



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.



PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday, Nov 30th - Sunday, Dec 13th - Virtual Book Fair

Monday, Dec 7th - Thursday, Dec 10th - Family Math Night

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Friday, Dec 18th - Spirit Day- Wearing Pajamas

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PTSA NEWS



Passport Club

Thank you to all the wonderful students who participated in the November passport check. If you didn't get a chance, the material for November is still available on our website. The maps and instructions for December have been posted. Please click [here](#) for more information. Try to complete it before the end of the month!

Thank you for supporting Passport Club and Happy Holiday Seasons!



For this month, we also have a special video to share. Ever wondered what real-life reindeers looked like? Take a virtual tour of Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi, Finland!



Somerset Holiday Gift Drive

It has been a tradition for Somerset Elementary PTSA to host a Holiday Gift Drive for our families in need. We want to help families at our school to fulfill their children's wishes for the holidays. In years past we've had a tree set up with tags for each child in need. However, this year is a bit different so our gift giving will also be a bit different. [This year we would like anyone who chooses to support a child or a family to purchase a gift card for \\$25 from these three stores: Amazon, Target, and Fred Meyer.](#) We hope to give guardians

a \$25 gift card for each of their children. Each gift card donation will let them know that we care and we are “One Somerset”.

Please consider helping by purchasing one or more gift cards and delivering them to Somerset office. Please knock on the office window one of the staff will be collect the gift cards. **Gift cards can be dropped off between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday, December 7th through Friday, December 11th.** If you can't drop off during those times or have any other questions please contact Shannon Gregory atgregorys@bsd405.org.

Recap for Holiday Gift Pick-up

A big thank-you to all the families who came and drove through to pick up the special holiday gift pack. We hope you enjoy the gift from PTSA. We wish everyone have a warm and safe holiday. We also want to thank everyone for your continuous support. Let's work together and make us a stronger community.



Amazing Holiday Superstar Gift bag from PTSA

10 gallons of hand sanitizer, 700 bottles,
200 packs of holiday pencils,
20 pounds of travel tags,
30 hours of work,
680 presents wrapped with love and care by our PTSA volunteers for every student in our school.

PTSA would like to wish everyone a warm and safe holiday season. We would like to thank everyone for their continuous support this school year.

Please stop by on 12/2 or 12/3 to pick up our small token of appreciation. Hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays

Math Kangaroo Registration

If you haven't registered for Math Kangaroo 2021, there is just a friendly reminder that the registration will end on December 15th. Visit [Washington Virtual Center](#) to Register.



Math Kangaroo in USA

since 1998

International Competition in Mathematics

Competition date: on or after Thursday,
March 18, 2021. Registration deadline:
December 15, 2020.

Do not forget to practice using [free](#) or for
nominal fee [Math Kangaroo Practice](#)
[Everything](#) material.

SCHOOL NEWS

Somerset Library Books Check-out

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 7th – 3-5pm Last name Lo - Zou

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*



Scholastic Online Book Fair

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 this year. Somerset is partnering with Scholastic to host an ONLINE ONLY book fair 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 able to buy books. Somerset families do not have to buy anything, and that is totally OK.

