



Somerset Strong News 12.11.2020

Somerset Families,

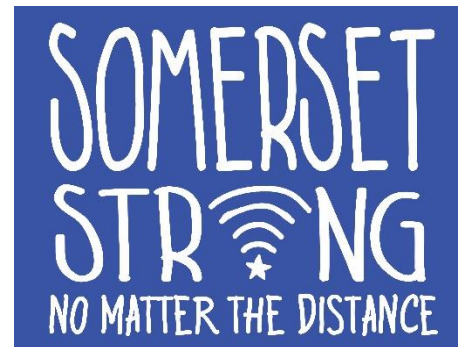
To our Somerset families in the middle of celebrating Hanukkah, wishing you blessings and joy during this season. Happy Hanukkah!



We had a successful week of *Family Math Nights*. We had 390 students log in and participate, ten unique student sessions, and two teacher presentations. A special thank you to the PTSA and the Snoqualmie Tribe for providing the support so each student could have their own set of materials. Thank you to Amy Scott, ITCL, for ensuring that our virtual sessions were set up each night. Shout out to the staff who logged on and played along through the week. I hope that families will

continue to play the games over the coming months and focus on that critical thinking or strategy required in many of the games. Play is the best way to build the fact fluency! For more fun games and videos of how to play the games, check out <https://www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/covid-19-resource-page/>

Somerset strives for families to feel informed, engaged and empowered. The opportunity to learn games and practice important math skills with your child is one of our ways to help you feel engaged in the educational learning of your child. An informed and engaged parent community helps make us Somerset Strong!



With great joy,

Action Items:

1. Library book pick-up is on Monday from 3-5pm for last names Abolfadl – Liu
2. Dress Comfy Cozy on Friday for our second Spirit Day!
3. Look for those decorated rocks hidden throughout the Somerset community!



SOMERSET ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten Information Night

January 21, 2021 - 6:00-6:45 pm

Via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Somerset Library Book Check out is Happening!

 Exciting news from the Somerset Library!!! 

In addition to the online Scholastic Book Fair (now through Dec 13th, online only), which you can shop using this link:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/somsetelementaryschool11> ...

Students can check out Somerset library books!

Students are being asked this week to place holds in our library catalog for books they wish to check out from the library. Mrs. Bravenec will find those requested books and prepare them for pickup ASAP.

Because we have about 650 students, the pickup will be split over two days. If it is not possible to come on your designated day, please email bravenecs@bsd405.org to make arrangements:

Monday, Dec 14th – 3-5pm Last name Abolfadl – Liu

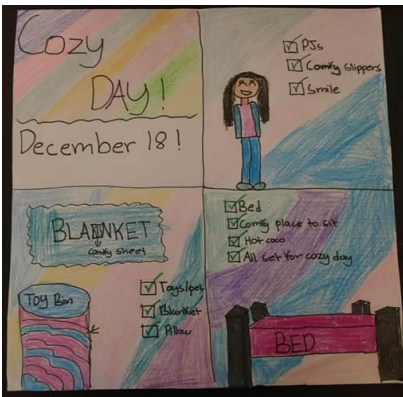
****Line will form at school main front doors for book pickup****

Masks and social distancing ****required****

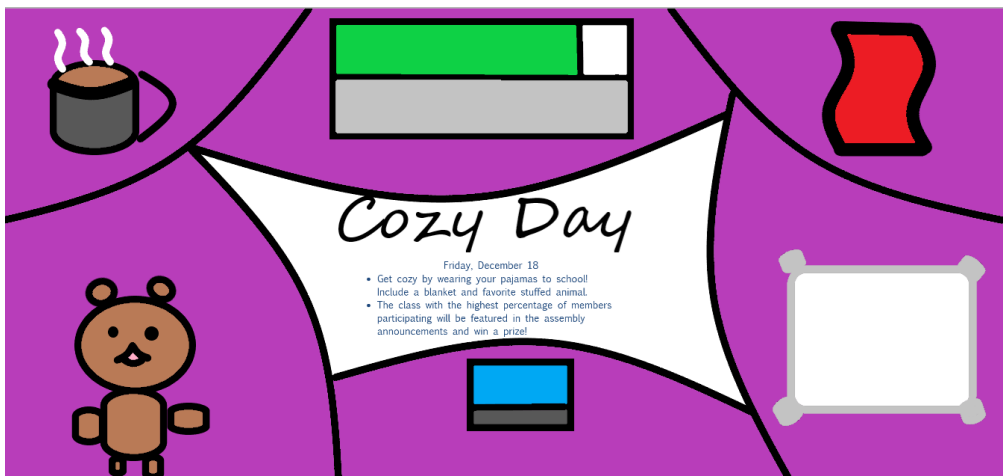
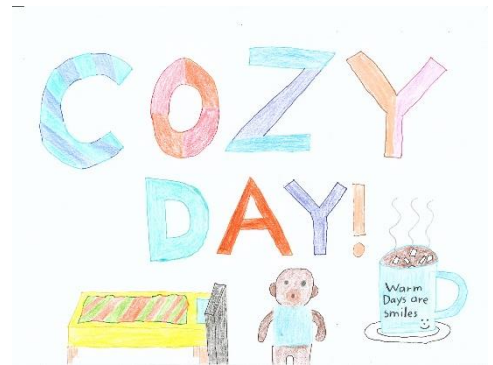
Have student Last name, First name to show at the door.



