



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

- Wednesday, Jan 13th - Library Book Pickup 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- 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
- Friday, Jan 22nd - Fancy Formal day
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- Tuesday, Jan 26th - Principal Birthday Lunches
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PTSA NEWS

Picture Day

Picture Day at Somerset

Picture Days for Somerset is coming up the next two weeks. All Somerset students are welcome to come by to get their photo taken, even if you are not planning to purchase the prints. Their picture will also be used for the yearbook and student identification cards.

Dates and Hours:

Wednesday, January 27, 12pm - 4pm

Wednesday, February 3rd, 12pm - 4pm

Registration: Please sign up for a slot using the sign up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AEAA2AA46-somerset>.

Please be certain to put your child's name/teacher/grade in the comments.

Ordering: If you would like to order pictures, please see the [Lifetouch flyer](#) for information..

We encourage families to pre-order pictures online [HERE](#) using code **EVTZC2T6G**.

Location: Somerset Elementary School (under the covered basketball area outside, in the back of the school)

Safety Protocols: We thank you in advance for following these:

- This will be an outside event.
- Dress for the weather. Students may be accompanied by 1 parent only.
- Staff will be available to assist students through the line. We ask that students go straight to the picture-taking area near the playground in the back of the school, following physical/social distancing guidelines.
- When your student has taken their picture, we ask that you do not stay on the school grounds/playground.
- All students and staff will be masked at all times—except for the short time that the student removes the mask to take a picture.
- Physical distancing is required.

Please note that students are not required to attend/participate. For any families that do not feel comfortable participating, we will follow up with alternative options for submitting your student's picture for the yearbook.



Passport Club

Happy New Year! Thank you to all the wonderful students who participated in the December passport check. If you didn't get a chance, the material for December is still available on our website. The maps and instructions for January 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!

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.somersetptsa@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

The graphic features a blue background with white snowflake patterns. It includes several small images: a person skiing, a group of people on a snow machine, a tree with lights, a zoo sign, a family decorating a tree, a family sitting on a couch, and a family gathered around a Christmas tree.

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](#).

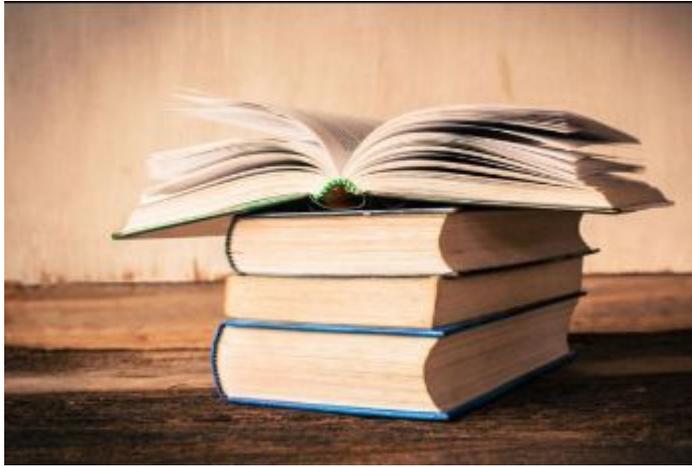


Join Somerset PTSA

A PTSA membership is an investment in your child's future. The more members we have, the louder our PTSA voice will be in advocating for our children with local and state legislature. Our kids are worth the investment and a strong PTSA illustrates our community support to our school and children. Additionally your Memberships ensures that you will receive our PTSA eNews weekly. Certain PTSA activities, such as Chess Club and Math Circle require a PTSA membership. We are an award winning PTSA and have earned the 100% membership award from WSPTA three years in a row. Your participation is vital to retain this award. [Note that PTSA memberships must be renewed annually](#). Join us now!

Please click [here](#) to join or renew your membership!

SCHOOL NEWS



Check out Somerset Library Books

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th, students will again be able to check out books from our school library... every Wednesday! Students must place books on hold to get them, and the books will be available each Wednesday for pickup at the main front doors of Somerset school from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Masks and social distancing required. More details in the Library Teams page for your student.

