

# Somerset Strong News



Somerset Families,

In order to keep you informed and updated, rather than send a monthly communication, I will be sending weekly Friday news and updates. I hope that you find these helpful and a way to feel closely connected to our Somerset community.

## ***First day assembly***

On Wednesday students and staff enjoyed our Welcome Assembly! A big thank you to Somerset's assembly team and staff who participated in showing off their talents! If you would like to view the assembly again, or if you were unable to attend, it is on our Somerset webpage: [Welcome Assembly](#). Assemblies will take place the first Wednesday of every month at 9:40 AM.



We invite your child to share their own hidden talent with our Somerset community. Simply click on the following link to record a video of **\*your\*** talent and a chance to see yourself featured in a future assembly: [Hidden Talents Flipgrid](#)

## ***Virtual Principal/Parent Connect***

Mrs. Elder and I are planning opportunities for parents, in grade level bands, to meet. These sessions will occur the first Thursday of each month beginning in October. This is an opportunity for a live interaction and to strengthen our family partnerships. I will send a Teams invite link prior to the scheduled dates and we hope you can join us!

***First Thursday of each month thru Teams***

**October 1, November 5, December 3**

9:00 – Grades 4 and 5

10:00 – Grades K and 1

11:00 – Grades 2 and 3

## ***Virtual Curriculum night***



This year, Somerset is providing a virtual curriculum night that will be pre-recorded for you to view at a convenient time. Classroom teachers will send their presentation to families the afternoon of Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Mrs. Elder and I will also provide a pre-recorded presentation to all families highlighting important information about our school year ahead.

## **Family Forum for Multilingual learners**

BSD is offering a family forum for our families of multilingual learners on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. You will have the opportunity to meet our BSD directors, learn about the MLL model, learn how to support students at home, and more. Please follow the link below to learn more about the forum and for a link to attend the event. Sessions will be recorded for families unable to attend.



[Multilingual Family Forum](#)

## ***Share Your Thoughts with BSD***

BSD would like to know what went well during the first week of school and what can be improved. Please take part in the [ThoughtExchange](#) conversation. Families have until Monday, Sept. 21 and your feedback is important as we launch with remote learning and prepare to transition to hybrid.

### Principal Birthday lunches



Mrs. Elder and I plan to continue our tradition of honoring and celebrating Somerset students during their birthday month. Please encourage your child to attend and join us while eating their lunch. Sessions will be held from 12:30-1:00 PM and you may refer to the table on the right for specific dates.

- ★ Sept. 25 – August
- ★ Sept. 29 – September
- ★ October 27 – October
- ★ 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

### Thank you, Somerset PTSA,!

Somerset is fortunate to partner with an amazing PTSA that is in student centered and supports our school community. I encourage all families to join our PTSA and to support their efforts. Somerset students have benefited from their fundraising in numerous ways which this year includes: additional instruction and social emotional support through additional GSA's (Greatest School Assistants), a virtual Taproot Theater assembly on anti-bullying, **Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks** (a math event and experience for our students and families that specializes in games and teaching strategies), Kimochis for our younger students which help to identify feelings,



[Link to Somerset PTSA](#)

### Technology Support

A reminder that student and family technology support is available Monday through Friday online, by phone, and in person. Visit <https://bsd405.org/techsupport> for details.

### IMPORTANT DATES

September 23: Curriculum Night Presentation to families

September 23: Family Forum for Multilingual Learners 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Virtual Principal/Family Connect: October 1

- ★ 9:00 – Grades 4 and 5
- ★ 10:00 – Grades K and 1
- ★ 11:00 – Grades 2 and 3

You and your partnership matter,

*Judy Bowley*

Principal, Somerset Elementary

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