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# SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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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

Friday, Oct 29 - Virtual Movie Night
Wednesday, Nov 3 - Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, Nov 10 - Spirit Day/ Wear Red, White and Blue
Thursday, Nov 11 - Veteran's day/ No School
Monday, Nov 15 - Reflection Submission Deadline
Wednesday, Nov 17 - Birthday Fun Run for November Birthday
Wednesday, Nov 17 - Mod Pizza Fundraising
Thursday & Friday, Nov 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving/ No School

## Common Links / Resources:

*Somerset PTSA Website*
*Somerset PTSA Facebook Page*
*Somerset Elementary School Website*
*BSD COVID-19 Dashboard*

## PTSA NEWS

### Movie Night

We had a fantastic movie night on Friday, 10/22. Another streaming movie night is on this coming Friday, Oct 29th. Please mark your calendar. We will be watching *Scoob, Spooky Buddies,* or Toy Story of Terror(short film).

Please use this Watch Link and the following passphrase for watching your movie.
***Scoob*** Movie available any time after 5pm
Passphrase: 2442595E78164BFDA12AA2CA7C39180F
***Spooky Buddies*** Movie available all day
Passphrase: 8CA3309933594F60B475ECBE0B759082
***Toy Story of Terror (Short film)*** Movie available all day
Passphrase: BDC73A9649DD48EE8A4FD765431CFF55

Learn More & FAQ

Please Do Not share the Watch Link or passphrase outside the school for the limit of the license.

### Picture Re-Take Day

Picture Re-Take Day for Somerset is on Wednesday, November 3rd.

Picture packets should arrive in the coming weeks and will be sent home to students when they arrive. If you ordered your packet online, you should have already received a digital download/pre-view via email (please check spam/junk folder).

Picture re-take is ONLY for students that:

- were absent or did not get their picture taken on 9/30 or 10/1, or
- did take a picture, but you would like for them to re-take the picture

*Students that are re-taking their picture will be asked to return their packet on this day, so please be sure to send them back to school with this.*

All Somerset students are welcome to get their photo taken, even if you are not planning to purchase the prints. Their picture will also be used for the yearbook and student identification cards.

Ordering: If you would like to order pictures, please see this Link- MyLifetouch for information through Lifetouch. We encourage families to pre-order pictures online. Somerset Picture Day ID: **EVT2FVWBW**

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## Cub Scout Pack 629 Halloween Event

If your kids are interested in joining Cub Scouts please join us for our Fall Halloween event. We will have trick or treating, Halloween games and a "haunted forest." It is outdoors behind Somerset Elementary on the playground.

When: Sunday 10/24/2021 2:30 - 4:00 PM
Where: Somerset Elementary - 14100 Somerset Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006
Registration: Please register by emailing the contact info below. Please remember that you need to register to attend.
*Ron Wangelin*
*Cubmaster - Somerset Pack 629*
*Website: https://pack629.shutterfly.com/*
*Email: ronwangelin@gmail.com*
*Cell: (206) 225-4116*

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## Somerset Future Problem Solving Club

Future Problem Solving Club is a program that stimulates critical and creative thinking skills, encourages students to develop a vision for the future, and prepares students for leadership roles. The program is focused on developing ideas to address current global challenges and encourages students to develop ways to create solutions to address them. Students will not only research the problem but also develop solutions and document their ideas and action plans. We have a wonderful team of parents/high school students/teachers who will support and coach this team.

Our club regular meeting is every Friday 3:35 to 4:35 at school, starting October 29th. This club is open for students in 4th grade and 5th grade.

More information, please visit Somerset PTSA Program Website and Future Problem Solving Program International

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## Chess Tournament Awards

Great news from Chess Club. Somerset Elementary Team, represented by *Owen Xu (2nd grade), Lucas Zheng (2nd grade), Lucas Liu (4th grade), Raymond Davenport (4th grade)*, won the 5th place at the Susan Polgar Foundation Chess Tournament, October 2nd-3rd, 2021.

Our Somerset Elementary 4th grader, *Raymond Davenport*, won 1st place, K-12 U1200, at Open Window Fall Tornado Tournament, October 16th, 2021.

