



*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, Apr 5 - 5th Grade Back to School

Wednesday, Apr 7, 21, 28 - Library Books Pick-up

Monday - Friday, Apr 12-16 Spring Break, no school

Monday - Friday, Apr 19-23 BSD quarantine week, All students remote

Wednesday - Apr 21 - Somerset PTSA MOD Pizza Fundraising

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## PTSA NEWS

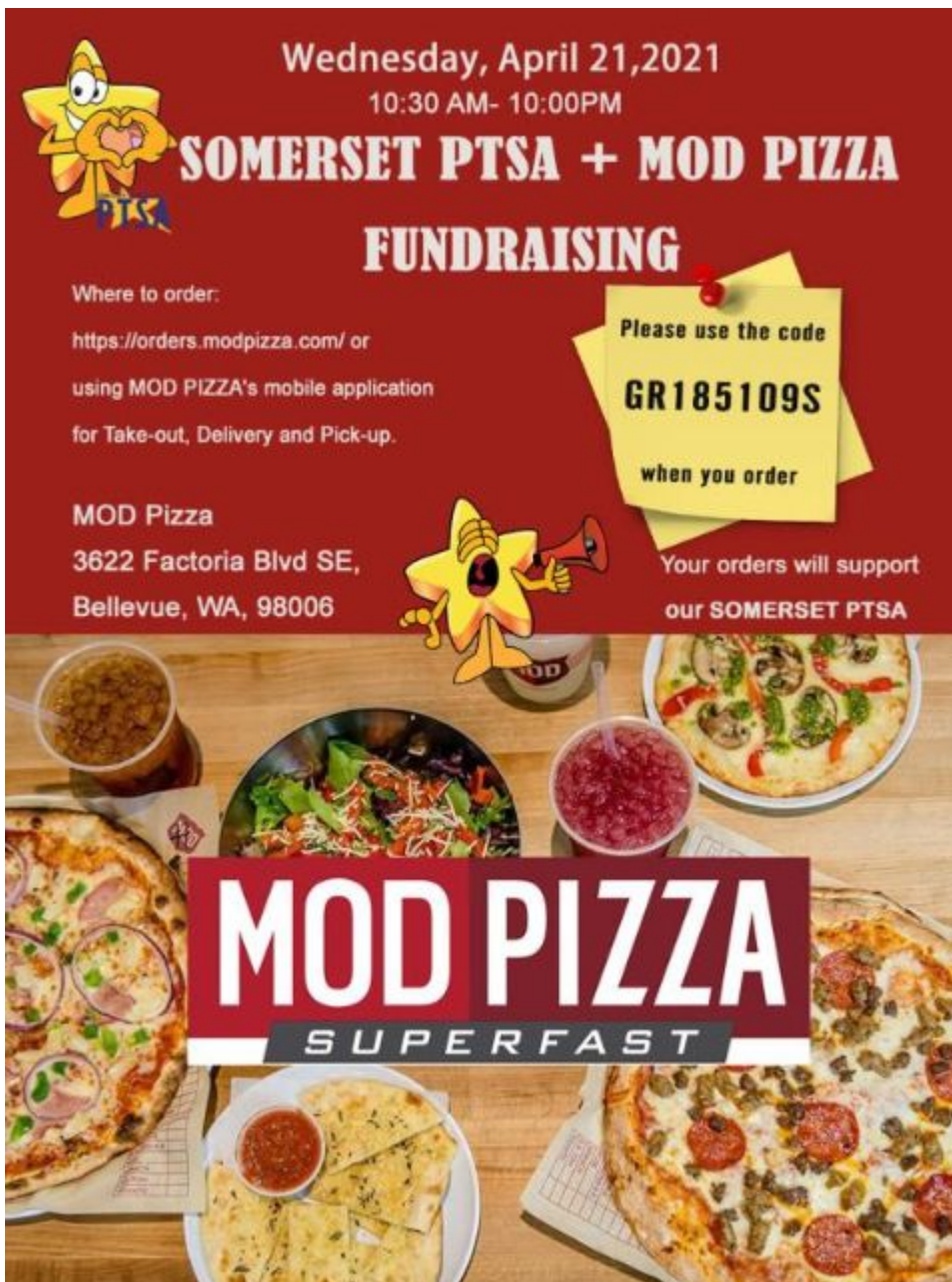
### Passport Club

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

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The poster features a red background with a yellow star character holding a heart in the top left. The text at the top reads "Wednesday, April 21, 2021" and "10:30 AM- 10:00PM". Below this is "SOMERSET PTSA + MOD PIZZA" in large white letters, followed by "FUNDRAISING" in a bold, outlined font. A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin contains the text "Please use the code GR185109S when you order". Below the sticky note, it says "Your orders will support our SOMERSET PTSA". On the left, it lists the location: "MOD Pizza, 3622 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA, 98006". A yellow star character with a megaphone is in the center. The bottom half of the poster shows a collage of Mod Pizza food items: two pizzas (one with onions and green peppers, one with pepperoni), a salad, a bowl of soup, and a bowl of pink slush. A large "MOD PIZZA SUPERFAST" logo is overlaid on the food.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
10:30 AM- 10:00PM

**SOMERSET PTSA + MOD PIZZA**

**FUNDRAISING**

Where to order:  
<https://orders.modpizza.com/> or  
using MOD PIZZA's mobile application  
for Take-out, Delivery and Pick-up.

MOD Pizza  
3622 Factoria Blvd SE,  
Bellevue, WA, 98006

Please use the code  
**GR185109S**  
when you order

Your orders will support  
our **SOMERSET PTSA**

**MOD PIZZA**  
SUPERFAST

## MOD Pizza Fundraising for Somerset PTSA

During Covid-19 pandemic, our local companies and stores really need more support. Somerset PTSA works with Mod Pizza at Factoria (3622 Factoria Blvd SE) to hold a fundraiser event on [Wednesday Apr 21st](#). MOD will donate 20% of your meal purchase to Somerset PTSA. The fundraiser lasts all day from [10:30 am - 10:00 pm](#), so you can eat LUNCH or DINNER to show your support.

Orders can be placed online at <https://orders.modpizza.com/> or using MOD Pizza's mobile application for Take-out, Delivery and Pick-up. Please don't forget to use the code [GR185109S](#) to count your sales to your group.

You may also place your order at the restaurant or Dine-in. Don't forget to mention your group name to count your sales to your group.

Thanks for supporting local business and our PTSA!

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## Join Somerset PTSA

