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Sep 4th, 2021 Unit # 020589 View complete email in your browser SOMERSET ELEMENTARY ERSTAR eNEWS 14100 Somerset Blvd SE \* Bellevue, WA 98006 \* (425) 456-5800 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, Sep 6 - Labor Day/No School Tuesday, Sep 7 - No School for Kindergarten Friday, Sep 17 - Ice Cream Social 5-7pm View PTSA Full Calendar **PTSA NEWS Somerset Shines** 2021-2022 school year MEDSET Welcome back Welcome back to New School Year Somerset families, welcome back to school for a fantastic journey ahead. We can not wait to meet our old friends and new friends at Somerset. Use the link below for information to help you prepare for the new school year. 2021-2022 Welcome letter from PTSA President Website info updated 2021 Somerset PTSA Membership flyer 2021 • Fifth Grade Request Letter 2021-2022 • Yearbook Flyer -2021 • Traffic FAQ • PTSA Calendar 2021-22 AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER AND WELLNESS **GOALS – After School Soccer and Wellness** GOALS – After School Soccer and Wellness is excited to announce our Fall 2021 program at Somerset Elementary School! GOALS (formerly After Skool Soccer), will host soccer classes directly after school on Wednesdays exclusively for Somerset students. Classes will be for players of all skill levels and backgrounds with a curriculum that is game-based and focused on FUN! Additionally, each session will be run by a professional soccer coaches. This ensures that all coaches are fully background checked and understand the importance of safety and organization. The link for registration is below, and all questions regarding the program can be sent to Director@goalsinschool.com. Day - Wednesdays Time - 1:30pm - 2:30pm Location - Somerset Soccer Field Dates - September 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Length of Program - 6 Weeks Cost - \$159 Register Today !: https://www.goalsinschool.com/bsd



#### **Afterschool Elementary Debate Program**

Jump-start your children into the world of debating. This online program is great for students of all kinds in 4th and 5th graders who like to talk, but also shy students seeking to communicate or gain more self-confidence; students who like to argue, talk, research issues, challenge themselves, want to communicate better, and show interest in bettering their community. Our curriculum is not lecture-based; students will learn by doing. We will teach and engage you to debate effectively. We'll help you prepare cases and responses. You will put that into practice in a supportive atmosphere where you will learn to communicate clearly, persuasively and with self-confidence.

Cost is \$110 and includes all instruction and materials. Day - Monday or Wednesday (start in mid-Oct to early Dec) Time - 4-5:10pm

More information and Register at <u>https://www.climbthemountain.us/programs</u>. Registration for new students begins Sep 14th. All questions regarding the program can be sent to Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us.



# **First Day of School Pictures Wanted**

We hope everyone got off to a good school start. We miss seeing our students in person. Building a strong community is our goal and we kindly ask you to send us your student's first day of school picture. We would love to share these photos on our Somerset Facebook, Website and Newsletter.

Please email photos to communications.somersetptsa@gmail.com by September 7.

# Welcome Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Walk-by

Please come to our PTSA "Welcome Back-to-School Ice Cream Social walk-by" at Somerset Elementary on Friday, September 17th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The ice cream tickets will be handed out at the staff parking lot. One ticket per child valid for ice cream. Look out for the Fun Times Ice Cream Truck. For safety purposes we're asking families to stop by at their designated time, based on the student's last name. We are looking forward to seeing you.

> A-F 5:00 - 5:30pm G-L 5:30 - 6:00pm M-S 6:00 - 6:30pm T-Z 6:30 - 7:00pm





#### Yearbook Picking-up and for Sale

Somerset families, all pre-ordered yearbooks will be delivered to your kids' classrooms after school starts. If you pre-ordered yearbook online but you have not gotten your yearbook, please come to school office to get one. If you haven't had a chance to order one online, you can still buy one during ice cream social time (Sep 17th 5-7 pm). \$25 per yearbook and cash or check only.

The yearbooks for non-returning students are available for pick-up at the school office from Aug 23rd to Sep 10th.