Congratulations to our Somerset Chess Club and the superstars.

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## October Birthday Fun Run with Principals

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Our October Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Oct 19th and it was so much fun. Our dozens of birthday superstars was running with Principals. They exercised for stronger body and mind. They are growing with laughter and health.

Thank you, our principals, GSA teachers, and PTSA volunteers(club chair *Lu Zhang* and volunteers *Xiaomin Zhou, Yolanda Ip, Kelly Wong, Heather Hisa and Henry Leung*) for making this fun run happen.

If you would like to volunteer during the Birthday Fun Run day, please sign up via this Link. Thanks for your help in advance!

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## Staff Appreciation Blue Week

On Monday, Oct 18, we were having Chase the Rainbow staff appreciation blue week. It is dedicated to our Somerset Superstar staff. They are really appreciated for everything they do for our community and our kids.

We appreciate all the volunteers who helped making this a wonderful event:
*Chair: Heidi & Jin, and volunteers: Heather Hsia, Yuki Yang, Veronica Zeng, Le Wang, Okgyu Min, Annabelle Han, Lin Zhang, Emma Hao, Yun Han and Peggy Wang*

Looking forward to our last purple themed week.

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## Fall Fundraising Drive 2021 Summary

Thank you to all Somerset families who have already donated to the Fall Fundraising Drive. We have already raised $81,835 as of today. Thank you for all of your generous donations to make it a success.

If you have not made a donation yet and wish to do so, you can still give! We hope you will continue to support this fundraiser if you are able to. As the school year continues, we will still be accepting donations online at www.somersetptsa.org.

We are so grateful for your support! All money raised by the PTSA goes straight back to EVERY student.

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## Fall Fundraising Donor List

Donor List As of October 22nd 2021
(If we miss your name, please cotact us via somersetptsa@gmail.com)

Aihua Xia
Aileen Wu
Ailin Zhang
Alison Boda
Ana Howard
Anders Li
Ann Xiong
Ashok Nadar
Aviti Mathur
Baicen Wang
Bana Miller
Benhuai Xie
Biingyuan Lin
Bin Liu
Bin Pang
Bo Li
Bo Pang
Carol Kang
Catherine Lao Li
Catherine Qu
Cathy Elder
Chadillada Lapangkura
Chandrasekar Balasubramaniam
Chao Tian
Charmaine Borbe
Chen Fan
Chengjun Zhan
Cheryl Crow
Ching Fong
Jiahao Mao
Jiali Gu
Jianghui Wang
Jie Bai
Jie Gao
Jieyun Fan
Jin Chen
Jin Tang
Jinchi Han
Jing Gong
Jing Huang
Jing Xi
Jingfei Liu
Jingyuan Luo
Jingyuan Yin
Jingyuan Zhu
Jinny Kim
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Jonathan Kurz
Juan Du
Jun Chen
Jun Wang
Jun You
Jung Eun Park
Kai Liu
Katherine Cameron
Katherine Ma
Kathy Loyola
Kelley Ibuki
Roma Kane
Rose Hou
Royce Wong
Rui Liu
Rui Zhang
Ruixia Zhang
Ruping Hsu
Sadie Zhang
Sairam Suresh
Sandy Lin
Shannon Tsai
Shaofeng Bu
Shengnan Li
Shi Zhang
Shilin Li
Shin-Chieh Chien
Shui Fan Kwong
Shuijing Wang
Simrat Sekhon
Siyuan Huang
SooKyoung Shin
Stephanie Chung
Stephanie Keehn
Stephanie Lee
Suet Fa Yau
Sunhwa Jung
Susan Su
Tammy Shin
Teck Kwan