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. As a PTSA member you have access to many membership benefits, click [Here](#) for benefits detail.

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. We need your help to reach our 100% membership goal.

[Join or Renew Now](#)

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The image displays two screenshots from a Zoom meeting. The left screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Conversations with Children about Race" by Jamie Cho, Ph.D. The right screenshot shows a slide titled "Definitions" with definitions for Racism and Interpersonal Racism.

**Conversations with Children about Race**

Jamie Cho, Ph.D.  
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**Definitions**

- Racism** (Prejudice + power)- A system of advantages based on race
- Interpersonal Racism**- intentional or unintentional behaviors that result in the mistreatment of people of color due to racial prejudice

## Recap of PhD Talk "How to talk with children about race and racism"

A big thank you to Jamie Cho for talking to us about race and racism and showing us how we can have meaningful conversations with our children and be part of the change for a better world without racism.

For those who were not able to attend the PHD talk, here is the recording for you to view at your convenience. Please click [Here](#) and use passcode: z3T^Rve5 for recording.

Here are [the link](#) of the books and websites Jamie recommended during her presentation. The school has purchased those children's books to share with you. Please stop by our school office window and choose a book.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Show Your Hidden Talent

Hello Superstars! You're invited to share your own hidden talent with our Somerset community. We'd love to see what you can do! Click on [this link](#) to record a video of \*your\* talent for a chance to see yourself featured in a future assembly (depending on how many clips are submitted, it may not be in the very next assembly)

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### 5th Grade Back to School Schedule

Warm welcome our kindergarteners to 4th graders back to school for in-person learning. Our 5th grade back to school day is next [Monday, April 5th](#).

For 3-5 Grade in person learning schedule, please see the chart below.

- Grades k-2 are in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday except for 4/19-4/23 quarantine week. Thursday and Friday prior to start dates are for classroom and teacher preparation. Teachers provide async learning.
- Remote days on Wednesday & Friday follow current Schedule.
- Grade 3-5 drop-off is at 143rd Ave SE crosswalk. Use either side of street. Students must use crosswalk Drop off is 8:50 and 12:50.
- Remain in the car until greeted by Somerset staff.
- Please remember to complete health check prior to 8:30 and 12:30 to ensure efficient arrival for student.



