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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

Wednesday, May 19, & 26 - Library Books Pick-up
Wednesday, May 26 - Principal Birthday Lunches
Wednesday, May 26 - Outdoor School-wide Event 4:30-7pm
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PTSA NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 629



Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629:

Ever since 1974, Pack 629 has helped youths build character and to start them on a path to success with the partnership of [Somerset Community Association](#) – one scout at a time.



Support Scouting:

It helps teach youth about good citizenship, nature, health & fitness, teamwork, leadership, community involvement, service and respect. To learn how, please visit our [website](#).



Our Goals:

1. Fun with a purpose.
2. Parents spending time with their child.



CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

For over 45 years, **Somerset Pack 629** has helped youths discover the scouting experience by taking part in activities that are fun, but also build character and start them on a path to success.

What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting is a neighborhood centered, parent volunteer run program for **BOYS & GIRLS** in grades K-5 that combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It is FUN with a purpose. Scouting develops character, leadership, communication skills and good citizenship.

What is our organizational structure?

Cub Scouts is part of The Boy Scouts Of America. Our scouts meet once a month by grade, which we call a **Den**. All grades also meet once a month as an entire group, which we call a **Pack**.

When and where are the Den and Pack meetings held?

Depending on the **Den**, meetings are the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Thursday of each month. **Pack** meetings are the 4th Thursday. Most in-person meetings are at Somerset Elementary. Some meetings are on ZOOM due to COVID-19. We anticipate more in-person meetings as we continue into 2021 & 2022.



What type of activities?

Our Pack loves to hike, camp and participate in community service projects. Our scouts also build and race Pinewood Derby cars, Raingutter Regatta boats, launch Estes Model Rockets and many other fun activities that the whole family can enjoy.

PTSA Partnership

Our membership fee is \$150. Our Pack donates \$50 to the Somerset PTSA for every new Somerset student that joins, and \$10 for every returning scout.

Get in touch: Email – Pack.629@Outlook.com, Website: <https://pack629.shutterfly.com/>

Join Cub Scouts and Give Back to Somerset PTSA

We have a great opportunity to work with the Somerset Cub Scout Pack! Somerset PTSA will receive a give back for each registration, new or returning, from a Somerset student. Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls!

\$50 for every new Kindergarten – 4th grade student (grade in fall 2021)

\$10 for every returning Cub Scout (for school year 2021/2022)

Annual registration fee \$150 for new scouts and returning scouts

What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouts is a neighborhood centered, parent volunteer run program for boys and girls in grades K-5 that combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It is designed to support and encourage family and community involvement. Your child will have lots of fun, learn new things and make new friends! It is FUN with a purpose. Scouting develops character, leadership, communication skills and good citizenship.

It helps teach youth about good citizenship, nature, health & fitness, teamwork, leadership, community involvement, service and respect.

To learn more, please see our flyer or visit our website at <https://pack629.shutterfly.com/>.
Email us for joining information at pack.629@outlook.com.



Cub Scout Free Rocket Launch Event on Saturday 05/22

Is your child in Kindergarten, First or Second grade and interested in learning about Cub Scouts? We have a special event coming up, our annual Somerset Cub Scout Pack Rocket Launch. If your child attends they will get an Estes Rocket and will be able to launch it along with our Cub Scouts. The supply of rockets is limited so **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**.

When: **Saturday 05/22/2021 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

Where: **60 Acres Park - 15200 NE 116th St., Redmond, WA 98052**

Registration: Please register by emailing the contact info below. We will hand out informational packets to new families and give your child the chance to participate in the Rocket Launch. Please remember that you need to register to attend.