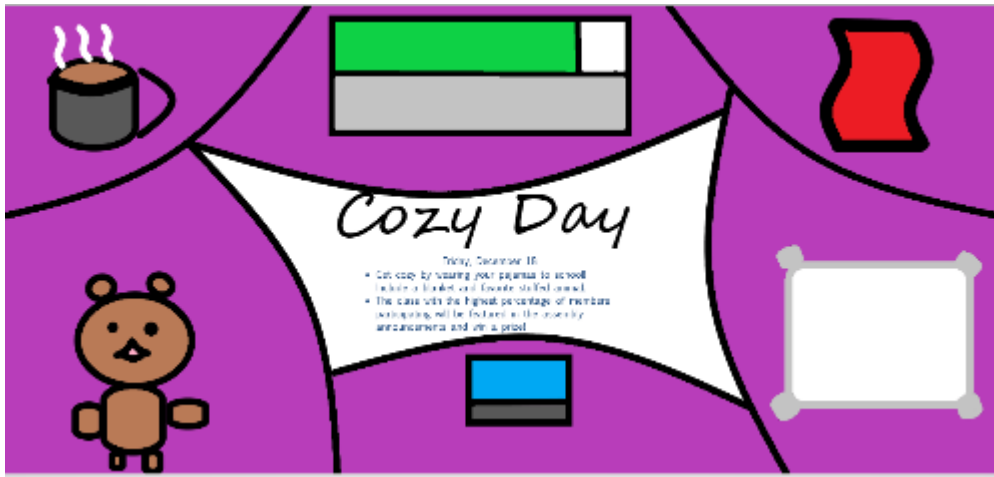
If you plan to give books as holiday gifts, please click this [Link](#) to view books and shop online as shipping takes 7-10 business days.



Family Math Night

Special night for kids and adults to learn and play fun math games! Jane and John Felling from Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks will lead a variety of games that will build on each grade level's priority standards. The games are designed to develop mathematical fluency and build problem solving strategies. Games will require use of regular and really cool multi-sided dice, deck of cards and counters.

Family math night will be held from [Monday Dec 7th - Thursday Dec 10th](#). Specific schedule for each grade and Teams sign on link, Please click [Here](#).



Cozy Day - Wearing Pajamas

Friday, December 18th, is “Cozy Day” at Somerset. Superstars wear your favorite pair of PJ’s, grab a soft blanket, and include a cuddly stuffed animal. It’s time to get cozy on the day before Winter Break! The classroom that has the greatest percentage of participants will win a prize and be featured in the assembly announcements.

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.](#)



BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



2021-22 Open Transfer and Choice Schools/Programs Information

Applications for Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment) and Choice Schools/Programs for the 2021-22 school year are available beginning Monday, December 7.

More information about Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment) and BSD Choice Schools and Programs is available on the [BSD website](#).

BSD Receives Childcare Grants

The Bellevue School District recently received two grants to support childcare offered by the district. The King County COVID-19 Childcare Provider Supports Grant and the Non-Profit Relief Grant from the City of the Bellevue provide funds to support childcare operations. The grant funds will be used to support the continued operation of childcare for area families.

The King County COVID-19 Childcare Provider Supports Grants were available to any licensed provider in King County serving children age 0 to 12 and are funded by private donation and public dollars, both federal and local. Grant funds provided to childcare providers in King County came from King County CARES Act funds. Grant funds from the City of Bellevue originated from the CARES Act and the Coronavirus Relief Fund, administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Let's Talk! with BSD



BSD utilizes [Let's Talk!](#) to exchange messages with families. Find messaging options on our [website](#).

Please contact staff at your student's school about schedules, attendance and any other school-specific

questions or concerns. Visit <https://bsd405.org> and select Schools in the top menu to find your school.



Bellevue School District

Stay Connected to BSD

Looking for event information? The [district website](#) has information about Bellevue School District programming and events. Information about events at schools can be found on each school's website. Visit the [BSD website](#) and select "Schools" from the banner to find your school.

Not getting all of our communications? Check to make sure your primary email address is correct in [ParentVUE](#) and add communityrelations@bsd405.org and pubinfo@bsd405.org to your contacts in order to avoid email filters from marking our newsletters as spam or junk.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STUDIO EAST

TRAINING FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Studio East Drama Program

Drama: Ten Minute Plays!

Learn how to put on a fully scripted performance in this interactive, creative, and energetic online drama class! We'll learn how to audition, read-through a script, and bring an assigned character to life using acting skills. We'll record the final performance and send it out after class.

