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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.

Somerset PTSA served all school staff a thanksgiving breakfast on this Thursday Nov 18th. We are so very grateful for all the work that our superstar staff do.

We wish all Somerset families a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday
We appreciate your support and partnership. May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love, and joy.

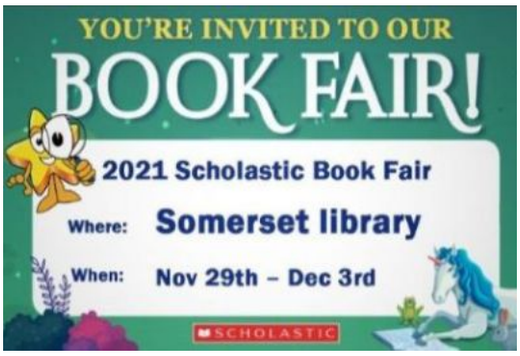
PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Saturday, Nov 20 - Virtual Movie Night
Saturday, Nov 20 - Somerset Food Drive 10am-12pm
Thursday & Friday, Nov 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving/ No School
Monday - Friday, Nov 29 - Dec 3rd - Book Fair
Friday, Dec 3rd - Birthday Fun Run for December Birthday

Common Links / Resources:

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

PTSA NEWS



2021 Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars! Make plans to join us for the 2021 Scholastic Book Fair!

Mrs. Bravenec and Somerset PTSA are delighted to host an in-person fair again this year from Nov 29th to Dec 3rd . The fair is a fantastic opportunity to shop for holiday gifts and support our school library since all proceeds fund the purchase of books and library materials for our students.

Credit cards and eWallet are the preferred payment methods, but cash/check will also be accepted. Special this year – in-person shopping times will be by appointment ONLY through SignUp Genius. Click this Link to book your time. Masks and Social Distancing required. Families will stay together as a group while shopping. The fair will be ONE-WAY to browse. Entry line starts at the gym doors.

Can't make the in-person fair? Shop ONLINE Nov29 th – Dec 12th with the Somerset Book Fair site.

Volunteers are needed for Book Fair too!

You must complete the BSD background check and provide proof of vaccination status to the Somerset office. Provide your vaccination card in person or via email to *Shannon Gregory* at gregorys@bsd405.org. Please sign up volunteer here if you would like to help.

2021-2022 Somerset PTSA Science Club Registration

Somerset Science Circle is a volunteer-run club aiming to enhance the science learning environment and introduce science competitions to our students. This club is open to students in the 4th and 5th grades. Registration is open to PTSA members only. The registration link will be available from Monday, November 22nd 10am to Friday, November 26th. We will take up to 30 members this year and registration fee is $10/student. You can register via the link below or from PTSA website.

2021- 22 Science Club Registration

Studio East: Afterschool Drama Class

We are very excited to be able to bring drama back in the Winter and Spring. Studio East has provided high-quality theater classes, workshops, and productions to local schools since 1992. Our drama classes give students a safe environment to learn: Confidence, Self-esteem, Team-building, Responsibility, Time Management, Literacy, Public Speaking, Perseverance, and 21st Century Skills!

Registration for Winter and Spring class is now open. Spots are limited and act now!

When: Jan 20 - Jun 9th, 2022 (No Class on 2/24, 4/7, and 4/14)
Every Thursday for 18 weeks 4:00 - 5:15 pm
Where: Music and Art Room
Cost: $350

- K-2nd Grade Registration
- 3rd - 5th Grade Registration

Movie Night

Today, Saturday, Nov 20th, is another virtual movie night. We will be watching *Scoob*.

Please use this Watch Link and the following passphrase for watching your movie.

SATURDAY, NOV 20 – **Scoob!** Movie available all day
Passphrase**: DE97718382CB4B55BC5CB4DF26F4B6DE**

Learn More & FAQ

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

Smith Brothers Farms Home Grocery Fundraising

Somerset PTSA is partnering with Smith Brothers Farms to raise money! Each new Smith Brothers Farms customer who signs up for home delivery using code **SomersetESPTSA** receives $15 off your first delivery order and activates a $50 donation from Smith Brothers Farms to Somerset PTSA. You'll get the iconic porch box with your 1st delivery! Delivery is always free when your order total is $10 or more. If your order is less than $10, there is a $2.99 delivery fee.

Join Smith Brothers Farms today! Please visit Smith Brothers Help Center. for Q & A. Thank you for supporting Somerset PTSA and our local business.

Parent Education Chair Night Chair Needed

PTSA is looking for a Parent Education Night Chair to lead educational programs focusing on parenting practices enhancement and family safety education, such as developing positive discipline techniques, promoting positive interaction between parents and children, and lifesaving skills. External or internal speakers will be invited to share and discuss with Somerset parents.

Example topics

- CPR certification training
- Positive parenting

The Parent Education Night chair is responsible for coordinating with the speaker/instructor and PTSA to ensure successful educational sessions. If you are passionate about parenting topics or willing to help, please join us! If you are interested please email us at jinchen2@gmail.com.

November Birthday Fun Run

Our November Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Nov 18th and it was so much fun. Our dozens of birthday superstars were 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 *Andrea Chu, Sandy Lin, Emma Hao, Van Duong)* 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!

SCHOOL NEWS

Small Hands on Art

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Small Hands on Art with Howie and Amy McOmber have been providing performing arts instruction at Somerset for 30 years! Howard and Amy McOmber and Small Hands on Art presents **Winter Wonderland!** Rehearsals are Thursday mornings in the Music Room from 8am to start of school December 2, 9, 16. The recital will be on December 16 7:30 pm, Questions call 425-313-9431. Cost $100.00. Costumes provided. Everyone has an important part to play. Act, Sing, Dance!

