



Somerset Strong News 6.4.2021

Somerset Families,

As we near the end of the school year, I want to highlight a few reminders for end of year and updates for fall 2021.

Last Day of School for the 2020-2021 School Year

Elementary Virtual Students

The schedule for the last day of school for virtual elementary students will be their regular morning schedule.

Elementary In-Person Students

The schedule for the last day of school (Tuesday, June 22) for hybrid, in-person students will be the typical AM/PM schedule with House A students coming in the morning and House B coming in the afternoon.

Transportation will run on the typical Tuesday schedule for the last day of school.

Since the last day of school is typically a shortened day for students so that teachers can complete year-end tasks in the afternoon before summer vacation starts, we will make the morning of Wednesday, June 16, an asynchronous learning morning so that teachers have the time they need to complete year-end tasks.

Technology: Student device updates for end of 2020-2021 school year

We are excited to announce that all K-12 students will be able to keep their district device this summer. This ensures every student has an opportunity to continue to learn, connect, innovate, communicate, collaborate and so much more.

Reminders for using student devices over the summer:

- The terms of the Technology Responsible Use Pledge still apply.
- Students are responsible for the care of their device.
- Devices will still have their web traffic filtered.
- Students are responsible for bringing their device back on the first day of school.

If students have hardware issues at the end of the school year or over summer break, we highly encourage them to get their device fixed. This is to ensure they can start the first day of next school year with a fully functional device.

Prior to returning to school in the fall, students will need to charge, turn on and connect to the district network via BSDVPN. This is to ensure student devices receive the necessary summer updates prior to the first day of school.

If tech support is needed, students may email studenthelp@bsd405.org

Return to Buildings Fall 2021-22 school year

The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**.

- Kindergarten teachers will schedule family meetings **September 1-2**
- The first day of school for kindergarten students is **Friday, September 3**
- No school for kindergarten, **Tuesday, September 7**

In Partnership,

Somerset Principal



Year-end Progress Reports

This spring, you will have access to view your child's progress report on Parent VUE or Student VUE, in our learning management system. Progress reports will be made available on June 25th by 12:00 pm. They will not be emailed. You will need to visit <https://bsd405.org/departments/district-technology/grades-attendance/> to log into Parent VUE and/or find details on how to activate and set up your account if you have not done so already. Click here for directions: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#)

- All grades this spring will be P (Progressing) or NP (Not Progressing).
- All of the other mark options have been removed and are not available.
- Teachers will provide individual comments for each student
- Specialists are not entering marks this year. Specialists may still enter comments.

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-22

If you know of a family who has an upcoming kindergarten student, please remind them that kindergarten registration is open now and they need to complete the "New Student Enrollment Packet". The more we know about our upcoming enrollment, the better we can staff our classrooms. New Student Enrollment

Packet: [English \(PDF\)](#) / [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) / [Simplified Chinese \(PDF\)](#)

5th Grade Promotion Celebrations

This year, we are pleased to announce that the following activities have been planned to celebrate our 5th graders' promotion.



1. Walk-by Promotion Ceremony - Wednesday, June 16th (assigned time by class between 1pm-3:45pm)

Students will gather by classroom at an assigned time in front of the school (details will follow in a separate class email). Your student's classroom teacher will lead the class through a procession to receive his/her graduation certificate from the Principal at a station to be set up by the school's front door. We kindly ask parents/guardians to remain at a designated area and refrain from approaching the Principal's station to take pictures due to Covid safety measurements. We will have a professional photographer standing by to take a picture of each student with the Principal and teacher to capture this memorable moment for families. The promotion picture will be made available for download at no cost.

2. Outdoor Carnival Celebration - Wednesday, June 16th (assigned time by class between 2pm-5pm)

Each class will move to the back of the school for an Outdoor Carnival Celebration. Before starting the carnival activities, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to take family pictures at a photo booth to be set up under the covered area of the playground. Following the photo session, students will participate with their class/cohort in planned fun activities on the field for 45 minutes. At the end of each class' carnival session, each student will receive a Somerset promotion keepsake and an ice cream coupon. Students will be directed to an ice cream truck to receive their treats. We ask that families leave the school campus immediately after receiving and consuming their ice creams to avoid undue crowd gatherings.

3. Virtual Promotion Ceremony on Teams - Monday, June 21st (6-7pm)

Parents, students, and extended family are welcome to join the virtual promotion ceremony on Monday, June 21st at 6pm. A link will be sent out to all families. Principal's and teachers' words of wisdom along with a slideshow of our 5th graders will be shown. You can also watch the recording of the event any time at your convenience.

Feel free to contact our 5th Grade Promotion Committee at somersetgraduation2021@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer to assist with the activity preparation.

Principal Birthday Lunches – 12:00-12:30



June and July's Birthday lunch celebration will be Wednesday the 16th at 12:00. Students with a June or July birthday will receive a Teams invite through their student email accounts from Ruth Embaye, our office manager on the day prior. If you don't receive an invitation, please reach out to embayer@bsd405.org and she will send the link. Each session includes an opportunity for students to share something exciting about birthdays, a quick art project and a short story. It is a highlight for us to share this time celebrating students. Please note we have moved the birthday lunch celebrations to Wednesday to ensure all students, both virtual and hybrid can attend.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

June 9	June Assembly, final assembly of the year
June 16	5 th grade Walk-by Promotion and carnival
June 21	5 th grade Promotion virtual ceremony
June 22	Last Day of School
June 23	Grades posted by 5 pm

For more information and important dates please follow this link to our Somerset PTSA: [Link to Somerset PTSA](#)

Photo (s) of Week-

Congratulations to Ms. Geren-Ziegler, 4th grade teacher. She defended her doctoral dissertation on Tuesday and passed her oral exams! Congratulations Dr. GZ!!



Today's domestic water leak required us to close the building and shift to all virtual learning.

