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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 26 - Library Books Pick-up  
Wednesday, May 26 - Principal Birthday Lunches  
Wednesday, May 26 - Outdoor School-wide Event 4:30-7pm  
Friday, May 28 - Student/Teacher Switch Day  
Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day No School

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. **Pack** meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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](mailto:pack.629@outlook.com).



## Join Executive Committee Of Somerset Elementary PTSA

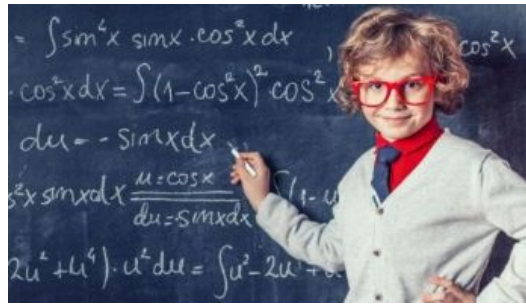
Calling for all Somerset families, we are now looking for volunteers to build a great PTSA Executive Committee team at Somerset for the next school year. The following positions for Somerset PTSA are wanted. Please visit [Somerset PTSA Website](#) for the description of the positions. Note that the current EC members will work together and help onboard the new volunteers.

- President
- Secretary
- VP Communication
- VP Program
- VP Ways and Means

If interested, please contact [somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpta@gmail.com). You are also welcome to join with a friend to share the work of the positions.

## Student/Teacher Switch Day

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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>

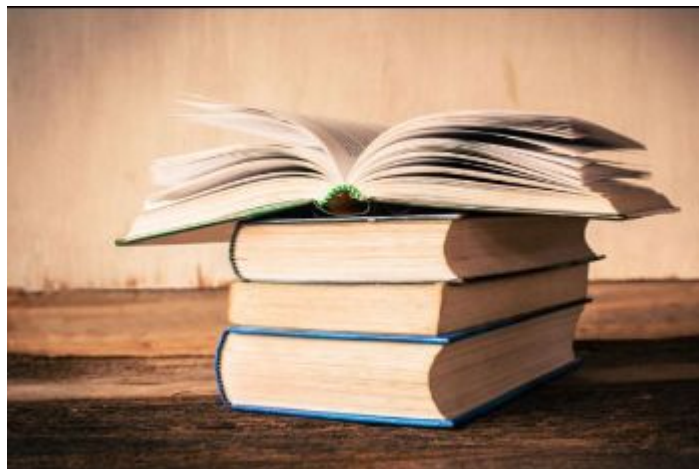
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## May Principal Birthday Lunches

May Birthday lunch celebration will be [Wednesday May 26 at 12:30-1:00](#). Students with a May 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 [embayer@bsd405.org](mailto:embayer@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.

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## 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/>



### **BSD Virtual Academy for the Fall**

Bellevue School District is planning to fully reopen schools in the fall. The remote learning model that has been in place during the current school year will no longer be offered. If

your family has health concerns due to COVID that make it unsafe for your child(ren) to return to K-5 classrooms in the fall we are offering the Bellevue Virtual Academy as an online option for K-5 students.

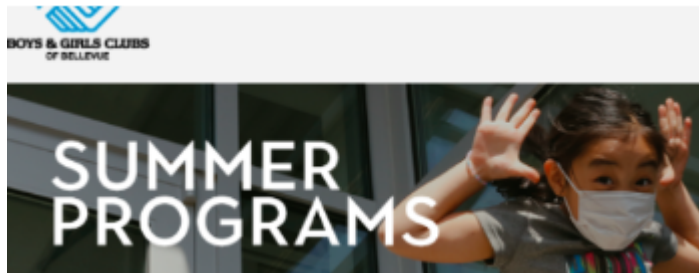
Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy will interact with online curriculum that is aligned to Washington State Standards and supported by highly qualified certificated teachers. We are considering using Edgenuity as the platform for delivery. Students will be able to continue to progress toward grade level standards in the major subject areas. [The Virtual Academy does not replicate any of the BSD Choice Programs, i.e. Spanish Immersion, Jing Mei, Advanced Learning.](#)

[Learn more about Edgenuity by watching this video.](#)

Families who are interested in the Bellevue Virtual Academy for next fall should complete an enrollment request <https://virtualacademy.bsd405.org/> Please complete the request form by **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Learn more about the program at <https://bsd405.org/programs/bsd-virtual-academy/> and have questions please contact us at [BSDVirtualAcademy@BSD405.org](mailto:BSDVirtualAcademy@BSD405.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **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](mailto:julietv@hotmail.com).



## Registration



### 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](mailto:425kidschess@gmail.com) if you are interested, or check out our website.

Learn more and register at: [425kidschess.com](http://425kidschess.com)

Feel free to contact us at: [425kidschess@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://WWW.NEWPORTLACROSSE.COM)  
Email: [coachrainville@newportlacrosse.com](mailto:coachrainville@newportlacrosse.com) with ?'s**

### Newport Lacrosse Summer Camp Registrations

Newport Lacrosse summer camp registrations are open now. Please register at [www.newportlacrosse.com](http://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](mailto:coachrainville@newportlacrosse.com) with any questions.

**Bloodworks NW's Blood Drive - May 22nd to June 6th**

Did you know 1,000 donors are needed a day? Please consider donating. Donated blood is shipped to and used in Seattle area hospitals within 48 hours. Your gift makes a difference.

Help others + Find out your blood type

Lauren Chen's (Newport student)

**BLOOD DRIVE**

May 22 to June 6

**Bloodworks NW** Bellevue | Seattle | Lynnwood  
Everett | North Seattle

Questions? Call or text Lauren 425-749-1415  
Mention Lauren during appt check in

Must be 16  
Register at [bloodworksnw.org](http://bloodworksnw.org)  
pick your time slot + date  
only takes 15 minutes

Donated blood is shipped to and used in Seattle area hospitals within 48 hours. Your gift makes a difference!

**NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS**



## 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](#). Review the videos for the [Advocacy Submission Process playlist here](#).

IMPORTANT: The deadline to submit the associated form (i.e. the issue, resolution or legislative principle form) is **Thursday, May 27**. This form must be submitted to receive access for uploading your submission documents for consideration. The deadline for uploading your submission is **June 1, 2021**.

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### Current and Timely WSPTA Discounts

Take advantage of these discount offers:

- \*new\* Nectar Bath Treats - 30% off nonsale items.
- Great Wolf Lodge - 30% off. Learn about the health and safety policy.
- TrophyCentral.com - 10% off.
- The Real Leather Company - save \$15 off any bag.
- Obscure Belts - 10% off any leather belt.
- Tickets at Work - new discounts for staying at home or working from home.
- LEGO® Bag - 20% discount on LEGO® Bag products.

- FedEx Office - special rates for printing.
- CanvasDiscount.com - save up to 15% on your order.
- Office Depot/Office Max - savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.

Keep checking the [member discount page](#) as more opportunities continue to be added. Member discounts are available to all WSPTA members. To access them, log in to [Member Discount Codes](#) using the 2020-2021 username and password. Check the promotion codes listed for each provider in the main body of the page and the file list for time-sensitive offers.

## Directory / Links

### Executive Committee

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Ways&Means: Yan Zhou

VP Communications: Demi Wang

& Peggy Wang

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