Please fill out this application form and give it to the coach along with a check on the first day of rehearsals. Go to smallhandsonart.com for more information.

Somerset Holiday Gift Drive

It has been a tradition for Somerset Elementary PTSA to host a Holiday Gift Drive for our families in need. We want to help families at our school to fulfill their children's wishes for the holidays. In years past we've had a tree set up with tags for each child in need. However, this year is a bit different so our gift giving will also be a bit different. This year we would like anyone who chooses to support a child or a family to purchase a gift card for $25 from **Amazon or Target** by **Dec 10th**. Why Amazon or Target? Both locations have food, clothing and other gift options that can be ordered online and delivered if needed. We hope to give guardians a $25 gift card for each of their children.

Please consider helping by purchasing one or more gift cards and delivering them to Somerset office on or before Dec10th. Please knock on the office window and one of the staff will be collecting the gift cards.

If you would like to support a child or a family in another way, or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email Shannon Gregory at gregorys@bsd405.org

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Somerset Winterfest: Light Up the Night

We are excited to invite you to our Winter Festival to engage our diverse community and create a stronger sense of belonging at Somerset. Our hope is to celebrate how light is used around the world and in many cultures during winter holidays and festivals. This event will allow us to learn from each other and unify around a common theme - the hope light can provide in our darkest days. Human beings seek out light. It provides comfort, warmth, and the ability to see, so it makes sense that many holidays are celebrated with lights in their traditions, especially so in the winter.

We want to partner with you! Please complete this Form so we can learn about your family's winter traditions and share ways you would consider supporting our event.

BSD NEWS

Open Transfer and Choice School Application

Open Transfer Applications for the 2022-23 school year will be accepted beginning Monday December 6, 2021. The application period will close Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Visit our Open Transfer page for more information.

Choice School Entry Level Lottery Applications for incoming K (current P-4) and incoming 6th grade (current 5th grade) students for the 2022-23 school year will be accepted beginning Monday December 6, 2021. The application period will close Friday January 7, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Visit our Apply to Choice Schools and Programs page for more information.

Vaccine Clinics

The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for children aged five and older. BSD hosted vaccine clinics on November 5 and 6 for students, which were a great success. We have now hosted a total of 16 vaccine clinics, administering more than 7,660 shots! We will continue to work with our community vaccine partners to organize future clinics based on need.

Find a Vaccine Near You

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 is becoming available across King County, Washington state and nationally. Availability varies by location. Use the links below to find a COVID-19 vaccine clinic near you:

- Washington State Department of Health Vaccine Locator
- Vaccines.gov

If your child is a patient of Allegro Pediatrics, please find out more here about their upcoming vaccine clinics:

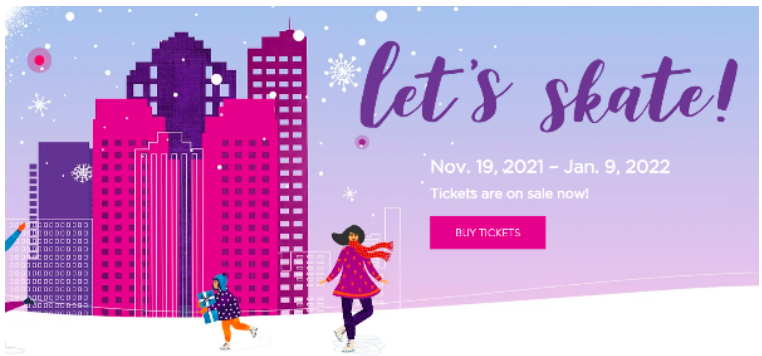
- Allegro Pediatrics COVID-19 FAQ

If your child receives care via UW Medicine, you can learn more about how to schedule an appointment here:

- UW Medicine COVID-19 Vaccine Updates & Information

You may also check with your local pharmacy to find out if they have COVID-19 vaccines for ages 5-11 available, and how to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink

FRI, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 — SUN, JANUARY 9, 2022

The 24th annual Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink presented by Symetra will be open daily, including holidays from November 19 through January 9, 2022. The ice rink features more than 9,000 square feet of real ice, a spacious viewing area, on-site concessions, free parking nearby and a variety of special events.

New safety protocols and an online ticketing system are in place for the 2021-2022 season. Walk-up tickets are limited, so visitors are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

Skating hours, promotions and directions are available at www.bellevueicerink.com.

Snowflake Lane Parade

Celebrating 17 years of Snowflake Lane presented by The Bellevue Collection. See the region's most festive holiday show! Nightly Parade at 7 p.m. from November 26 to December 24.

Experience the wonder of falling snow, dazzling lights, festive music, toy drummers, and dancers in this complimentary nightly parade of holiday floats. Join us on the sidewalks between Bellevue Square and Lincoln Square from NE 4th to NE 8th Streets every night.

Dream Theater Top Of The World Tour @ Accesso ShoWare Center

Dream Theater's "Top Of The World Tour" with special guest Arch Echo, previously scheduled to perform at The Paramount Theatre in Seattle November 4, 2021, will perform on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at accesso ShoWare Center located at 625 W James St, Kent, WA 98032. This show is all ages and begins at 8:00PM with doors opening at 7:00PM.

Tickets are $29.50, $44.50, $59.50 & $74.50. Ticket prices increase $3.00 on the day of show. Seating is reserved. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, November 24th and are available at accessoshowarecenter.com

Tickets on Sale 11/24 at 10am

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