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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 - Friday, Apr 19-23 BSD Quarantine Week All Students Remote

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

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PTSA NEWS

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

The poster features a yellow star mascot with a face and arms, holding a red megaphone. The background is a collage of various Mod Pizza items including pizzas, salads, and drinks. The text is in white and yellow on a dark red background.

MOD Pizza Fundraising for Somerset PTSA

On [Wednesday, April 21st](#) the delicious and generous MOD Pizza at Factoria (3622 Factoria Blvd SE) is donating back 20% of Takeout, Delivery & Pick up orders to support a great cause -- Somerset PTSA! The fundraiser lasts all day from [10:30 am - 10:00 pm](#).

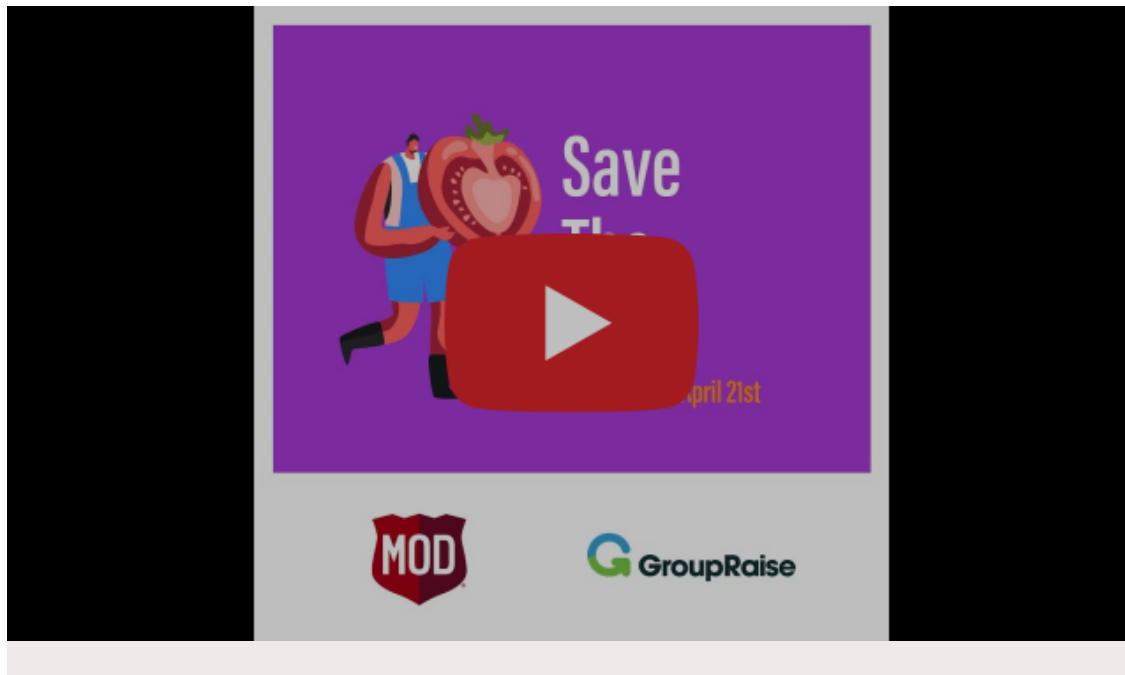
On behalf of Somerset PTSA you're invited to join us and eat out, not only in support of the organization, but to show one of your Bellevue restaurants some love too!

We ask that you RSVP here: www.groupraise.com/events/185109 (even if you're not completely sure) so MOD Pizza knows roughly how many orders to expect & so you have access to all the event details.

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.

We hope you can make it. Please feel free to forward this invitation to your friends and family. Thanks in advance for your support!



Spring Break Photos Wanted

We hope all Somerset families had a fun and safe spring break. We invite all Somerset students to show us your fun spring break stories. We will put together a slide show which will be put on our website and newsletter. It will be highlighting how Somerset families

spent their spring break. Please email your spring break photos to communications.somersetpta@gmail.com. We accept photo submissions through [Apr 25, 2021](#).



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](#)

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)

April Principal Birthday Lunches

April Birthday lunch celebration will be [April 28 at 12:30-1:00](#). Students with a April birthday will receive a Teams invite through their student email accounts from Ruth Embaye, our office manager on the day prior. If you

don't receive an invitation, please reach out to toembayer@bsd405.org and she will send the link. Each session includes an opportunity for students to share something exciting about birthdays, a quick art project and a short story. It is a highlight for us to share this time celebrating students. Please note we have moved the birthday lunch celebrations to Wednesday to ensure all students, both virtual and hybrid can attend.



April Spirit Day

Somerset's next spirit day is all about grade level pride! Friday, April 30, will be "Grade Level Color Day." Students, dress in the assigned color for your grade:

- Kindergarten - Red
- 1st Grade - Orange
- 2nd Grade - Yellow
- 3rd Grade - Green
- 4th Grade – Blue
- 5th Grade – Purple

Let's see which grade level can show the most spirit! The grade level with the highest percentage of participants will be featured in the assembly announcements!