Chloe Fan
Chu Chu
Chunya (Lisa) Liu
Cindy Wang
Clara Barnett
Colleen Oliveira
Cong Li
Cristian Alcoholado
Cullan Aoki
Dafan Liu
Dandan Jiang
Deana Ahn
Dhamandeep Judge
Dongbin Xu
Donghui Pan
Edith Ng
Emily Wang
Enyu Zhang
Eric Li
Erica Johnson
Eun Suk Cho
Fan Yang
Fan Zhang
Fang Chu
Frank Wang
Freni Jasani
Garima Agarwal
Geoffrey Sultana
Grace Ke
Haili Zhao
Haiyan Xu
Haiying Wang
Hao Chen
Haosha Liao
Helen Kang
Henggai Deng
Hengyu Xu
Henry Leung
Hermina Morntsov
Hillary Nordwell
Hongjiao Yan
Huan Zhao
Hui He
Hui Ma
Hui Sun
Hui Zhang
Hui Zhao
Huiping Zhang
Huiying Ye
Hyewon Shin
HyunKyoon Kim
Isamu Kibe
Jae Kim
Jamie Cho
Janice Kwan
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Jason York
Jason Zheng
Jeff Scherpelz
Jenny Jeehyun Kim
Jia Zhu
Kelly Wong
Kristin Thorsness
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Lianne Hirano
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Lin Zhang
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Melissa Pearce
Min Dan
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Ni Hausman
Nina Chen
Ning Xu
Ning Yang
Okgyu Min
Pari Zinati
Peggy Wang
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Ping Liang
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Preethi Chandrasekhar
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Qinghui Liu
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Renata Akalin
Rina Yu
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Wei Jin
Wei Wei Chen
Wei Zhuang
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Wing Ng
Xiali Zhang
Xiaohong Quan
Xiaohui Huang
Xiaomin Zhou
Xin Gao
Xin Li
Xing He
Xiucai Zheng
Xueyi Gu
Xuhui Liu
Xun Liu
Yan Mao
Yan Xu
Yan Zhou
Yanfen Song
Yang Du
Yanhua Chen
Yaoyu Luo
Ye Ji
Yim King Cheng
Yin Zhang
Ying Liang
Ying Liu
Yinghua Wang
Yingjin Wang
Yingliang Zheng
Yingqi Zhao
Yiwen Sun
Yolanda Ip
Yongjuan Zou
Yoon Soo Pyon
Youyi Fong
Yu Liu
Yuan Li
Yuan YU
Yuan Zhang
Yueyan Wang
Yu-Hao Pan
Yuki Yang
Yun Han
Yunfei Chen
Yung Kim
Yuzheng Zhou
Zanxiong Ye
Zhen Wu
Zhi Gan
Zhi Zheng
Zhi Zhou
Zhimin Xiang
Zhixin Liu
Zhiyan Yang

## SCHOOL NEWS

# COVID-19 Testing in Bellevue School District

### Somerset COVID-19 Screening and Diagnostic Testing

COVID-19 screening and diagnostic testing is coming to Bellevue School District. Our school will begin Diagnostic testing on November 2nd. Diagnostic testing will be available daily at Somerset. Pooled surveillance testing with the opportunity for your child to test weekly on Wednesdays beginning November 17th.

Testing may only occur with permission and consent. You can provide us with information on your desire to opt-in or opt-out of the COVID-19 testing using this link to complete the consent form. Because the Washington Department of Health requires the District to obtain written parental consent for minor students and assent/consent for students themselves if they are 18 or over and their own legal guardian, any student that does not have consent will not be tested.

For more information on COVID testing in Bellevue School District you can visit the FAQ page found here. For questions related to testing at our school, please contact school nurse, Karen Ruby at rubyk@bsd405.org or principal, Cathy Elder elderc@bsd405.org .

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## Breaktime Mealtime Safeway Food Vouchers

Bellevue LifeSpring's Breaktime Mealtime food voucher program is around the corner! If you have received Safeway food vouchers last year and would like to receive them again, please complete this Free & Reduced Priced Meals Program application. THEN complete the Family Connections Welcome Form. The Free & Reduced Priced Meals program qualifies families for community programs, whereas the FCC Welcome Form counts the number of families participating in each program.

If you have completed the Free & Reduced Priced Meals Program application, but are not sure if you checked the optional Part 5 "Sharing Information" which gives the FCC permission to share community program information with you, please contact Nutrition Services at (425) 456-4507.