Somerset Celebrates Service and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In January, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of service to others. Students are invited to participate in service to our community by choosing an activity from the ones shown below or [in this link to our Service Choice Board](#). We hope your family finds this activity enriching and meaningful as we remember Dr. King and reflect on how service to others strengthens our relationships and communities.

Acts of Service - Choice Board

<p>Read a book to a sibling</p> 	<p>Send a letter to a military veteran</p>  <p>Send to https://amillionthanks.org/letter/</p>	<p>Do a sibling's chore(s) for them</p> 	<p>Make a thank you card or draw a picture for your postal worker</p> 
<p>Donate old clothing</p>  <p>Clothing Donation Information</p>	<p>Make a thank you sign or draw a picture for your sanitation worker</p> 	<p>Send a letter to an adult in a nursing home</p>  <p>https://loveforoureliders.org/letters</p>	<p>Donate old books to Goodwill</p> 
<p>Send a grandparent a card or letter</p> 	<p>Donate to the King County Humane Society</p>  <p>https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/regional-animal-services/get-involved/donate.aspx</p>	<p>Complete an act of service for your family (clean bathroom, vacuum, do dishes)</p>	<p>Make a card or thank you letter for healthcare workers</p>  <p>*Send to local hospital</p>



Lunar New Year Photos Needed

Somerset Assembly Team is putting together a slide show to be shown at our February assembly. It will highlight how our community celebrates Lunar New Year. Please send photos to Mr. Rogers at RogersD@bsd405.org no later than **January 20**. If you want us to have more context about the photo feel free to include a short caption.

School Information Night

To help families transition to their next step in the 2021-22 school year, every neighborhood school offers a parent information session for incoming kindergartners, sixth graders and ninth graders. Some high schools have information sessions for all grades. Additionally, each choice school hosts an information night for families who may be

interested in applying.

Kindergarten Information Sessions

These events are designed for families starting kindergarten next school year.

[Somerset January 21, 6:00-7:00 PM](#)

Sixth Grade Information Sessions

These events are designed for families starting sixth grade next school year.

[Tyee January 20 6:30-7:30 PM](#)

Ninth Grade Information Sessions

These events are designed for families starting high school next school year.

[Newport January 21, 6:30 PM](#)

Please click [Here](#) for BSD other schools information night.



Campus Closed Starting Jan 14th

Somerset campus and playground will be closed during school hours starting January 14th as we have students returning to our building / campus. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Gregory-Lowe via gregorys@bsd405.org.

Fancy Formal Day

Our next school spirit day will be Fancy Formal Day. It is set for *Friday, January 22nd*. Search your closet for your finest clothes. Suits, ties, dresses, and blouses are perfect for this very formal affair! The Somerset class that has the greatest

percentage of participants dressed for success in their best attire will be featured in the assembly announcements and win a fun prize. Let's go Somerset. Show your school spirit!



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

Bellevue School District is bringing back our youngest learners, starting Jan. 21, 2021. We know there are a lot of questions about our return to in-person learning, and we have a detailed plan for bringing students back, as public health conditions allow.

Thursday, January 21, 2021: 2nd grade

Monday, January 25, 2021: 1st grade

Monday, February 1, 2021: Kindergarten

There is a [detailed FAQ](#).

We have a Family Resource Guide for families with students returning to buildings:

[English \(PDF\)](#) | [Español \(PDF\)](#) | [简体中文 \(PDF\)](#)

We are currently in [Stage 2: Remote Learning](#). We will be in Stage 3 when K-2 students start later this month. As of January 2, there are [277 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in King County in the past 14 days](#).

The infographic is a vertical red banner. At the top, it says "STAGE 2" in white. Below that, "REMOTE LEARNING" is written in white, with a white laptop icon underneath. A semi-circular gauge with six colored segments (1-6) is positioned below the laptop. The bottom half of the banner features the text "KING COUNTY CASES" in white, followed by "over 350" in large white font, and "cases per 100K residents within a 14-day period, Test Positivity greater than 10" in smaller white font.



