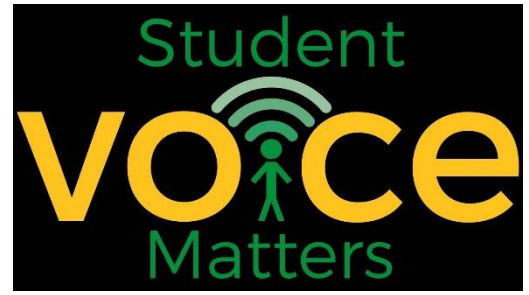


Somerset Strong News 11.06.2020

Somerset Families,

Please help me in welcoming Brenda Naish to Somerset. Ms. Naish will be our Assistant Principal for the remainder of the school year. I have attached a letter of introduction so you can get to know her better.

During the month of November, Somerset Students in grades 3-5 will complete the Panorama Survey (<http://www.panoramaed.com>), an online school climate survey. This survey provides us important information on how well students feel they are connecting with their school community and information about their classroom experience. Our fourth-grade students will have additional questions specific to remote learning. We value student voice, and this is one way we measure how our work is impacting students.



- The survey is confidential, staff will not see how an individual student answers a survey.
- It takes about 10-20 minutes to complete.
- Classroom teachers will introduce the survey and provide time to complete it.
- Our Building Leadership Team and Racial Equity and Inclusion Team will review the survey results to identify areas of strengths, and opportunities to improve.

Another way we will be gathering student voice this school year is meeting with our Student Council quarterly to facilitate a focus group to help us better understand the Somerset student experience and capture their ideas on how to make our school the best place for learning.

Our students' feedback and voice make us **Somerset Strong**.

In Partnership,

Cathy Elder

Somerset Elementary



Action Items...more information below:

- 1. Submit a photo of your child celebrating winter traditions for the upcoming assembly. Please see below for the details.*
- 2. Mark your calendars for the December Family Math Night for your child's class.*



There is no school on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.



Bellevue School District Important Information

BSD Community Forums on Mental Health

The Bellevue School District strives to support our parent community. Mental health continues to be a primary concern for families as we all face unprecedented times and unexpected hardships. In partnership with the district counseling program, social-emotional curriculum developers, family engagement team and community mental health partners, the district is developing another series of forums to inform, support and empower families on issues surrounding mental health. **Please see attached flyer** for the list of courses and language offerings.

Advanced Learning Applications for Winter 2020-21

Applications for winter 2020-21 advanced learning testing for students in grades 1 through 11 are now available. District families planning to apply for testing should apply before Monday, November 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. More information on the application process and a link to the application form are on the [Advanced Learning webpage](#).

What is advanced learning? Students identified as in need of advanced learning services typically view the world in non-traditional ways; they are divergent thinkers who approach tasks in a more abstract and complex. Instruction is designed to move learning beyond the knowledge and procedural levels and students gain a more conceptual understanding of subject matter. [Learn More](#)

Parents of BSD 5th grade students DO NOT need to complete this application.

The identification process for 5th grade students is changing to include screening and then testing, with an anticipated test date of March 20, 2021. Families of students who meet the screening requirements will be notified and invited for testing. ***There is no need for parents of BSD 5th graders to apply as all BSD 5th graders will be screened for testing.***

Complete details here:

<https://bsd405.org/services/advanced-learning/testing-process/screening-process-for-grade-5/>

Meals2Go Changes

For the safety of our families, students and staff, BSD Nutrition Services will be adjusting meal pick-up times earlier as of November 2 due to the end of daylight savings time. Schedule updates will be posted to the BSD website by Monday, November 2. Please double-check the times associated with your preferred pick up location for both Meals2Go and Pre-Order meals. More information is on our website: www.bsd405.org/Meals2Go

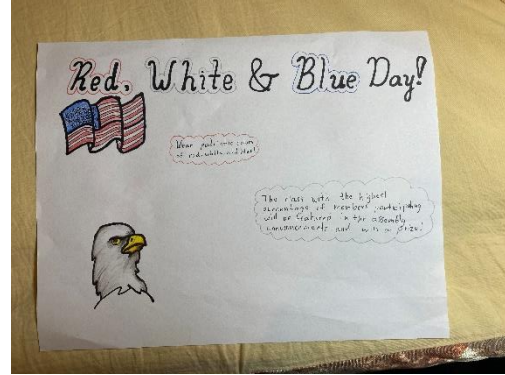
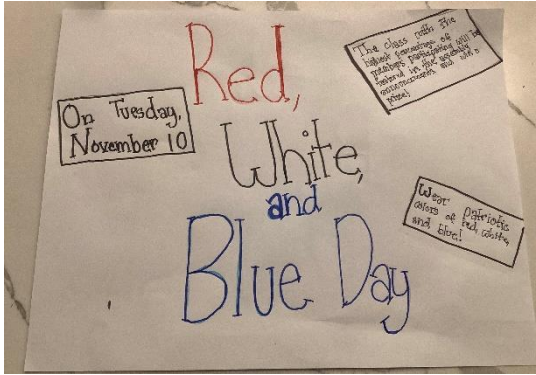


Somerset Elementary News

Spirit Day – November 10th

Red White and Blue Day
 Tuesday, November 10th
 Wear patriotic colors of red, white, and blue!
 The class with the highest percentage of members participating will be featured in the assembly announcements and win a prize!
 Good Luck!

Student council would like to announce our first spirit day of the 20-21 school year. The class with the greatest participation of students wearing red, white, and blue will receive special recognition and win a prize. Our Student council is made up of fourth and fifth grade students that were selected by their classmates and led by Mr. Pelto.