Here is the registration link: <https://www.homerom.com/sites/somerset-elementary-school-bellevue>

Dates: Thursday, February 4th – April 1st

No class on February 18th

Time: 3:45 – 5:15pm

Price: \$175

Afterschool Elementary Debate Program

Jump-start your children into the world of debating. This program is great for students of all kinds in 4th and 5th graders who like to talk, but also shy students seeking to communicate or gain more self-confidence; students who like to argue, talk, research issues, challenge themselves, want to communicate better, and show interest in bettering their community. Our curriculum is not lecture-based; students will learn by doing. We will teach and engage students to debate effectively. We'll help students to prepare cases and responses. Students put that into practice in a supportive atmosphere where they will learn to communicate clearly, persuasively and with self-confidence.

Cost is \$99 for seven classes and includes all instruction and materials.

We waive or lower fees to address family financial needs.

MONDAY PROGRAM Mondays 4 to 5pm

January 4, 11, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22

WEDNESDAY PROGRAM Wednesdays 4 to 5pm

January 6, 13, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Registration is open now. All Classes are Online.

<https://fs12.formsite.com/hansonjb/somerset-timberlake-reg/index.html>



Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629 Recruitment

For more than 100 years, Cub Scouts has provided fun for millions of children(k-5) around the country and that fun awaits your family today! From building their own pinewood derby car to roasting the perfect marshmallow, your child will love being a Cub Scout. And the adventures that they will embark on are endless! Camping, biking, climbing, archery, sports, rain gutter regatta, model rocket launch, you name it, Cub Scouts offers it. Get more involved with your family in a way that puts the fun first. Click [Here](#) for Cub Scout contact information or for [FAQs page](#). Every Cub Scout who signs up this year will get a model rocket kit and you will be able to come to our rocket.

INTERLAKE SAINTS ROBOTICS

Scratch Coding Camp from Interlake High School

During Winter Break, Interlake High School's robotics team, Saints Robotics, is hosting a Scratch coding camp for elementary school students, from December 21st to December 31st on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Students can be introduced to Scratch, develop advanced projects such as games, and get a feel for engineering! The course will foster a good STEM environment for students and have them learn skills they can bring to their future careers and life.

The course fee will be \$125, with 20% of the proceeds going to Backpack Meals for Kids. Financial aid is available!

The registration link is: <http://bit.ly/sr1899SOLEWinterRegistration2020>

More information can be found here: <https://saintsrobotics.com/iso>

Email us with any questions: serc@saintsrobotics.com

Please see [Flyer](#) for more information.

Summit at Snoqualmie Opened for New Ski/Snowboard Season

The Summit at Snoqualmie opened to passholders for the 2020-21 winter season on December 4, 2020. Opening weekend will be for passholders only and will include lifts at both Summit West and Summit Central. More information please visit <https://summitatsnoqualmie.com/>





WSPTA is moving to an ongoing "Focus on Advocacy" program to keep members informed and engaged throughout the session, keeping our efforts focused on the mission. Check [the website for more information](#).

Make sure to get the 2021 legislative session in focus by attending this [webinar](#) hosted by Washington State PTA's legislative consultant Marie Sullivan on Tuesday, December 8, 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Seeking Success Stories

How do you PTA? Tell us about a success you and your PTA recently had in the face of today's challenges. Please [share your stories](#) about how you have advocated for students at your school or district, what has been a success for your PTA during the pandemic, or a success specific to schools opening this Fall.



Reflections Theme Search Entries

This year, WSPTA had 35 entries for the National Reflections Theme Search. Entries came in from all around the state. The Reflections Committee selected five entries and submitted them to National PTA. The students whose entries advanced to National are:

- Dharanidhrut Gowda, 2nd grader from Audubon PTSA 2.8.5 for "If earth had a reset button"
- Marharyta Zvarydchuk 4th grader from Rose Hill PTSA 2.8.50 for "Life After..."
- Raina Tuladhar 6th grader from Timberline Middle PTSA 2.8.82 for "A world where..."
- Diya Modi 8th grader from Timberline Middle PTSA 2.8.82 for "Dear Future Me"
- Maya Gheewala 10th grader from Sammamish HS PTSA 2.3.160 for "Infinity and Beyond"

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