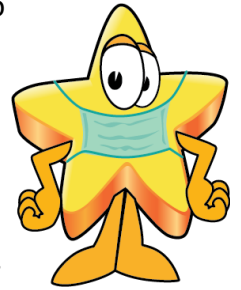


Somerset Families,

I hope you had a restful and relaxing winter break. The first few days after a break are often challenging as we work to get back into our school day routines. The events at our Nation's Capital on Wednesday were incredibly challenging for me to watch and providing much to process. I hope you were able to read through the information Ms. Schuyler shared on Thursday as a resource for your family.

RETURN To K-2 IN-PERSON LEARNING

We are busy preparing for the return to in person learning for our K-2 families. On Thursday, I held a Parent Principal Connect for k-2 parents returning to in person learning. The link to this session which discussed our health and safety protocols is on our school website and [here](#). I have also attached the Powerpoint presentation. If you have students returning in this first wave and were not able to attend this session, I hope you will take the time to preview the information. After previewing the information, if you have questions, please email me at elderc@bsd405.org



I want to highlight the importance of completing the **Attestation Form- Health Check** prior to your child's arrival **each day** so they can go straight to class upon entering the building. The health check form can be accessed on the district website's main page by clicking the link at the top left side. www.bsd405.org

K-1 parents who have selected the in-person learning model should be receiving am/pm assignment by middle of next week. Second grade students should have already received an email with this information. Transportation Department will notify families with bus routes information to the students who qualify for bus services.

I hope to have more information on district child-care options next week.

Please note and adhere, the Bellevue School District is complying with Governor Inslee's travel advisory. All students participating in in-person learning, services, or activities who have travelled out of state need to self-quarantine at home for 14-days after returning from their travels before coming back to school. More information is below under the Bellevue School District section.



SPECIALIST SCHEDULE

Somerset's school day is 9:05-3:35. Some of the day has been designated as asynchronous, but it is still part of our state mandated required school time. All specialist classes have been scheduled within the school day and attendance is required as part of the elementary school day. Extracurricular activities and private lessons should be scheduled outside of school hours.

I am excited to have some of our Superstars back in the building this month and look forward to the day when we are able to return as one big *In Person* school community. I am working with our school nurse, custodial staff and educators to prepare the building with all of the health and safety measures to mitigate the spread of Covid 19 for our returning students. It is this collaboration that make us Somerset Strong.

In partnership!



State of the District with Superintendent

This Thursday

January 14, 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

More information below.



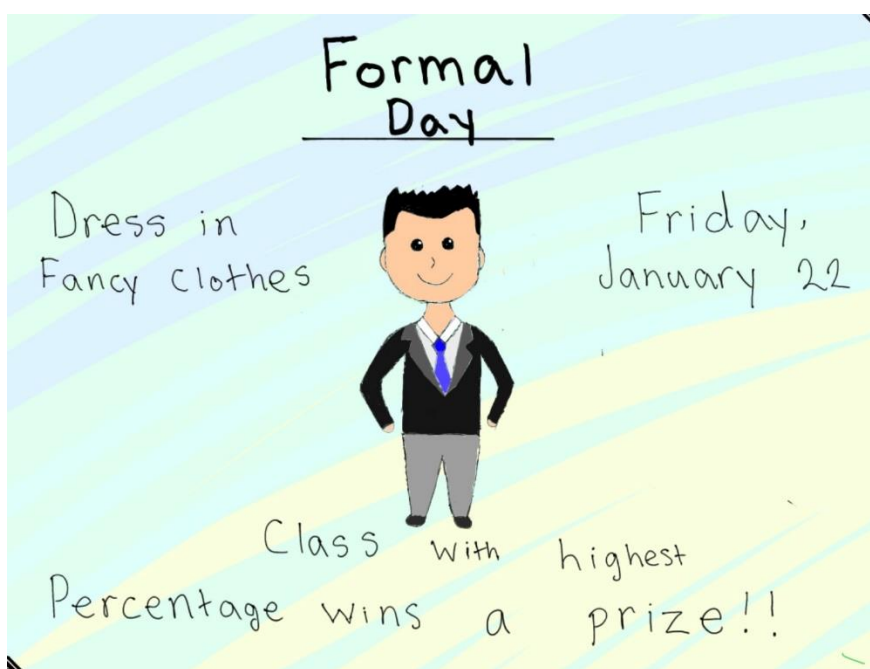


Somerset Elementary Important Information

Check out Somerset Library Books!