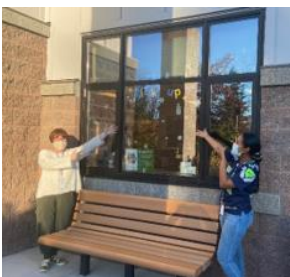
Cozy Day: Somerset Spirit Day, Dec 18, 2020



Students can wear pajamas and cuddle up with a favorite blanket or stuffed animal. The class that has the greatest percentage of students participating by wearing pajamas will be recognized in the assembly announcements and receive a small prize.



Office Window is open and Ready to Serve:



The school building remains closed to the public, but our office staff is working and helping to distribute classroom materials as needed. If you need to pick up or drop something off at the school office, please go the front office window and knock. Our friendly office staff will help you through the window. The office window is open daily from 10:00 am-2:00pm.

Somerset Rocks!

Each month our Sense of Belonging team is trying to provide a simple activity for all Somerset students to do as a way to help them feel like belong and are connected to our bigger school community.



This month students can take a mini-adventure searching for super star painted rocks at Somerset, Tye, and nearby parks and trails on Forest Drive. The students can leave the rocks where they find them, take a picture, or take it home to place it at another nearby spot. They can even add more painted rocks to the trails!! The purpose is to bring a smile to students and to let them know that "They ROCK!"



Here is a link to a great story that was shared last year in Somerset Families prior to painting rocks and would be great to revisit this year <https://youtu.be/vu9capmEY5I>

Principal Birthday lunches – 12:30-1:00



December Birthday lunch celebration will be on December 15th at 12:30. Students with a December birthday will receive a Teams invite through their student email accounts from Ruth Embaye, our office manager on the Monday prior. If you do not 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.

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

Somerset's Online Bookfair November 30-December 13



Somerset's Scholastic Book Fair is going online! November 30 – December 13

In a year of so many ***not*** normal things, our book fair will also be different. Somerset is partnering with Scholastic to host an ONLINE ONLY bookfair for families this fall.

Mrs. Bravenec realizes that for some families, the ability to buy books for your children may not be possible this year. In conversations with students about the Book Fair, Mrs. Bravenec is sensitive to this situation and shares with students that as a child her family sometimes had hard times and was not always able to buy books. Somerset families do not have to buy anything, and that is totally OK.

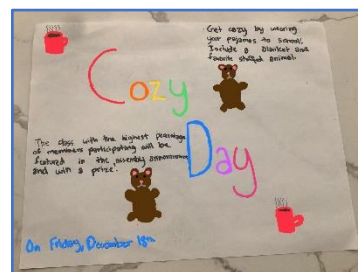
If you plan to give books as holiday gifts, please consider shopping as early as possible beginning Nov 30th, as shipping takes 7-10 business days. Click this link to preview books and shop online (the shopping link will NOT appear until Nov 30th): [Book Fair Website](#)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Now-Dec 13 Somerset Online Bookfair
- Dec 14th Library book pick up for Last name Last name Abolfadl – Liu (3:00-5:00 pm)
- Dec 18 Spirit Day-Cozy Day-wear pajamas
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Break, no school
- Jan 4 First day of school in 2021!