### Join Somerset Superstar PTSA

A 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. Our kids are worth the investment and a strong PTSA illustrates our community support to our school and children. Additionally your Memberships ensures that you will receive our PTSA eNews weekly. Certain PTSA activities, such as Chess Club requires a PTSA 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. PTSA membership need to renew every school year. Join us now! Please click <u>HERE</u> to join or renew your membership!





PTSA recruits room parents for each classroom every fall. At least one room parent is needed for each class. We can have up to 3 room parents for one class. A room Parent is the main source of communication between the PTSA, your teacher, and the parents in your class. A summary of the room parents' duties is noted below for your reference.

- Organize class parties, usually around a specific topic or theme.
- Collect money from parents and organize teacher gifts at holidays and birthdays.
- Send out reminders/ sign up sheets about events, activities, field trips, etc.
- Keep an up-to-date list of contact information for all parents

Any questions about room parents please contact our room parents coordinator Parvaneh Zinati: <a href="mailto:zpary2000@yahoo.com">zpary2000@yahoo.com</a>

Please sign up <u>Here</u> if you would like to help. Your help is much appreciated.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS





### **BSD Nutrition Service**

All students enrolled in the Bellevue School District can receive **lunch at no charge** during the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, breakfast will be available at no charge in schools which offer the program.



#### **BSD Afterschool Program Right at School**

Right At School, is a provider of extended day enrichment programs in Washington and across the nation, and a long-time partner of many Districts in Washington. On September 1, Right At School will provide Before and After School programs at all of our elementary schools that have space.

Watch a Right At School Virtual Information Session on YouTube Register for fall with Right at School



#### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Afterschool Program**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue's afterschool program enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through high-yield learning activities. Each day dedicated BGCB staff deliver innovative and inspiring programs focusing on BGCB's three outcome areas: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship.

**Registration Information:** 

- Program starts Monday, September 13, 2021 and ends Friday, June 10, 2022.
- Program hours: Immediately afterschool until 6:30 p.m.
- Club is open to Project Learn members on-site for BSD Professional Days.

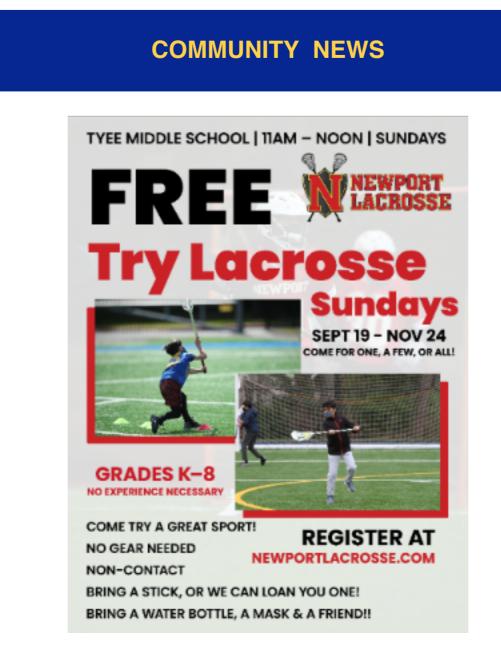
#### Program Fees:

- All participants must have a current \$27 Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue membership.
  - \$280/month for Elementary School Programs

Free for Middle & High School members with an active membership at our Lake Hills and Downtown locations. Registration is required.

- Free for children of BSD Employees
- Scholarships are available for those that qualify.

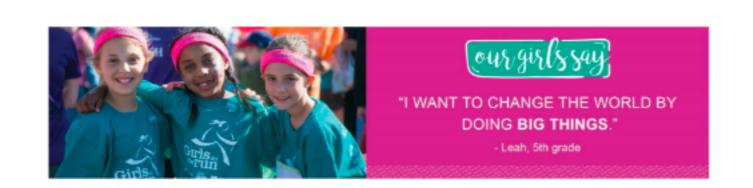
Register Today for Project Learn



#### Free Try lacrosse on Sundays

Newport Lacrosse offers free try lacrosse for grade k to 8. This free youth clinic is designed for players new to lacrosse only. These camps are non-contact, so no pads or helmets are required.

