



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, Apr 28 - Library Books Pick-up

Wednesday - Apr 28 - April Principal Birthday Lunch

Friday - Apr 30 - School Spirit Day/Grade Level Color Day

Monday-Friday - May 3rd - May 7th - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

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PTSA NEWS

HAPPY SPRING BREAK
Spring break 4.12-4.16 No School

Happy
Safe
Fun

Spring Break Picture Wanted

Calling all Somerset Superstars, we hope you enjoy your spring break with your family and friends. All kinds of camps, road trips, tulips, cherry blossom, sports, fun activities etc., all kinds of fantastic holiday events are waiting.

We invite all Somerset students to show us your fun spring break stories. If you would like to participate our spring break fun storytelling photo slideshow, there are the way to share with us your photos:
Email your photos to: communications.somersetptsa@gmail.com.
We will accept photo submissions through 4/25/2021.

Happy Spring Break!

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.somersetptsa@gmail.com. We accept photo submissions through Apr 25, 2021.



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 3rd-7th is teacher and staff appreciation week and we'd like to take this whole week to recognize the hard work of all teachers and staff members at Somerset. We are especially thankful of their work during this tough pandemic year.

Here are the guidelines for the week:

- Monday May 3rd - Card Day.
- Tuesday May 4th – Grocery Gift Card Day.
- Wednesday May 5th – Staff Appreciation coffee and pastries provided by PTSA.
- Thursday May 6th – Restaurant Gift Card Day.
- Friday May 7th – Video day.

Every class is welcome to make their own decisions on how they celebrate teacher appreciation's week. Room parents will send detailed information to each class. Be more creative and have a grateful and joyful week.



Join Somerset PTSA

Somerset PTSA is one of 46 PTAs in WA achieved 100% staff 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. We need your help to reach our 100% membership goal. Please [Join us Now](#).



SCHOOL NEWS

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



Spring for Schools

**a pet can add
real joy and
unconditional
love to your life.**

Bellevue Schools Foundation



SpringForSchools.com
April 30th, 12:00pm

Spring for School Fundraising

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

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.

BSD Tech Center Updates

The Tech Center at Highland Middle School permanently closed on April 7. Expanded in-person technology support is conveniently available at individual schools, online, and via phone. Contact your school or visit <https://bsd405.org/techsupport> for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Tye PTSA is supporting a new local business with a fundraising event
Sat-Sun April 24 - 25

VRV (Virtual Restaurant Vehicle) is a new local food service business, dedicated to offering a convenient selection of ready-to-serve gourmet meals and dessert with free delivery.

You only need a microwave, air fryer or oven, ready in 10 minutes.



scan QR code to order



TYEEPTSA.ORG

VRV Fundraising Event for Tye PTSA

VRV (Virtual Restaurant Vehicle) is a brand-new local food service business, dedicated to offering a convenient selection of ready-to-serve gourmet meals and dessert delivery. You only need a microwave, air fryer or oven. Within 10 minutes, your food will be ready. The Tye PTSA is supporting this new local business in Bellevue through a fundraising event this weekend located at: VRV 12001 NE 12th Street, Bellevue

Time: **Saturday, April 24 - Sunday, April 25.**

VRV will donate a portion of your purchase to the Tye PTSA. You can participate in this event by ordering online at <https://www.vrv.earth/?ref=i0j14gk19q> to give Tye PTSA

credit. VRV offers free door-to-door delivery during this fundraising event. If your purchase is less than \$50, just select the Pickup option in the system. They will still deliver your order, even though it shows as pickup. All orders before 12:00 PM will be delivered between 3:00 PM-5:00 PM the same day. All orders after 12:00 PM will be delivered the next day.

Thank you for supporting Tyee PTSA & local small businesses!



**Newport Lacrosse
Summer Camps**

**2 Weeks of K-6th
Sticks Only!
July 12 - 15
and/or
July 19 - 22
\$250**

**1 Week of K-8th
Full Gear
July 26 - 30
\$350**

**Sign up at WWW.NEWPORTLACROSSE.COM
Email: coachrainville@newportlacrosse.com with ?'s**

Newport Lacrosse Summer Camp Registrations

Newport Lacrosse summer camp registrations are open now. Please register at www.newportlacrosse.com.

WEEK ONE AT SOMERSET ELEMENTARY

Who: Ages K-6, boys and girls

What: Youth Fundamentals Lacrosse Camp

When: July 12th - 15th, 9am-1pm.

Cost: \$250

WEEK TWO AT NEWPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Who: Ages K-6, boys and girls

What: Youth Fundamentals Lacrosse Camp

When: July 19th - 22nd, 9am-1pm.

Cost: \$250

WEEK THREE AT TILlicum MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHO: All youth ages K-8th grade

WHAT: Skill Development and Game Scenarios

WHEN: July 26th - 30th, 8am-2pm

Cost: \$350

Please contact coach Rainville coachrainville@newportlacrosse.com with any questions.



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>.

 BELLEVUE COLLEGE



Parent Education Program
Learning and growing together.

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.

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.



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

The graphic is for the National PTA Reflections 2021-2022 call for entries. It features a central globe with the text 'I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...' written across it in large, blue, stylized letters. To the left of the globe, there is a white speech bubble that says '2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!' and a blue button that says 'Learn more and get involved! PTA.org/Reflections'. To the right of the globe, there is a red banner that says 'EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!' and six icons representing different art forms: Dance Choreography (a person dancing), Film Production (a video camera), Literature (an open book), Music Composition (a musical note), Photography (a camera lens), and Visual Arts (a paint palette).

The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is
I Will Change the World By...

National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is *I Will Change the World By...*

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

More information and registration, please click [Here](#).



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](#)



National PTA's Virtual Convention

[Registration is now open](#) for National PTA's virtual convention on June 17-26. The first 500 people whose registration is paid in full will receive an email to opt-in for a virtual convention goody bag.

Parents and educators working together to make a difference for every child. Connect with PTA leaders, educators and parents to ignite your outreach and impact in your school community - and make a difference for every child - at the [2021 National PTA Virtual Convention!](#)



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](#)
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