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th, students will again be able to check out books from our school library... **every Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:30pm!** Students must place books on hold by Tuesday afternoon to get them, and the books will be available each Wednesday for pickup at the main front doors of Somerset school. **Masks and social distancing required.** More details in the Library Teams page for your student... See you soon! ❤️ Mrs. Bravenec

January Spirit Day



School Pictures

Lifetouch will be taking Somerset School Pictures following Safety Protocols. All Somerset students are welcome to come by the covered area on the playground to get their photo taken at their scheduled time. Students can have their photo taken even if they do not plan to purchase the prints. The picture will be included in the yearbook, student identification cards. In addition the pictures are uploaded in our Synergy data program and are extremely helpful to staff as they provide photo identification on our in-house data base.

Dates and Hours:

- Wednesday, January 27, 12pm - 4pm
- Wednesday, February 3rd, 12pm - 4pm

Registration: Please sign up for a slot using the sign up genius

link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AEAA2AA46-somerset>. Please be certain to put your child's name/teacher/grade in the comments.

Ordering: If you would like to order pictures, please see the [Lifetouch flyer](#) for information.. We encourage all to pre-order pictures online [HERE](#) using code **EVTZC2T6G**.

Location: Somerset Elementary School (*under the covered basketball area outside, in the back of the school*)

Safety Protocols: We thank you in advance for following these:

- This will be an outside event. Dress for the weather.
- Students may be accompanied by 1 parent only. We ask that students go straight to the picture-taking area near the playground in the back of the school, following physical/social distancing guidelines. Staff will be available to assist students through the line. When your student has taken their picture, we ask that you do not stay on the school grounds/playground.
- All students and staff will be masked at all times—except for the short time that the student removes the mask to take a picture.
- Physical distancing is required.

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY



Kindergarten Information Night for next year's K's!!

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

Via Microsoft Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 14	State of the District with Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Duran
Jan 18	No School: Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan 21	2 nd Grade In-person Learning starts for Hybrid Model
Jan 25	1 st Grade In-person Learning starts for Hybrid Model
Jan 26	January Virtual Birthday Lunch
Jan 27	School Picture Day 12pm - 4pm
January 29 th	Non-Student Day
Feb 1	Kindergarten In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model
Feb 3	School Picture Day 12pm - 4pm

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



Bellevue School District Important Information

Travel Advisory

The Bellevue School District is complying with Governor Inslee's travel advisory. From the advisory: "Washingtonians are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries." All students participating in in-person learning, services, or activities who have travelled out of state need to self-quarantine at home for 14-days after returning from their travels before coming back to school. [Read more about the travel advisory.](#)

By the order of the state of Washington, masks/face coverings are required in all public indoor spaces and outdoors when people cannot remain 6 feet apart. Please help your child practice wearing a face covering at home so that they will be ready to come to school.

Some health check videos for families are located here:

<https://bsd405.sharepoint.com/sites/HealthServices/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewid=4b9b2231%2D8ce7%2D4fd0%2Daa25%2D1f9fb324d5c7&id=%2Fsites%2FHealthServices%2FShared%20Documents%2FHealth%20Check%20Resources%2FHow%20To%2FVideos>

State of the District

Read this message in:

- [中文](#)
- [Español](#)

Bellevue School District students and families, and staff and educators are invited to the first BSD State of the District.

Hosted by Dr. Duran, our superintendent, the virtual State of the District hosted on Teams will share with attendees the challenges and opportunities that face our learning community. Tune in to hear about our goals and plans for the rest of the 2020-21 school year, as well as updates on in-person learning and our budget.

Family and Community Event

January 14, 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

K-2 First Day Photos

K-2 Families, please send us your #BSDfirstday of in-person learning photos

to communityrelations@bsd405.org for us to share on our social media platforms and the website!

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/>