



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 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

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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.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446042186?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446042186?pwd=ZIB3YzNLc1RNQ05DRnZtQzNFeHBDQT09)

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Meeting ID: 844 4604 2186

Passcode: Superstars



Yearbook Pictures Needed

Somerset families, like this year, our yearbook will look a little different. We would love to include pictures of your child learning at home or doing some activities outside. Please send any photos of your students you would like to see in the yearbook to yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com.

Some parents have already sent students photos to communications.somersetpta@gmail.com before, such as the pictures for the first day of school, ice-cream social, Halloween, and winter break. All these pictures will also be considered to be put in the yearbook. If you have done so, you do not have to send those pictures again.



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!

SCHOOL NEWS

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. 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

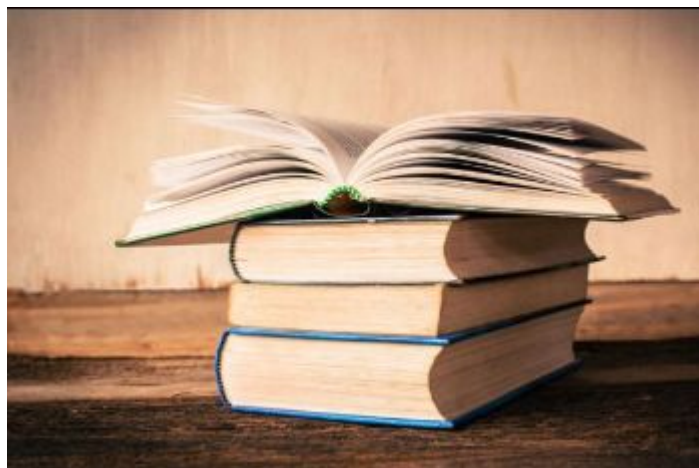
These events are designed for families starting high school next school year.

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

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

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!



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. [When you come to pick up books, please have your child\(ren\)'s first and last name printed/written clearly on paper to show at the door.](#) Masks and social distancing required.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Spring for Schools

The Bellevue Schools Foundation Annual [Spring for Schools luncheon](#) is going virtual. Our event is virtual. The need for your support is real. We are busy planning a wonderful virtual event of giving and camaraderie for our donors and community. Our event will be held on April 30th, 2021. More details to follow.

Here is what you make possible through your generosity to Bellevue Schools Foundation:

- Cutting-edge preK-12 computer science education & equity initiative which challenges students to think critically, have growth mindsets and practice skills that will allow them to thrive and succeed in distance learning and any career they choose

- Helps grow music and arts programs
- Stocks school libraries with digital and classroom books in multiple languages to serve our global population
- Nurtures our students' social and emotional development through our mental health initiative which identifies students struggling with mental health issues and gets them the support they need.

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 9, there are [352 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in King County in the past 14 days](#).

STAGE 2

REMOTE LEARNING



KING COUNTY CASES

over

350

cases per 100K residents
within a 14-day period, Test
Positivity greater than 10



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



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.homeroom.com/sites/somerset-elementary-school-bellevue>

Dates: Thursday, February 4th – April 1st

No class on February 18th

Time: 3:45 – 5:15pm

Price: \$175

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Tyee Middle School PTSA. Come in to the Chipotle at **4000 Factoria Blvd SE** in Bellevue on **Monday, January 18th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Tyee Middle School PTSA.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 8KFWJ69 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Chipotle Fundraiser for Tyee PTSA – January 18

Tyee PTSA would like to continue to support our local business during Covid pandemic. We will work with a local restaurant Chipotle at **4000 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006** to hold a fundraiser event on **Monday January 18th 4:00pm-8:00pm**. Chipotle will donate 30% of your meal purchase to Tyee PTSA. The fundraiser time slot is from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

You could participate in this fundraiser by Take out or Pick-up. Ordering delivery for fundraisers is not allowed at this time. Only the orders during fundraiser's scheduled date, time, and assigned restaurant your order could be counted. And gift cards purchased during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales.

To place your order online please visit [Chipotle online order](#)

system <https://www.chipotle.com/>. Remember to select Factoria Chipotle Pizza Store and use the coupon code of "8KFWJ69" to give Tyee PTSA credit for your order. Alternatively, you can show the cashier [the flyer](#) (hard copy or phone) to give Tyee PTSA credit for your order.

A minimum of \$150 in total sales is required in order to receive a donation. We welcome Tyee families to share below fly with your friends or neighbors and participant this event. Really appreciate your support.



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-1:45 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

Any questions, please contact Shannon Gregory-Lowe via gregorys@bsd405.org.

Free Try Lacrosse Event Sponsored by Newport Lacrosse

Newport Lacrosse Board from Newport High School is offering a free "try lacrosse" event to our community. This free event will be held on Saturday Feb 6th from 9:00-Noon in Tillicum Middle School. No equipment or experience is needed. Please sign up at NewportLacrosse.com and bring a mask during event.

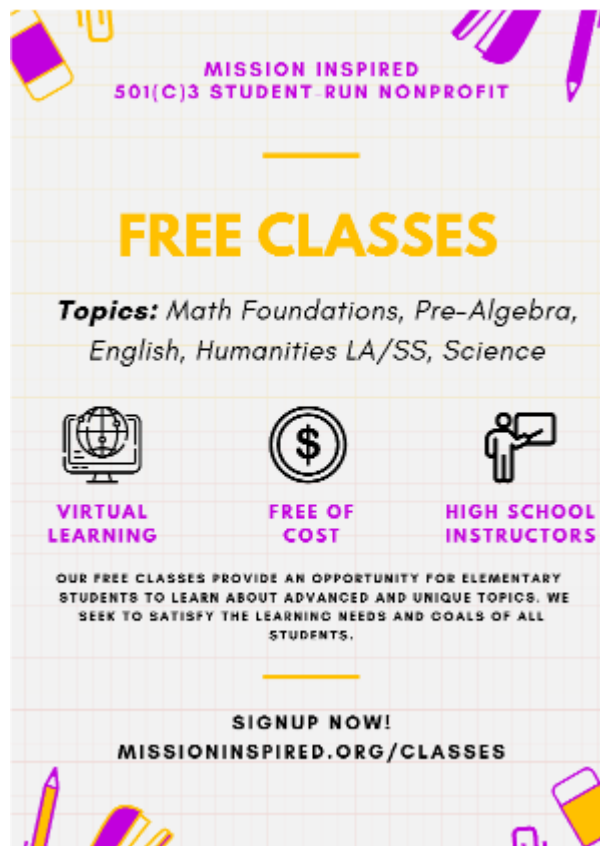
Try Lacrosse

FREE TRY LAX EVENT

9 am - Noon
Saturday 6th
February 2021
Tillicum Middle School
Sponsored by Newport Lacrosse

Tired of sitting around?
Wanna get outside?
Bring a friend!

Sign up at:
NewportLacrosse.com
Please bring a mask
No equipment or experience needed



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



Advocacy Week is Next Week

Next week is Focus on Advocacy Week. Each day we focus on an over-arching

theme.

- Monday, January 18, is focused on anti-racism
- Tuesday, January 19, is focused on equity
- Wednesday, January 20, is focused on mental health and wellness
- Thursday, January 21, is focused on preserving and flexing spending
- Friday, January 22, is focused on safety and emergency preparedness

The Focus on Advocacy program will continue throughout the 2021 legislative session. Advocacy week is an opportunity for all members to take action from home or your phone throughout an entire week. To participate in advocacy week, make sure you are signed up on the [Action Network](#) platform and watch our [Facebook page](#).

Please see the completed information [here](#).

Directory / Links

Executive Committee

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