For more information and important dates please

follow this link to our Somerset PTSA: [Link to Somerset PTSA](#)





Family Engagement Advisory Committee

The Bellevue School District is developing a Family Engagement Advisory Committee to represent the diverse voices of families we serve.

If selected, members of this committee will participate in developing long-term practices of inclusion and representation of the diverse communities in our system. Further, members will both give AND receive critical feedback and advisement on matters important to four primary groups: BSD School Board, District Leadership Team, Equity Advisory Group, Department of Equity and Family Engagement (potentially others) and engage in experiences to deepen their knowledge and ability to impact organizational transformation.

This is a one-year commitment of 4-5 hours per month. The 2020-21 Committee will begin in February 2021 and serve for a 5-month term, with the option of extending through 2021-22. The first virtual meet and greet will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

A successful Family Engagement Advisory Group will:

1. Identify common needs and goals amongst our diverse community groups.
2. Gather and provide feedback from groups they are connected to, to ensure that family and community needs are represented beyond their own perspective.
3. Bring attention to existing and emerging issues expressed by groups they are connected to.
4. Identify and recommend opportunities to increase partnership and collaboration between families, schools and the school district.
5. Identify and recommend culturally appropriate practices to welcome and engage diverse families in all schools.

We look forward to your interest and desire to make a difference for ALL our students and families across the district.

Link to application: [Application Form](#)

Comité Asesor de Padres/Madres

El Distrito Escolar de Bellevue está creando un "Comité Asesor de Padres/Madres" para representar las diversas opiniones que tienen las familias a las que servimos.

Las personas elegidas para formar parte de este Comité ayudarán a desarrollar normas de larga duración en materia de inclusión y de representación de las diversas comunidades representadas en nuestro sistema. Además, los miembros proporcionarán Y recibirán opiniones y recomendaciones importantes en cuestiones claves para cuatro grupos principales: la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue, el Equipo Ejecutivo de Liderazgo, el Grupo Asesor y Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue y para Departamentos de Equidad y Compromiso Familiar (u otros). También se encargarán de participar en experiencias para profundizar su conocimiento y habilidad para impactar en la transformación de nuestra Organización.

El compromiso requerido es de un año, y una dedicación de unas 4 o 5 horas al mes. El Comité de 2020-21 empezará en febrero de 2021 y la duración de su compromiso será de 5 meses, con la posibilidad de extenderlo durante el año 2020-21. La primera reunión de bienvenida será en línea, el jueves 4 de febrero de 2021 a las 5:00pm.

El Grupo Asesor Familiar deberá:

1. Identificar necesidades y objetivos comunes entre los diversos grupos de nuestra comunidad.
2. Reunir y proporcionar comentarios de los grupos con los que están conectados, para asegurarse de que las necesidades de las familias y la comunidad estén representadas.
3. Prestar atención a los problemas existentes y emergentes expresados por los grupos con los que está relacionado.
4. Identificar y recomendar oportunidades para aumentar la colaboración conjunta entre las familias, las escuelas y el distrito escolar.
5. Identificar y recomendar prácticas culturalmente apropiadas para dar la bienvenida e involucrar a familias diversas en todas las escuelas.

Esperando que esto le resulte de su interés y que desee hacer una diferencia para TODOS nuestros estudiantes y nuestras familias del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue.

Enlace para su solicitud: [Application Form](#)

贝尔维尤学区正在设立一个家庭参与咨询委员会，代表我们所服务家庭的不同声音。

如果被选中成为委员会的一员，这个委员会的成员将参与制定长期做法，将不同社区成员的想法纳入我们的系统并展现在我们定的制度中。此外，成员还将为四个主要群体的重要事项提供和接受关键的反馈和建议：贝尔维尤学区的学校董事会、学区的领导团队、公平咨询小组、公平和家庭参与部（可能还有其他人），并参与这些经验以加深他们的知识和影响组织转型的能力。

这是一年的承诺，每月大概 4-5 小时。2020 道 2021 学年委员会将于 2021 年 2 月开始，任期 5 个月，成员可选择延长任期到 2021-22 学年。第一次网络见面会将于 2021 年 2 月 4 日星期四下午 5 点。

