



*Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of each and every child at Somerset Elementary School. As part of the Washington State PTA, we are a nonprofit membership association bringing together the home, school, and community on behalf of our children.*



Happy Holidays and a Festive New Year to all Somerset families. Thank you all for your continuous support and partnership. This issue of newsletter is a special one. We compile some holiday events during winter break in the Greater Seattle area. We wish every family enjoy your winter break and have lots of fun memories.

The next issue of newsletter will be sent on Jan 2, 2021 due to winter break.

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The graphic features a central text box with instructions and a PTSA logo. It is surrounded by several small images: a person skiing, a group on a snow tube, a tree with lights, a zoo at night, a family decorating a tree, a family on a couch, and a family by a tree.

Happy Holidays



## Free Winter Break Virtual Programs for Families From Pacific Science Center

Join us this winter break for live virtual programs the whole family will enjoy! While we can't gather in person with all of our friends and loved ones or partake in many of our annual traditions this season, we can join each other for fun and unique experiences that bring joy and curiosity right to your home!

Virtual Planetarium: North Pole Adventure

[December 26, 4 p.m.](#) | [December 28, 2 p.m.](#)

Free, Suggested donation \$25

Take a virtual trip to the North Pole and explore the sky from this wintry wonderland. Witness endless summer days and dark polar nights, and look for familiar constellations in this unfamiliar sky.

Winter Animal Adaptations

[December 21, 9:30 a.m.](#) | [December 29, 6 p.m.](#)

Free, Suggested donation \$25

Examine artifacts including skins and skulls to learn how animals thrive in their frosty habitats. Discover some of the amazing features that help them survive chilly northwest winters.

Virtual Planetarium: Winter Storytime and Stretch

[December 22, 10:30 a.m.](#) | [December 30, 2 p.m.](#)

Free, Suggested donation \$25

Examine the winter sky and get moving with a series of simple and fun constellation-themed poses. Recreate patterns from the night sky while hearing stories behind some of the brightest constellations lighting up our sky this time of year!

You can also book private [Virtual Field Trips](#) for virtual gatherings and celebrations.

[Learn More and Register](#)



## Winterfest Coloring Contest at Seattle Center

Download any of Seattle Center three special coloring pages and enter a contest to win prizes! Our décor designer Jeffery Cook has created these fun images, suitable for artists of all ages. Submit your entry by emailing it to [wintefesttrain@seattle.gov](mailto:wintefesttrain@seattle.gov). We'll post entries on our Facebook page, and each Saturday throughout December do a random drawing to pick a winner who will receive a digital prize package. Visit Facebook to view the gallery of submissions. Full contest details available on our [contest page](#).



## Virtual Festal Holiday Videos

This season, [Seattle Center](#) celebrates the diversity of our Festal community partners in this Winterfest Virtual Festival series. You'll find performances, cooking and craft demonstrations and other holiday traditions presented in [video form](#). Enjoy learning about seasonal traditions from around the globe!



## Pacific Northwest Ballet Presents 'The Nutcracker' (Online)

Join us in 2020 for Pacific Northwest Ballet's favorite holiday tradition from the comfort of home. Stream this archival performance of George Balanchine's The Nutcracker® with the unique-to-Seattle scenery and costumes by Ian Falconer and immerse yourself in a candy-filled dreamland.

Digital Access includes:

Unlimited viewing of George Balanchine's The Nutcracker® - available December 18-26, 2020.

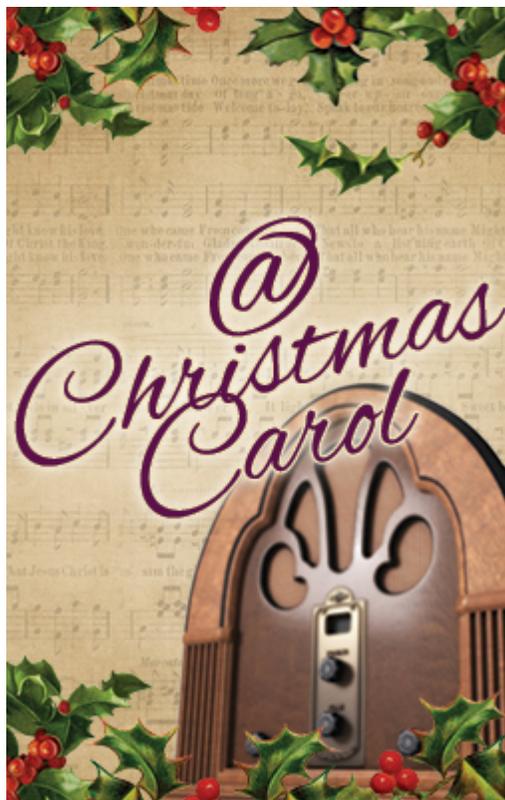
Order your tickets here: <https://order.pnb.org/digital/nutcracker>

## 'A Christmas Carol' Radio Play by ACT Theatre

Get ready for a whole new way to experience an old favorite. The magic of Charles Dickens' classic tale will come to life this year in a radio play! Imagine Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and Marley... all in the comfort of your home. Get your tickets for A Christmas Carol now and gather 'round the radio with the gift of entertainment, laughter and joy for the entire family.

