



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, Jan 4th - First Day of School in 2021
- Monday, Jan 18th - No School Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Thursday, Jan 21st - German Music Seminar
- Thursday, Jan 21st - 2nd Grade In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model
- Monday, Jan 25th - 1st Grade In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model
- Tuesday, Jan 26th - Principal Birthday Lunches
- Wednesday, Jan 27th - Picture Day
- Monday, Feb 1st - Kindergarten In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model
- Wednesday, Feb 3rd - Picture Day

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PTSA NEWS

Holiday Picture Wanted

Calling all Somerset Superstars, we hope you enjoy your winter break with your family and friends. Holiday lighting shows, skiing, snowboarding, crafting, holiday farmer marketing etc., all kinds of fantastic holiday events are waiting. We invite all Somerset students to show us your fun holiday. If you would like to participate our winter holiday celebration, there are two ways to share with us your photos:

1. Email your photos to communications.somersetpts@gmail.com. We will accept photo submissions through 1/10/2021
2. Post your photos on Somerset PTSA Facebook group.

We look forward to seeing your photos.

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Happy Holidays

Waldszenen (Forest Scenes) - Classical Music and Story

This interactive concert features the piano piece *Waldszenen* (Forest Scenes) by German composer Robert Schumann. A reading of *The Bear and the Piano*, a storybook by English author David Litchfield, will also be included. Litchfield's intricate artwork and Schumann's varied and inviting music (performed live by Hillary Nordwell, piano) illustrate an imaginative and heartwarming story, perfect for all ages. You are welcome to bring your own paper or whiteboard to draw as you listen and, if you like, share your art with our community following the program.

German music seminar will be scheduled on 6pm Thursday, Jan 21st. Zoom link will be provided in the newsletter issued before 1/21/2021 and [PTSA website](#).



SCHOOL NEWS



Kindergarten Information Night

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

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

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

State of Bellevue School District

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.

Back to Buildings Update

While we continue to build in-person learning opportunities for all of our students, we know that remote learning is especially difficult for our youngest learners and the educators that serve them. We are continuing our plan to

return kindergarteners through second graders back into our classrooms at least part time by the end of January.

We will communicate with families in early January on schedules and timing.

Current Stage: [Stage 2 Remote Learning](#)

Bellevue School District has a plan to have students and staff safely return to buildings over the course of [six stages](#). These stages are based on public health guidelines.



Family Engagement Advisory Committee

The Bellevue School District is developing a Family Engagement Advisory Committee to represent the diverse voices of families we serve.

If selected, members of this committee will participate in developing long-term practices of inclusion and representation of the diverse communities in our system. Further, members will both give AND receive critical feedback and advisement on matters important to four primary groups: BSD School Board, District Leadership Team, Equity Advisory Group, Department of Equity and Family Engagement (potentially others) and engage in experiences to deepen their knowledge and ability to impact organizational transformation.

This is a one-year commitment of 4-5 hours per month. The 2020-21 Committee will begin in February 2021 and serve for a 5-month term, with the option of extending through 2021-

22. The first virtual meet and greet will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

[More information](#) and Link to application: [Application Form](#). Applications are due by Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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>

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Free STEM & Humanities Classes

[Mission InspirEd](#) is a student-run nonprofit organization. We organize learning programs for students such as classes, tutoring, seminars, competitions, and more.

Our free winter session enrichment classes are open for signup! We're offering topics like Math Foundations, Pre-Algebra, English Language Arts, Humanities, Principles of Science. This is a unique and great opportunity for students to extend their learning. Classes start in late January, but signups are going fast! There will be limited spots, so sign up soon. Learn more & sign up at missioninspired.org/classes.



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.

Directory / Links

Executive Committee

President: Harry(Qinghui) Liu & Yuki Yang

Secretary: Sandy Zhang

VP Programs: Andrea Wohlan

Ways&Means: Yan Zhou

Co-VP Communications: Demi Wang & Peggy Wang

Treasurer: Xiaohong Quan & Lily Zhu

Somerset PTSA

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Submission:Somersetptsa@gmail.com

[Somerset PTSA Website](#)

[Somerset PTSA BOD Meeting Minutes](#)

[Somerset Elementary School Website](#)

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