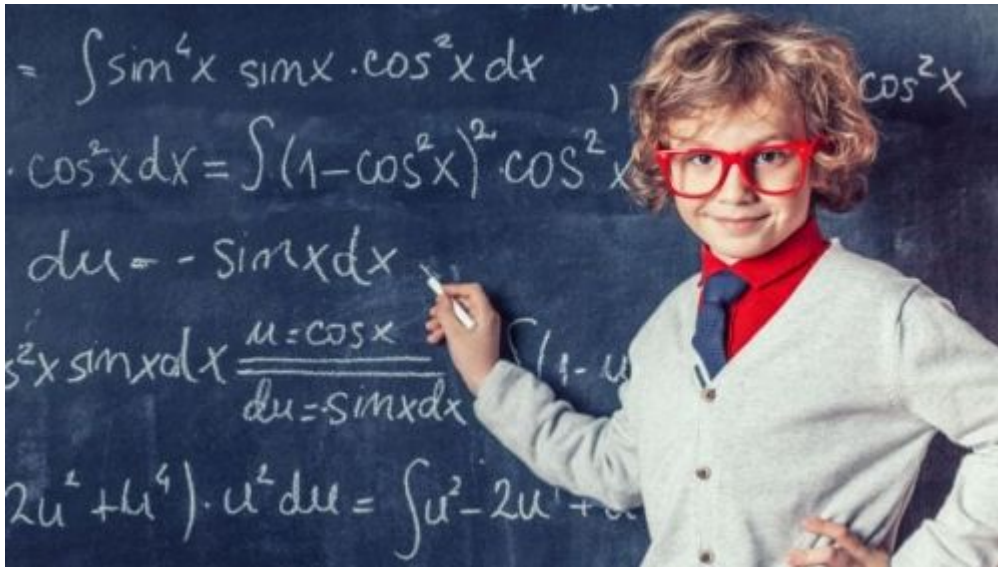
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Student/Teacher Switch Day

Friday, May 28th will be "Student/Teacher Switch Day" at Somerset. Students are invited to dress like teachers, and teachers can try to dress like their students. The class that has the greatest percentage of students (and teachers) participating will win a prize and be recognized in the assembly announcements.

SCHOOL NEWS



Sharing the Pages of Asian Stories: Past, Present, and Future!

We have invited all families who identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander to share their story. We have provided a [Template](#) to guide you and a Flip grid link if you

prefer <https://flipgrid.com/1c704f3e>. Please submit either or both, by **May 20th** so we can display at our school wide event on May 26th.

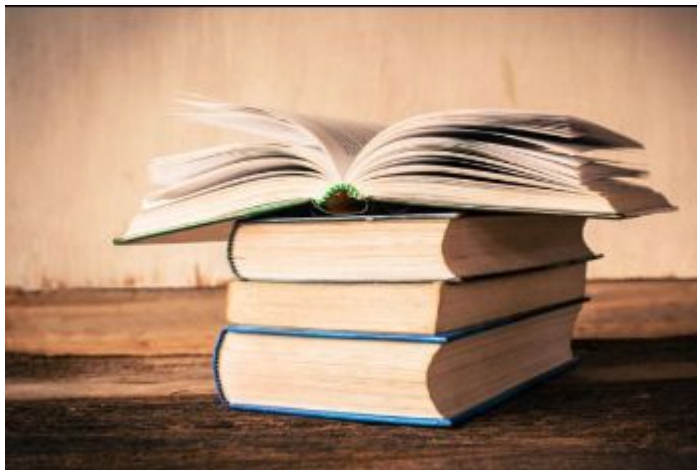
Somerset's AAPI Festival Sign-up

All Somerset Families are invited to celebrate at our Asian American Pacific Islander Festival on **May 26th**. To ensure we are providing adequate space for physical distancing, we are asking families to sign up ahead of time for a thirty minute time slot. The outdoor event will be full of various activities to share the stories past, present, and future of our diverse Asian communities. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and sign up to save your spot.