Vouchers are distributed the week prior to school breaks which are:

- Winter Break: December 20, 2021 – January 3, 2022
- Mid-Winter Break: February 21-25, 2022
- Spring Break: April 11-15, 2022
- Summer Break: Begins June 21, 2022

If you need have any questions, please contact Shanoon at gregorys@bsd405.org.

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## State Eviction Moratorium to End October 30th

If a referral for rent and/or utilities assistance is needed, please contact Ana Lewis, lewisa@bsd405.org or call 425-456-5513. Contact Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC) if repayment negotiation is needed or Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) if currently in eviction status. Check Residential Landlord-Tenant Resources for more information and legal organizations.

If you need help applying for rental assistance, these organizations can help with the process:

- YMCA of Greater Seattle Social Impact Center: call 206.751.7130; 9AM – 5PM, M-F or email at renthlep@seattleymca.org
- 4 Tomorrow: Call 425.891.0346 or visit https://tinyurl.com/4BellevueARPA.
- 4 Tomorrow Spanish: Call 425.891.0346 or visit https://tinyurl.com/4BellevueARPAEspanol

Interpretation services are available and undocumented residents are eligible.

Please email Shanoon at gregorys@bsd405.org, if you have any questions or need assistance.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Falloween at The Bellevue Collection

THU, OCTOBER 21, 2021 —SUN, OCTOBER 31, 2021

Enjoy festive fall settings and snap a picture at one of the four fall photo sets located throughout the shopping center such as the Spooky Cemetery or Haystacks and Pumpkins! Head to Bellevue Square Center Court to play with ghouls at the interactive virtual haunted graveyard, and if you're shopping with the kiddos, be sure to stop by Guest Services to pick up a monster coloring tote for coloring at home! (one per child when present, while supplies last from Oct. 18-31). To note, with your safety in mind, Bellevue Square will not have trick-or-treating on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

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## Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience

Have you ever dreamt of stepping into a painting? Take an awe-inspiring journey into the incomparable universe of Van Gogh, one of the greatest artistic geniuses of the 19th century. Explore his life, his work, and his secrets as never before through cutting-edge 360 degree digital projections, a one-of-a-kind VR experience, and a uniquely atmospheric light and sound show. Plan for your immersive experience to last 60 to 75 minutes.

Time: WED, OCTOBER 20, 2021 - SUN, JANUARY 30, 2022
Location: Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, Seattle
1750 Occidental Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134
Website: https://vangoghexpo.com/seattle/

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## Fright Fest at Wild Waves

4 SPOOKY WEEKENDS OCTOBER 8 - 31 at wild waves theme park.
Fridays 6 PM - 10 PM I Saturdays & Sundays 2 PM - 10 PM

Enjoy Family-by-Day activities for little goblins beginning at 2 PM thru 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. But BEWARE, as the park transitions to FRIGHT BY NIGHT from 6 PM to 7 PM when the monsters come out to find their prey - Friday thru Sunday evenings. Fright Fest is FREE for all Season Pass Members (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED). Daily tickets are on sale now!

Please visit wild waves website for more information.

## WSPTA & National PTA NEWS

## Reflections Theme Search

National PTA is seeking a theme for the 2023-2024 Reflections program year. The student who submits the winning entry will receive $100 and their theme will be presented at the annual National PTA Convention in June 2022. Please review the past themes listed on the website. Repeat themes will not be considered. Use the form link in the Theme Search dropdown to submit theme ideas.

Please note: due to an issue with the online form we will be using the PDF form located in the Theme Search dropdown. Forms can be scanned and emailed to progdir@wastatepta.org by the deadline date.

Entries are due by November 1, 2021.

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## Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee

The Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC) and the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Advisory Committee will be jointly hosting a virtual family and community forum on Thursday, November 4, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm to discuss Social Emotional Learning. Register here.

Topics of discussion will include student belonging, culturally responsive SEL, co-designing SEL with families, and preparing the educator workforce for SEL.

Space will be limited, so please pre-register. Priority will be given to students, families and community members. Spanish and ASL interpretation will be provided. If you need accommodations or language interpretation, please indicate on your registration.

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## Directory / Links

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