Please register at <u>newportlacrosse.com</u>. When: 11am to noon every Sunday from Sep 19- Nov 24 Where: Tyee Middle School



### **Girls on the Run**

Give Your Girl Confidence and Connections: Sign Up for GOTR Today!

Now more than ever, girls need the social and emotional skill-building lessons of Girls on the Run. Social isolation and stressors related to the COVID-19 pandemic may be affecting your girl more than you know. While there may be some uncertainty around what to expect for our school system this coming fall, Girls on the Run is prepared to adjust to meet the needs of our community. We will be hosting Girls on the Run for the Fall Season between September 20-November 12, 2021. Our team will meet at Somerset Elementary from 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The season will culminate with a site-based end-of-season 5K celebration; more details to come! Teams fill quickly so do not delay—click here to register your girl today!

## GOTR Flyer

Registration

We hope to see you this fall! Let me know if you have any questions or email program@girlsrun.org.

WSPTA & National PTA NEWS



Washington State PTA Student Programs

Washington State PTA has a number of programs specifically for students. We hope you will encourage your student to participate in one or more of these fantastic opportunities:

WSPTA Essay Contest - explores the important and varied influencers in the lives and education of children. Open to all grades. The submission form (available soon) is located on the website and is due by March 1, 2022.

<u>Reflections</u> - a cultural arts competition that provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents in six art areas including visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, dance choreography, and film production. Due dates vary, check with your local PTA. The 2021-2022 theme is I Will Change the World By...

Reflections Theme Search - each year National PTA conducts a contest searching for the next Reflections theme. Entry forms (available soon) are located on the website and are due by November 1, 2021.



Notes from the Backpack

National PTA has developed a fantastic series of podcasts on a variety of topics to share information with parents. The new season will launch soon but don't miss catching up on previous episodes including a five-part healthy minds series.

Learn more on the <u>National PTA website</u> or directly access the podcasts from our <u>Family</u> <u>Engagement webpage</u>.



### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### Legislative Assembly

The 43rd annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly plans are currently underway. Make sure to mark your calendars for October 23-24. And, keeping the safety of our volunteers and members top of mind, we will be hosting the event virtually. Stay tuned for more information to be posted on the <u>website</u> soon!

#### **Directory / Links**

Executive Committee President: Yuki Yang & Xing He Secretary: Yim Cheng VP Programs: Kelly Mao & Beibei Yang Ways&Means: Catherine Qu & Ching Fong VP Communications: Demi Wang & Peggy Wang

Treasurer: Xiaohong Quan & Lily Zhu

Somerset PTSA Email: Somersetptsa@gmail.com Newsletter Submission: Somersetptsa@gmail.com

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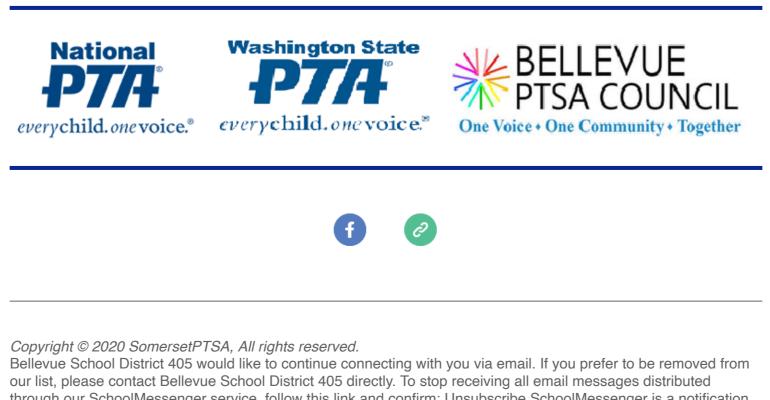
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SchoolRewards

Shop at Amazon log in <u>HERE</u> and select 'Somerset Elementary PTSA' and Amazon Smile donates to Somerset PTSA. Or click <u>https://smile.amazon.com</u> for your purchase.

Or install the Amazon app onto your phone. In the main menu of app(=), find 'Settings'. tap on 'Amazon Smile' and follow the instructions to turn on Amazon Smile

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our PTSA. Thank you very much for supporting our school and PTSA.



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