Schedule, tickets, and more information please

visit: <https://order.acttheatre.org/acc2020>



## 'Twas the Night... Reimagined' Virtual Performance with Studio East

Studio East presents the delightfully entertaining Eastside Holiday Tradition, 'Twas the Night... Reimagined, where chaos, craziness and cuteness reign. 'Twas tells the famous poem through the eyes of, not only the humans involved, but the run-away mice, hungry cats, 'hoofing' reindeer and the Big Guy himself. This year's 'Twas the Night... will be a reimagined version touting a smaller cast and new characters, and it will all be happening virtually!

'Twas the Night... Reimagined will be available to stream December 13-27. Register for a pay what you can ticket by clicking "[Watch the Show](#)". More information, please visit [Event Website](#)



## Issaquah Reindeer Festival

The Issaquah Reindeer Festival is an exciting celebration that gives you and your family an opportunity to have Safe Outdoor Holiday Fun!! This year Santa or Rudolph will safely be taking photos outdoors in their Grand Traveling Sleigh! Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays, see all your favorite animals and more!!

Make sure you are ready! Pre-purchase tickets now to guarantee entry upon arrival as attendance capacity is limited. Members go to the ticket page and follow the instructions to reserve your spot - remember Members are free, discounted guest admission can be purchased upon arrival.

Dec 17, 2020 - Dec 30, 2020 at Cougar Mountain Zoo

Tickets and More information: <https://www.cougarmountainzoo.org/reindeer-festival/>

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## Virtual Santa Photos at The Marketplace at Factoria

Get your photo taken like you normally do and with a little magic Santa will appear in your photo. Santa may even use a little EXTRA Santa magic to help make you look your very best. No masks, no face shields and no plexiglass. Just perfect Santa smiles every time.

Please note masks are required in the mall and when entering and exiting the studio.

December 19 - 20, 2020 @ 11:00a.m.–7:00p.m.

December 21 - 24 2020 @ 10:00a.m.–8:00p.m.

at Factorial Mall

Event Website: <https://www.redsuitholidays.com/>



### Open Ski Resorts

[Crystal Mountain](#), [Summit at Snoqualmie](#), [Stevens Pass](#) & [Mountain Baker](#) are all open during winter break. Those ski resorts are all within 3 hours travel. Bring your kids, pack up your skiing/snowboarding gears, wear your mask, and enjoy one of the most attractive winter outdoor sports in Greater Seattle area. Please check out the website for lift tickets availability, daily operation hours, snow report, road conditions and more.



## Ice Skating at Snohomish Valley Ice Rink

The family at Snohomish Valley Golf Center would like to invite you and your family down for the holidays! We have our seasonal outdoor synthetic ice rink open again this year and we would love to see you down here. With Covid affecting all of us, this outdoor ice rink gives the community a chance to get out and enjoy a safe activity and soak up some holiday spirit along the way. The rink is under a huge tent to keep you protected from the elements and we have delicious food available from our restaurant The Valley Grill along with hot and cold craft cocktails, beer, and wine available! Bring your family down and share this Christmas season with all of us around one of the many heaters or fire tables.

We will be limiting the amount of skaters to 30 at a time and will be running 50 minute skate sessions at the top of every hour.

[Reserve](#) your spot in advance.

Wednesday, Dec 16, 2020- Sunday Jan 10, 2021

Schedule, price and more information, please

visit: <https://www.snohomishvalleygolfcenter.com/icerink.html>



## Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Zoolights

Step back into the Zoolights tradition you know and love: your Zoo, transformed into a colorful winter wonderland with over 700,000 lights. See dazzling 3-D animal light displays. Feel the holiday joy.

We've reimagined Zoolights to bring the same magic while keeping everyone safe. Timed online tickets, face coverings, social distancing, outdoor areas only.

Fri. 11/27/2020- Sun. 1/3/2021 4:30-10 pm (Close on 12/24-12/25)

5400 N Pearl St, Tacoma, WA 98407

Purchase tickets on the website: <https://www.pdza.org/event/zoolights/>

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## **Lights of Christmas at Warm Beach Camp**

A wonderful way to experience the magic of Christmas this year! Located in Stanwood, WA, The Lights of Christmas presents... A Drive-Thru Christmas, providing a holiday outing for all families to enjoy during this challenging year. See spectacular lights, dazzling displays, wave to Santa and Mrs. Claus, while listening to Christmas music from the comfort of your own car. Fun for people of all ages and affordable for everyone. Grab your keys, pack up the kids, and get out of the house for an event with Christmas spirit in Snohomish county.

