday, August 20: Somerset office re-opens
- Thursday and Friday, August 30 & 31 WA Kids Kindergarten testing, sign-ups in late August
- Tuesday, August 28, 11:00-12:00: Meet and Greet your new teacher!
- Tuesday, August 28, 12:00-1:00: School bus ride for incoming Kindergarten students (meet at Somerset)

September Dates

- Thursday, August 30: First Day of School 1st-5th grades
- Monday, September 3: Labor Day, No School
- Tuesday, September 4: First Day of School for kindergarten
- Thursday, September 13, 6:00-7:30: Curriculum Night Grades 1, 3, 5
- Monday, September 17, 6:00-7:30 Curriculum Night Grades K, 2, 4

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

Respectfully,

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