

ONE Somerset: March

When I think of March, I recall creating bulletin boards to highlight and teach my students common sayings my mother taught me for the different months of the year. March's saying references weather: *In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb*. As I started writing this newsletter, I kept thinking about that saying and did a little research. One of the earliest citations is in Thomas Fuller's 1732 collection, *Gnomologia: Adagies and Provers, Wise Sentences and Witty Sayings, Ancient and Modern, Foreign and British*. We have endured not so normal weather leading up to March; let's hope that spring weather and warmer days are just around the corner!

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[School Tragedy in Florida](#)

Somerset strives to create a caring school community in which adults and students respect and trust one another; it is our mission to work towards ensuring each student feels connected, understands expectations, and receives the behavioral and social emotional support they need. We are deeply saddened by the shooting event that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School earlier this month. Such high-profile news can cause concern within school communities, even if we are not directly affected by the event(s). Adults and students struggle to make sense of these events and, more importantly, how they can be prevented. Somerset's safety team will be offering an evening event, on April 26th, to learn more about Somerset's proactive measures as it relates to student safety. Please refer to the link in this communication for more detailed information from Somerset's Assistant Principal, Helen Yung.

[Principal Coffees and Interest Surveys](#)

To date, Principal Coffees have been held the first Friday of every month. We have covered a variety of topics and engaged in rich conversation, however, the morning time does not seem to work for the majority of our families. In an effort to increase attendance I am seeking your input with regards to topics of interest and times that may be more convenient. Please follow this link to take our survey: [Somerset Information Sessions](#)

[Virtue of the Month](#)

Our virtue this month is ***forgiveness***. It is natural for children and adults to make mistakes along the way. Sometimes the result of our actions can be hurtful to others, often those we care about the most. At Somerset, we believe it's important to own our mistakes, learn from them, and move forward toward a restorative resolution. This approach involves identifying the "why" behind the actions, encourages students to share their side of the story and their feelings. A restorative session often ends with the question/s: *What do you need to make it right? What will you agree to do to make it right?*

March Dates

March 1: Somerset students participate in the Inter-school round of Global Reading Challenge

March 2: Family Game Night (PTSA)

March 9: Science Fair (PTSA)

March 16 and 19: No school for students, staff professional development days

March 23: Festivals of Cultures (PTSA)

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

Respectfully,

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