- *Stroll the track and view the Somerset Stories shared by our families*
- *Historical Timelines of often untold stories of the Asian experience in America*
- *Visit the Tibetan Flags Garden to read Somerset Students' "wishes for the world"*
- *Search the playground for all 48 flags represented in the AAPI community*
- *Create origami*
- *End the event with a special treat*
- *Book Stall to purchase or donate books written by AAPI authors with diverse characters*

We hope that through this event we can create opportunities for all of our students to celebrate the contributions, past and present, of our Asian American Pacific Islander group.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CAFA922A0F94-asian>



Books Regarding AAPI

Below are the links to the 'collections' Mrs. Bravenec curated in the Somerset library catalog for students/families to browse in support of Asian American Pacific Islander

Heritage Month. She was highlighting these collections with students in library classes this week, but would love for families to be aware in case they'd like to place holds to check out these wonderful books as well.

Books for grades k-2:

- [Fiction books](#)
- [Non-fiction books \(includes fairy tales & graphic novels\)](#)

Books for grades 3-5:

- [Fiction books in Destiny](#)
- [Non-fiction books in Destiny \(includes fairy tales & graphic novels\)](#)

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



BSD Now Enrolling K and Preschool for the Fall

If you have or know of a student who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, they can now enroll in kindergarten. Learn how to enroll a student here: <https://bsd405.org/schools/kindergarten/>

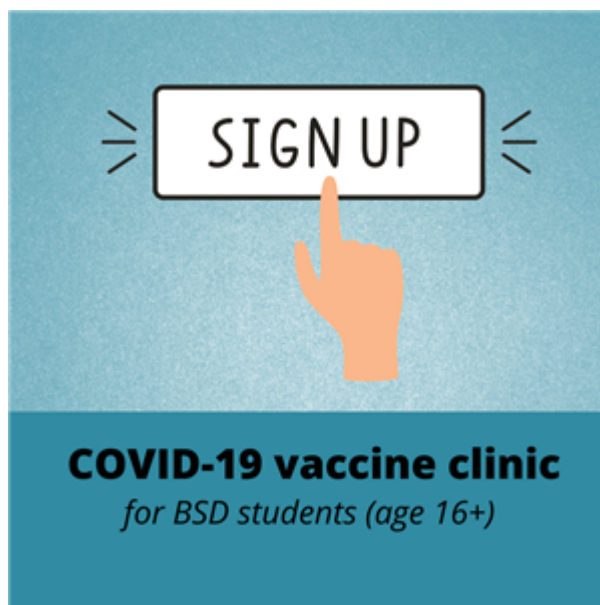
BSD is also enrolling for our in-person preschool programs for children ages 3-5. BSD offers full and half day options for students. Research has shown that high-quality preschool programs boost the kinds of learning, social and thinking skills needed for later achievement. Preschool registration forms and more information is at <https://bsd405.org/programs/boost/preschool/>

Summer Programs

BSD Summer Programs

We are so excited to welcome our P-12 and Transition Program students to summer programming this year! Bellevue School District will be offering a robust summer program, focused on providing academic and social emotional support to our students across the district. Starting June 28 for preschool and July 7 for elementary, groups of students in preschool and elementary will be invited to attend an academic program focused on literacy and mathematics, with added opportunities for engagement with their peers through activities and movement.

More information will be coming soon about summer programs 2021!



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for BSD Students Aged 16+

We are excited to host a COVID-19 Vaccine clinic for BSD students! You must be age 16 or older as of 5/15/21 to be eligible for this vaccine clinic.

We will have 500 doses of Pfizer vaccine available for students 16 years old and up.

There will be 250 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, available for students 18 years old and up (who are interested).

First Dose Pfizer vaccine, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine (one shot)

- When: Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Where: Sammamish High School, 100 140th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Second Dose Pfizer vaccine, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine (one shot)

- When: Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Where: Sammamish High School, 100 140th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Sign up using the links below to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for Saturday, May 15, 2021:

- [SIGN UP FOR PFIZER VACCINE](#)
- [SIGN UP FOR JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE](#)

More information, please visit [BSD Website](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