3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade March & April	M	T	W	Th	F
	March 15	March 16	March 17 All Remote	March 18 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Async	March 19 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Async
	March 22 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	March 23 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	March 24 All Remote	March 25 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	March 26 3-5 remote
				3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Async	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Async
	March 29 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	March 30 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	March 31 All Remote	April 1 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	April 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Remote
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person		3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person	3 <sup>rd</sup> remote
				5 <sup>th</sup> grade Async	5 <sup>th</sup> grade async
	April 5 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	April 6 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	April 7 All Remote	April 8 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person	April 9 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-person
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person		3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade In-Person	3 <sup>rd</sup> remote
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade in person	5 <sup>th</sup> grade in person		5 <sup>th</sup> grade in person	5 <sup>th</sup> remote
	April 12 Spring Break No school	April 13 Spring Break No school	April 14 Spring Break No school	April 15 Spring Break No school	April 16 Spring Break No school
	April 19 Remote Learning k-5 quarantine	April 20 Remote Learning k-5 quarantine	April 21 All Remote	April 22 Remote Learning k-5 quarantine	April 23 Remote Learning k-5 quarantine

## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### 2021 BSD Virtual STEM Fair

Join BSD April 5 – 9 for the perfect opportunity to learn about various STEM fields from industry innovators and academia. Students from across Washington are invited to this extraordinary week-long event. The STEM Fair is hosted by students, for students. Registration is necessary for this fun, free, and all virtual event! [More Information](#) and [Register Now](#)



## Technology Support Updates for Students and Families



With most hybrid students returning to school buildings soon, most in-person tech support will shift back to schools. The Tech Specialists look forward to reconnecting with their school communities. Beginning April 8, the Tech Center at Highland Middle School will be **closed**.

#### Tech Center at Highland Middle School

- April 5, 6 and 7: Reduced hours of in-person support: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Starting April 8: Closed

#### Elementary Schools

- Tech support for all elementary students attending school **in person** will be available at their school during their school day
- **Virtual** elementary students needing in-person support can visit the new Elementary Student Tech Center at the Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC).
  - Address: [12241 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005](#)
  - Directions: The Tech Center is located in **building 6** at WISC
  - Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - General tech support for issues that are difficult to resolve via email or phone, no appointment necessary
  - Students and families will follow [guidelines](#) for minimizing the risk of COVID-19



### Spring for School Fundraising

Please join Bellevue Schools Foundation's first virtual [Spring for Schools](#) event on **Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**. [Spring for Schools](#) is the Foundation's largest fundraiser and our students need your support now more than ever.

Bellevue Schools Foundation provides critical resources for our district and students, positioning BSD at the forefront of education with new tools including but not limited to:

- Lightbox eBooks subscriptions for all Elementary students
- Digital Makers for all Middle School students to create engaging web content
- Music software apps designed to help all Secondary students practice independently during remote learning
- Emergency Covid-19 support of food and hygiene items for our students and families through the Family Connection Centers.

Our theme this year is *Engaging Hearts, Enriching Minds*. Our 30-minute engaging [Spring for Schools](#) program will showcase initiatives that help students with social/emotional health and wellness and programs that interject joy into the online learning process.

Please join us and our special keynote speaker and local celebrity, Duff McKagan, founding member and bassist from Guns 'N Roses, who will be sharing, through personal stories, why your support is so vital to our students.

Please register online at [www.SpringForSchools.com](http://www.SpringForSchools.com). Since our event is virtual this year, you can join us from wherever you happen to be. If you are not able to make it to [Spring for Schools](#), please consider [making a donation online](#).

We appreciate your continued support of our students.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Studio East - Somerset Drama After School Class

Studio East has provided high-quality theater classes, workshops, and productions to local schools since 1992. A perfect theater sampler for those who want to taste it all! Every week we will explore a different subject such as Improvisation, Physical Comedy, and Storytelling. We will also learn basic acting technique and show off our favorite scenes and games at the end of the session. A great place for young actors to have a ton of fun!

Dates for spring class: [Thursdays, April 29<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup> 3:45pm – 5:15pm](#)

Please click [this link](#) to register drama class.