Date: 11/27-11/29, 12/2-6, 12/9-13, 12/16-23, 12/26-30, 5-10pm

Address: Warm Beach Camp, 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost: \$20 per car, Sun.-Thurs.; \$25 per car, Fri.-Sat. & 12/20-12/23

[Drive-through Admission available now](#)

More information please visit: <https://www.thelightsofchristmas.com/>

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## Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival

From Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day [Leavenworth quaint Bavarian town](#) becomes the Village of Lights, with over half a million of them! Due to Covid-19 we have had to cancel the festivities typically held on Saturdays and Sundays which included the ceremonial lighting festival. For this year in 2020, the lights will be on every day creating the ultimate winter backdrop 7 nights a week!

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## WildLanterns at Woodland Park Zoo

This year, discover a brand-new lights festival at Woodland Park Zoo: WildLanterns presented by Sound Credit Union. WildLanterns will take the place of our traditional WildLights event this year.



November 13, 2020 – January 17, 2021

4:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays and December 24 & 25

[Tickets on sale now.](#)

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## Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park

Fantasy Lights is an expansive drive-through light show, delighting families for over 25 years with hundreds of sparkling holiday scenes along the shore of Spanaway Lake in Spanaway Park. Visitors remain in their cars and drive the winding, two-mile route through the park, surrounded by lights. Because it's a drive-through display, this attraction is already COVID-ready, with few adjustments needed.

Nov 21, 2020–Jan 3, 2021 (including Christmas and New Year's Day) 5:30–9 pm

\$15 per vehicle; entry on premium nights cost \$20 per vehicle.

Complete information, Please visit [Here](#).

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## Bellevue Downtown Snowflake Lane

### 2020

For your safety, Snowflake Lane will not include a parade or performers this year. But every night along Bellevue Way see twinkling lights, hear holiday music and just like in the Northwest...it might magically snow!

Come celebrate with us as you stroll or drive through this memorable experience.

Every Night Nov 27th to Dec 24th between 5pm – 9pm



## EmeraldParents 2020 Christmas Event

[EmeraldParents\(EmP\)](#) is a non-profit Chinese Parents Group in Seattle area. EmP provides 12 online events from Saturday 12/19- Thursday 12/24. Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/P5dXbHyV1D54dAW27>. All events are mandarin speaking only.

Here is the events schedule:

- 12/19 10 am - Chinese Story+ Cooking Class/ 许多多讲故事+玛格丽特小饼
- 12/19 3 pm - Christmas Keychain Crafting/ 圣诞钥匙扣 (锦仪)
- 12/20 10:30 am - Gingerbread House Crafting/ 姜饼屋 (咩咩)
- 12/20 2 pm - Christmas Origami/ 圣诞手工折纸 (陈妍帆)
- 12/20 4 pm - Cooking Class- Steak/ 盖哥厨房威灵顿牛排
- 12/21 2 pm - Christmas Tree Crafting/ 手工圣诞树 (咏丽画室)
- 12/21 4pm - Gift Decoration/ 礼物装饰蝴蝶结 (大葛老师)
- 12/22 10:30 am - Clay Crafting/ 粘土圣诞树挂件 (猫猫老师)
- 12/22 2 pm - Christmas Card/ 圣诞贺卡 (Avra老师)
- 12/23 10:30 am - Chinese Story Time/文昕老师讲故事 (嘉宾陈妍帆&洪婉华)
- 12/23 2 pm - Cooking Class- Sticky Rice Cakes/ 圣诞小点: 紫薯糯米糍 (Ruby)
- 12/24 10:30 am - Cooking Class- Christmas Tree Cake/ 圣诞树蛋糕 (猫猫老师)



## **Kelsey Creek Farm At-Home Programs**

Kelsey Creek has created activities that bring the farm to your child and they do not require the use of the computer. We have an assortment of activity kits that you and your child can do at home. You can receive a letter from a farm animal pen pal, create a farm-themed craft, or play with a set of felt animals!

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 - Sun, Jan 31, 2021

Visit [Event Website](#) for more information

Find more details on each program and register [here](#).



## Plan Your Winter Vacation at a State Park Cabin

Washington State Park still have plenty of cabins available at these select parks:

Cama Beach	Deception Pass	Dosewallips
Cape Disappointment	Dash Point	Seaquest
Grayland Beach	Twin Harbors	Rasar
Ike Kinswa	Kanaskat-Palmer	Wallace Falls
Belfair	Bayview	Riverside Bowl & Pitcher

Don't hesitate, [book your reservation today](#).

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