AT TYEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 16
2:00-5:00 PM

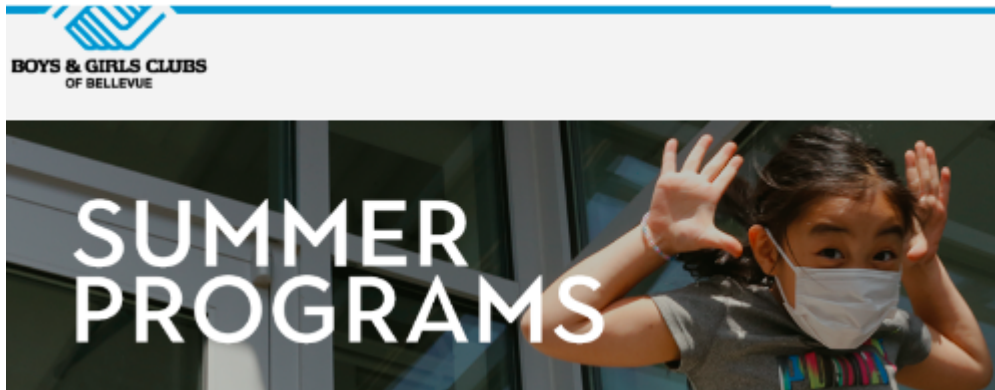
Goodwill Truck Fundraising at Tyee

Show your support by cleaning out your closets and garages! Back by popular demand, the Tyee PTSA will host a Goodwill Drive Fundraiser at the Tyee drop-off area on [Sunday, May 16th](#), from 2-5 pm.

Bring almost anything in good condition, including clothes, shoes, books, household items,

linens, small electronics, small exercise equipment, rugs, bed frames, toys, and lamps. As part of the E-cycle Washington program, Goodwill collects televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, laptops, and other electronics that are still in working condition.

Come bring your gently loved items to the Goodwill Donation Drive. Please help us fill the truck to support our PTSA fundraising program. You'll get a donation tax receipt.



JR Wolverine Volleyball Camp

The Bellevue High School Volleyball Program, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, will be hosting the 6th Annual Junior Wolverine Volleyball Camp from [August 9-13, 2021](#). The camp is perfect for beginners who are looking to learn the fundamentals of volleyball as well as more experienced players who would like to refine their skills. Coaching is provided by players from the highly-ranked BHS program, and proceeds go towards jerseys, equipment, and other critical team expenses over the course of the season. [Register](#) today and join in the fun! More information please visit [Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue](#).

Cost: \$170 Ages: 9-12 Times: 9am-1pm Location: Hidden Valley Fieldhouse

If you have questions about the camp, please contact Juliet Vong at julietv@hotmail.com.

[Registration](#)



Camp Kindness Counts

Camp Kindness Counts is a local non profit that is starting Kindness Circles run by BSD youth leaders. They are helping to build a kinder world by teaching younger kids how to practice compassion and empathy in their daily lives. With guidance from our team and support from parents/caregivers, Kindness Ambassadors will start a Kind World Explorers club and lead character development and mindfulness activities for kids ages 5-10. We discovered, through research and evaluation, when kids take the time to foster virtues such as gratitude or forgiveness in others, they build on their own strengths simultaneously.

We have a Tyee 7th grader who will lead this program and we are inviting Somerset students in grades K-4 to join. There is no cost to join, and the group will meet weekly on Wednesday at Meadow Wood park (off of Forest Drive) starting next [Wednesday, May 19 for 6 weeks, from 1:30 to 2:15 pm](#). Pls find more information and can register at www.campkindnesscounts.org/ishaan

If you have any questions, reach out to the pod leader, Ishaan Makam at ishaan.m@campkindnesscounts.org



Free Weekend Chess Lessons

425 Kids Chess is starting a new set of group sessions beginning [May 23rd](#). Chess is a fun, creative activity that teaches patience and critical thinking skills. These lessons are for beginners of all ages, teaching them the basics, openings, tactics, and more! In addition to our group sessions, we are offering 1-on-1 lessons for any skill level. Please email us at 425kidschess@gmail.com if you are interested, or check out our website.

Learn more and register at: 425kidschess.com

Feel free to contact us at: 425kidschess@gmail.com

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.

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