成功的家庭参与咨询委员会小组将会：

1. 确定我们不同社区群体的共同需求和目标。
2. 收集和提供他们所联系的群体的反馈，以确保这些反馈是代表和包括他们自身视角以外的家庭和社区的需求。
3. 让大家注意他们所联系的团体所表达的现有和新出现的问题。
4. 确定并建议加强家庭、学校和学区之间合作伙伴关系和合作的机会。
5. 确定并建议文化上适当的做法，欢迎不同家庭参加所有学校的活动和合作。

我们期待您的兴趣和愿望，为全区所有学生和家庭带来改变。申请的链接：[申请表](#)

Mental Health Forums

Just a reminder that the next Community Forum on Mental Health is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 (General Session) and Thursday, December 17 (Mandarin Speakers and Spanish speakers sessions). This month the forum will share How to recognize and support students experiencing depression. Families can sign up to attend a small group discussion with members of the counseling team on January 7th for additional support about this topic. Pre-registration is required for the small group session. <https://bsd405.org/2020/11/upcoming-mental-health-forums/>

How to recognize and support my student experiencing depression (General Session)

Wednesday, December 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. December 16

How to recognize and support my student experiencing depression. (Mandarin Speakers Session)

Thursday, December 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. December 17

How to recognize and support my student experiencing depression. (Spanish Speakers Session)

Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. December 17

Elementary: Windows and Office 365 Monthly Updates

Elementary Principals: Please share the following information with your learning communities, including families and teachers, for awareness. Note: This applies to laptops only, not iPads.

Monthly Windows and Office 365 Updates

Windows and Office 365 monthly updates on your elementary student's district laptops will be starting mid-December. Monthly updates on elementary laptops were paused at the start of the year while families became familiar with the devices. The Technology Department is now resuming updates on elementary laptops to keep devices secure and up to date. Please learn what to expect and step by step instructions for families on our [website](#).

Actualizaciones mensuales de Windows y Office 365

Las actualizaciones mensuales de Windows y Office 365 en las computadoras portátiles del distrito de su estudiante de primaria comenzarán a mediados de diciembre. Las actualizaciones mensuales de las computadoras portátiles de primaria se detuvieron a principios de año mientras las familias se familiarizaban con los dispositivos. El Departamento

de Tecnología ahora está reanudando las actualizaciones en las computadoras portátiles de primaria para mantener los dispositivos seguros y actualizados. Aprenda qué esperar y las instrucciones paso a paso para las familias en nuestro [sitio web](#).

Windows 和 Office 365 每月更新

您学生学区笔记本电脑上的 Windows 和 Office 365 每月更新将于 12 月中开始。在年初家庭开始熟悉设备的基础上，笔记本电脑的每月更新被暂停。技术部门现在正在恢复基本笔记本电脑上的更新，以确保最新设备和安全性。请在我们的[网站](#)对软件更新步骤说明进一步了解

School Options for the 2020-21 School Year

This year, the Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment) and Choice School/Program application period are during the same time period – December 7, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

All applicants must be residents of the Bellevue School District at the time of application. Residency documents will be requested at the time of enrollment. (The children of fulltime BSD employees may apply.)

Siblings of current students are not guaranteed enrollment and must apply.

For more information please visit

- Open Transfer <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- Choice Schools/Program <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>

Opciones escolares para el año escolar 2021-22

Este año, el período de solicitud de Transferencia Abierta (antes Inscripción Abierta) y Escuela / Programa de Choice Schools son durante el mismo período: del 7 de diciembre de 2020 al 15 de enero de 2021.

Todos los solicitantes deben ser residentes del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue en el momento de la solicitud. Los documentos de residencia se solicitarán en el momento de la inscripción. (Los hijos de empleados de BSD a tiempo completo pueden aplicar).

Los hermanos de los estudiantes que están inscrito al momento no tienen garantizada la inscripción pero deben de aplicar.

Para mas información por favor visite

- Transferencia Abierta <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- Choice Schools/Program <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>

2021-22 学年的学校选择。

今年，公开转学（以前称为公开招生）和特选的学校/预选的申请期都会在同一时间段接受申请。——2020年12月7日至2021年1月15日。

申请时，所有申请人都必须是 Bellevue 学区的居民。入学时会要求提供居住证。（BSD 全职雇员的子女也合乎资格来申请。）

现有学生的兄弟姐妹不能保证入学，必须申请。

欲了解更多信息，请点击下列网站：

- 公开转校 <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- 特选学校/预选 <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>