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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.](#)

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

A promotional graphic for the 'Spring for Schools' fundraising event. On the left, there is a logo featuring a stylized open book with colorful pages in shades of blue, purple, orange, and green. Below the logo, the text reads 'Spring for Schools' in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, it says 'a pet can add real joy and unconditional love to your life.' At the bottom left of the graphic, the text 'Bellevue Schools Foundation' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. On the right side of the graphic, there is a photograph of a young boy with short blonde hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a blue jacket and is holding a small, fluffy white chick in his arms. Below the photograph, the text 'SpringForSchools.com' is written in a yellow, sans-serif font, and 'April 30th, 12:00pm' is written in a yellow, sans-serif font below that. The background of the graphic is light blue with several colorful, out-of-focus circles in shades of blue, purple, and pink.

Spring for School Fundraising

Please join Bellevue Schools Foundation's first virtual [Spring for Schools](#) event on [Friday April 30th 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. 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 29th – June 17th 3:45pm – 5:15pm](#)

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



Free STEM Classes from STEM Academy

Welcome to STEM Academy! We are a highly accomplished online education center, dedicated to helping the youth thrive. We offer 5 to 7 week classes in STEM subjects for elementary and middle school students, taught by passionate high school/university students. Our classes are **100% free and online**, and we have supported over 500 students nationally, while partnering with several elementary schools to spread our mission. To register your student for a class, visit our [website](#)! We update classes often and continue to add courses upon availability, so do check back regularly. [Each of our classes begin the week of 4/26/21](#), however spaces are limited, so reservations are encouraged. Thank you for your support and interest, and we look forward to welcoming your student into the STEM Academy family!

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.stemacademyedu.com/>

Register your student: <https://www.stemacademyedu.com/register>



Hate Has No Home Here

Bellevue city is offering [Hate Has No Home Here resources](#), including signs and stickers residents and businesses can use to take a public-facing stand against hate. The materials

are being distributed at designated pick-up locations listed on the web page until supplies are gone. The website also has downloadable materials to produce signs and posters from home. Families in Bellevue can post these anti-hate signs and get free lawn signs from the City. More information from <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-news/bellevue-rallies-community-anti-hate-efforts>.

B BELLEVUE COLLEGE



Parent Education Program
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Positive Discipline Class from Bellevue College

[Bellevue College parent education program](#) is offering 5-week Positive Discipline course for parents of children ages 1 through 12. (This is an adult-only class. Children do not attend.) Positive Discipline is a decades-old, research-based parenting program. It teaches that children are hard-wired to connect with others, and that children who feel a sense of connection to their community, family, and school are less likely to misbehave. This course is fun and interactive!

Classes are typically held on the Bellevue College campus. For the 2020-21 school year, classes will be held online on Zoom.

On Wednesday, [April 21, from 8-9 pm](#), we'll offer a [free introductory class online](#). The class, taught by Kristin Nasman, MEd, is free, but you must register at: <https://bellevuecollege.zoom.us/>

Our five-week series will meet Wednesdays [April 28-May 26 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.](#) Tuition Cost is \$82.96. (which includes the cost of course materials). To register, go to our [online registration form](#), and choose item #7096.

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UW Summer Youth Programs

The banner features a photograph of a brick building with a large, ornate window. In the foreground, there are pink cherry blossoms. The text 'UW Summer Youth Programs' is overlaid in white, bold font.

UW Summer Registration is Open

UW Summer Youth Programs is excited to announce remote enrichment courses for 4th and 5th grade students who want to keep learning over summer break.

- Debate for Kids
- Explore the Ecosystems of Washington State

Visit UW [website](#) for registration information and course details!

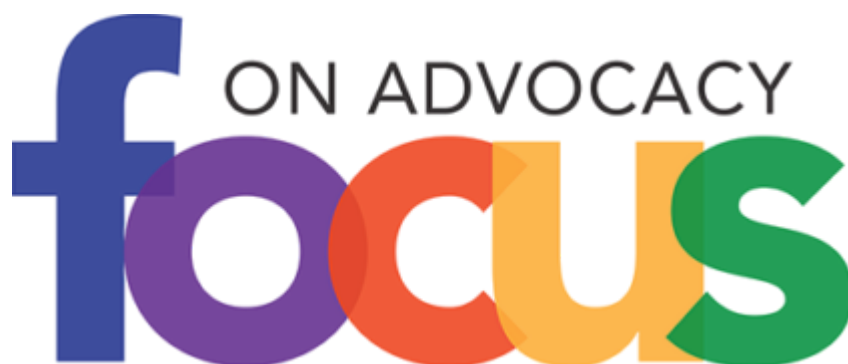
NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS



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](#)



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.

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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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