BSD Lunches for ALL Students - Meals2Go Updated Locations

BSD will provide your student with a lunch and breakfast every day. And you have choices of how you get the meals

1. [Grab & Go Meals](#)

Come by one of the 7 schools listed and pick up the meals yourself

2. [Pre-Order Meals](#)

Email or Call in your meal order and then you may pick it up at one of [15 pick-up locations!](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



Free COVID-19 Testing at Bellevue College

As of December 15, there is a new COVID-19 test site at Bellevue College. This site will be free and open to anyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drive-thru and limited walk-up testing is available. Registering for a testing appointment is strongly encouraged, but not required. To register, visit the [International Community Health Services Free COVID-19 testing page](#).

Please click [Here](#) for more information.

Please click [Here](#) for Other free COVID-19 test locations in King County.

COVID-19 Consumer Protection Resources

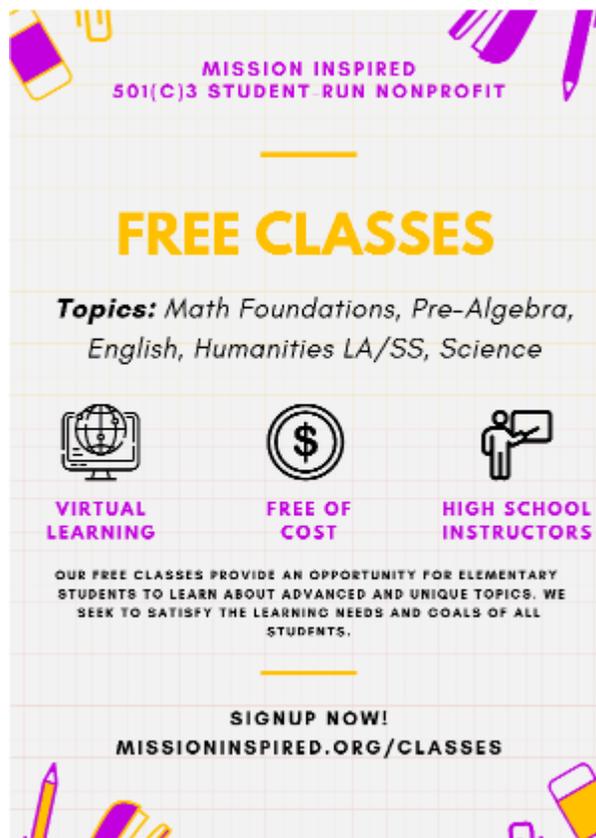
As part of the larger COVID-19 Language Access Plan for state government, the Department of Financial Institutions now has COVID-19 Consumer Protection Resource Sheets available in 36 languages. [COVID-19 Consumer Protection Resource Sheets Translated In 36 Languages \(wa.gov\)](#).

This link also has information about mortgage assistance, student loans, and scams/fraud. They have telephonic interpretation services set up for all hotlines. For this information in English, Please visit <https://dfi.wa.gov/coronavirus/financial-resources>

Where to Find Food Banks

1. Hopelink 14812 Main St., Bellevue
Tuesdays 12pm-4pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm & Thursdays 10am-2pm
No appointment needed.
2. Renewal Food Bank Highland Covenant Church (across from Highland Middle School)
15022 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue 98007
Monday 12pm-3pm, Tuesday 4pm-6:30pm and Wednesday: 10am-1pm
3. Jubilee Reach Community Center 4200 SE 13th Place, Bellevue 98007
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 1pm – 3pm
4. Lake Hills Elementary Food Bank 14310 SE 12th St, Bellevue Room 102
Monday-Friday 9am-1:45pm Open to all, bring your own bags
5. Stevenson Elementary Food Bank 14220 NE 8th St., Bellevue 98007
Monday-Friday 12pm-5pm Open to all, bring your own bags

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Free STEM & Humanities Classes

[Mission InspirEd](https://MISSIONINSPIRED.ORG) 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.

WSPTA & NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Training Opportunity and PTA and the Law

- January 13 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm) - [Programs/Awards Q&A](#)
- January 20 (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm) - [Region 2](#) Protect Your PTA
- January 26 (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) - [PTA and the Law](#)

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