5th Grade Choir



Somerset’s 5th Grade Choir will begin Tuesday, November 18th. Students who are in the choir will have the opportunity to perform as a virtual choir by recording themselves singing. To create a virtual choir, students will learn a song, and then record themselves in Flipgrid singing the song. Choir members will need to record using headphones to listen to the music so that when recorded, none of the music can be heard, only the choir member singing. If your child would like to be a part of the Somerset Choir, please fill out this Form by November 10th: [Choir Registration Form](#). Registration forms must be completed by student and parent/guardian. You will also need to use student email to login to the Form.



Somerset Winter Traditions



Families are invited to submit a photo of their students celebrating a winter tradition/holiday and a short sentence describing a favorite part of that winter tradition/holiday. Please only send in ONE photo (pick your favorite!). We are looking for a variety of traditions/holidays to include! Photos will be shared in our assembly on December 2nd.

Please submit your photo and description to Mrs. Bravenec by Nov 18th at the latest. Please put the subject line ‘Winter Traditions’ in the email and send your submission to bravenecs@bsd405.org. Thank you!

Family Math Nights Coming in December! Mark your calendars, you will not want to miss!

Special night for kids and adults to learn and play fun math games! Jane and John Felling from *Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks* will lead a variety of games that will build on each grade level's priority standards. Please see attached flier for more information.



The games are designed to develop mathematical fluency and build problem solving strategies. Games will require use of regular and really cool multi-sided dice, deck of cards and counters. All materials have been purchased in partnership with Somerset PTSA for EACH and EVERY Somerset student so all you have to do is swing thru the drive-thru pick up line.

Drive-thru material pick-up at Somerset on December 2nd from 11-2 or December 3rd from 2-4:30.

Date?	Who is in this Session?	TEAMS Sign on Link
Monday, December 7 th	*K: Grade Family Math Night Session <i>5:30-6:15 Ayers, Wilbert and Lin (K's only from Min's class)</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	**K: Grade Family Math Night Session <i>6:30-7:15 Song and Shriver</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	3 rd Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting
Tuesday December 8 th	1 st Grade Family Math Night Session <i>5:30-6:15 Serafin and Maxwell</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	1 st Grade Family Math Night Session <i>6:30-7:15 Min (1st graders) Brown and Rastetter</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	4 th Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday December 9 th	Staff Training All Teachers from K-1-2 <i>1:00-2:30</i>	
	Staff Training All Teachers From 3-4-5 (include Karen Jackson in this group) <i>1:00-2:30</i>	
	2 nd Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	5 th Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting
Thursday December 10 th	AL Grade 2-3 Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting
	AL Grades 4-5 Family Math Night Session <i>6:00-7:00 PM</i>	Click here to join the meeting

Student Interest Groups Led by Ms. Schuyler- all students are welcome

<p>Lego Club:</p> <p>Students can bring their Legos, Duplo, or any building blocks and join for some fun connection and play time. Students will have a chance to show off what they are building, try some building challenges, and talk all things Legos!</p>	<p>Lego Club meets Monday mornings at 8:30 AM</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 206-800-4133,,211461031# United States, Seattle Phone Conference ID: 211 461 031#</p>
<p>Art club:</p> <p>At art club, students can work on any art or medium of their choice. Students can show each other what they are working on, share ideas and techniques, and hopefully make some new friends in the process!</p>	<p>Art Club meets Wednesdays at 12:30 PM</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 206-800-4133,,686557189# United States, Seattle Phone Conference ID: 686 557 189#</p>
<p>Pokemon Club</p> <p>Pokemon club will be about all things Pokemon! Students can socialize about their favorite characters, game play, and more!</p>	<p>Pokemon Club meets Mondays at 12:30 PM</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 206-800-4133,,376688828# United States, Seattle Phone Conference ID: 376 688 828#</p>
<p>Animal Club:</p> <p>In this group, students will have the opportunity to socialize with each other about their favorite animals and their pets! (You do not have to have a pet to join!) Students will be able to share interesting facts they know about certain animals, share what kind of pet they hope to have one day, or even talk about how to take care of animals and the environments they live in!</p>	<p>Animal Club meets Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM</p> <p>The link to join the meeting is: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 206-800-4133 United States, Seattle (Toll) Conference ID: 534 793 897#</p>
<p>Minecraft Club:</p> <p>Does your student love playing Minecraft? Then this is the group for them! Students can chat about their latest creations in their Minecraft world and share ideas with each other. This group is also open to anyone who may have never played Minecraft but is interested in learning more about it!</p>	<p>Minecraft Club meets Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM</p> <p>The link to join the meeting is: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 206-800-4133 United States, Seattle (Toll) Conference ID: 502 442 496#</p>

Principal Birthday lunches – 12:30-1:00



November Birthday lunch celebration will be on November 24th at 12:30.

Students with a November birthday will receive a Teams invite through their student email accounts from Ruth Embaye, our office manager on the Monday 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.

- ★ November 24 – November
- ★ December 15 – December
- ★ January 26 – January
- ★ February 23 – February
- ★ March 30 – March
- ★ April 27 – April
- ★ May 25 – May
- ★ June 15 – June and July

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 10	Spirit Day-Wear Red , White & Blue
Nov 11	Veteran's Day, No school
Nov 23-25	Elementary Conference Days
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving break, no school



Dec 2	December School-Wide Assembly
Dec 2-3	Math Night material Pick up
Dec 7-10	Math Nights see above table for grade level times
Dec 18	Spirit Day-Cozy Day-wear pajamas

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

Cathy Elkh