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## April Call from EmP

[EmeraldParents\(EmP\)](#) is a non-profit Chinese Parents Group in Seattle area. The Emerald Youth Review condemns anti-Asian violence across the nation. We're proud to be Asian-American. Our April call for submissions is: "*I'm proud to be Asian because \_\_\_\_*". Read the full statement [Here](#) and submit writing and art by **April 12th!** This event is open to grade 3-12, with a \$10 honorarium for contributors.

The Emerald Youth Review presents its  
April Call for Submissions...

**I'm Proud to Be Asian Because...**



Open to grades 3-12, with a \$10 honorarium for contributors

[YouthReviewEmeraldParents.org](#)

**SUBMIT WRITING & ART ON PROMPT, BY APRIL 12TH**

# TEACHING TECH 4 KIDS

## Teaching Tech 4 Kids

TeachingTech4Kids is an educational non-profit organization that hosts live classes relating to technology. Our Prospective Classes include:

- Typing
- Scratch
- Intro to Python
- Playing with turtle on Python

Please see our [classes flyer Here](#). Our mission is to help as many elementary and middle school kids as possible. This means that our classes will be free of charge. We want all kids to have the same learning opportunity!

Please fill out this survey : <https://forms.gle/hSGTXa1FmfmhnmC8> because it will help us come up with more classes and help our organization grow! If you have any questions, email us at [teachingtech4kids@gmail.com](mailto:teachingtech4kids@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS**

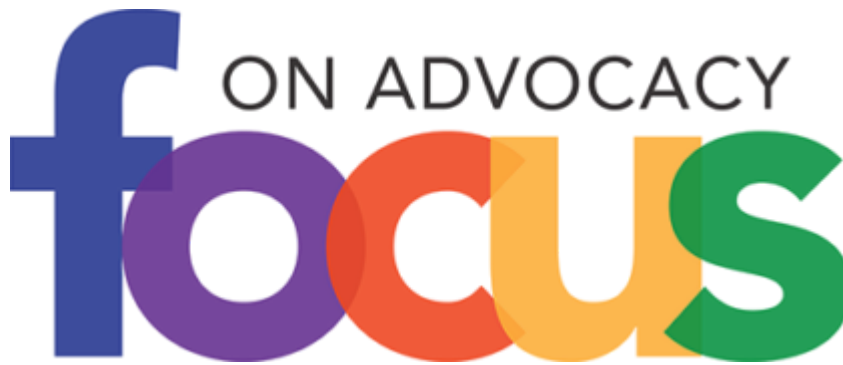


## 108th WSPTA Convention Attendee Information

WSPTA members, with paid membership for 2020-2021, can attend this year's WSPTA Convention 2021. The cost to participate is \$70. This includes access to all professional development webinars, materials, prerecorded videos, keynote speakers, and general sessions. Registration for the convention closes on [May 3 at 6:59 am](#). [Register here](#).

The convention will span [May 18 – May 23](#), visit the [schedule page](#) for details.  
[Convention Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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## Advocacy Submission Process Open

Any PTA member is encouraged to submit an issue, resolution, or legislative principle that addresses concerns that affect children on a state-wide level. As a grassroots association, we rely on our members to provide the priorities that we will advocate for at the state level and within our communities. Learn more about our legislative priorities [here](#) and the history of our advocacy efforts [here](#).

The submission process is now open. The deadline for submissions is [June 1, 2021](#).

- [Legislative issue submission information](#)
- [Legislative principle submission information](#)
- [Resolution submission information](#)



## Notes from the Backpack: A PTA Podcast

Tune into [Notes from the Backpack: A PTA Podcast](#), which has been rated 5-stars by listeners. Our podcast is designed to support busy parents who have a lot to keep up with at home and throughout the school year. Each 30-minute podcast episode offers unique perspectives from experts, parents and educator guests who will give you real-life advice and ideas you can use on timely topics including what to expect when school reopens.

[Listen Now](#)

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS DURING COVID-19 CLOSURES



## Parent and Educator Resources

The European PTA has shared a comprehensive document of Online Resources for Parents and Students During COVID-19 Closures. There is a wealth of information and links categorized in sections such as “Family Activities to do at Home” and “STEM Resources” and “Free Subscriptions and Services”. You will find links to the

Cincinnati Zoo for a home safari or the Seattle Symphony Orchestra for free live stream performances.

- [Link to the online document](#)
- [PDF of the document](#)

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