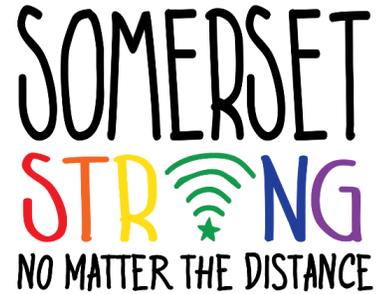


# Somerset Strong News

Somerset Families,

We have now completed our second full week of school! On Wednesday, all families should have received a recorded Curriculum Night presentation from your child's classroom teacher. Additional presentations were sent out via School Messenger for Principals, PTSA, and Bellevue Schools Foundations.

Our Somerset Webpage is updated regularly and, there you will find Somerset Strong Newsletters, Counselors Letters, our Principals Curriculum Night Presentation, and links to assemblies, and more! Please be sure to check it out: [Somerset Webpage](#)



## **Assemblies: Please share your talents!**



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**

Our first Principal Connect is next Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Elder and I look forward to this time together! This is an opportunity for a live interaction and to strengthen our family partnerships. Please click on the Teams link below to join us during your grade level band.

9:00 Grades 4 and 5: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

10:00 Grades K and 1: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

11:00 Grades 2 and 3: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

### **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

## **Principal Birthday lunches – 12:30-1:00**



Mrs. Elder and I held our first birthday lunch today with students who had an August birthday. Students introduced themselves, shared what excites them most about birthdays, drew a birthday cupcake and listened to a birthday story. If your child had an August birthday and you did not receive a Teams invite, please email our office manager, Ruth Embaye at [embayer@bsd405.org](mailto:embayer@bsd405.org) and we will include your child in next week's birthday lunch. For next week's September celebration Ms. Embaye will send your student a Teams invite Monday morning.

- ★ 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

## **Technology Support**

Tech support is available Monday through Friday! Visit <https://bsd405.org/techsupport> for details. For self-guided support, explore the list of common questions and resources. Information on BSD Technology Centers is on the BSD [website](#)

### ***Advanced Learning Testing***

The BSD Advanced Learning Department will be accepting testing applications to determine students in need of advanced learning opportunities beginning Oct. 12, 2020. Applications for advanced learning testing for students in grades 1-4 and 6-11 will be available online beginning **October 12, 2020**. District families interested in applying for testing should submit an application before the **November 30, 2020 deadline** at [www.bsd405.org/apply-for-AL](http://www.bsd405.org/apply-for-AL). Parents of BSD Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students do not need to apply, as these students will be considered for advanced learning services through the Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade screening processes. Services provided for students in need include the following.

- Domain-specific services in Literacy and Mathematics (K-1)
- Domain-specific services in Literacy, Mathematics, and Nonverbal Ability (2-4 during 2020-21, and 2-6 during the 2021-22 school year)
- Self-contained services in Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies (2-12)
- Differentiated services in Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies for students identified for self-contained services, who choose to attend their neighborhood school (2-12)

To learn more about Advanced Learning Services, please visit <https://bsd405.org/services/advanced-learning/>.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Virtual Principal/Family Connect: October 1

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

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

You and your partnership matter,

*Judy Baulby*

Principal, Somerset Elementary



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