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PTSA SUPERSTAR eNEWS
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 consult the resources of a nationwide organization bringing together the time, service, and commitment on behalf of our children.

PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Virtual Spirit Week - Last Day of Somerset Holiday Gift Drive
Friday, Dec 18th - Pi Day & Virtual Movie Night
Wednesday, Dec 16th - Somerset Winterfest 5-7pm
Tuesday, Dec 15th - Virtual Somerset Winterfest Celebration
Friday, Dec 11th - Virtual Spirit Day/ Comfy Day
Friday, Dec 11th - Virtual Movie Night
Thursday, Dec 10th - Virtual Spirit Day
Thursday, Dec 3rd - Virtual Movie Night
Monday to Wednesday, Dec 30th - Jan 3rd - Winter Break No School
Tuesday, Jan 4th - First Day of School for Year 2021

Comment Links / Resources:
Somerset PTSA Website
Somerset PTSA Facebook Page
Somerset Elementary School Website
SES COVID 19 Dashboard

PTSA NEWS

Volunteers and Donation Items Needed for Somerset Winterfest

Somerset Winterfest Light up the Night is coming on **Wednesday, December 16th** @ **5pm!** Let us know you're coming! **Click here to RSVP for a starting time slot** SYR: This year, we will be virtual and we'll, of course, still have our celebrated Gold Grand prize drawing!!!

We are still looking for lots items for each holiday/celebration and event vouchers. Please sign up **here** if you are interested in being a lead or other role. Contact Liz Hilliard at lizbethjhilliard@aol.com if there are questions.

We are still looking for many items to donate or lead to light up our school.

- If you offered to donate prize items or would be willing to donate other needed items, contact Liz or **Amazon wish list**. Please drop them off at the school office.
- We are collecting working wheels of unwanted lights to use for the festival decorations. Please drop them off at the school office. Please, no lit lights. We need the wheels to be either white or were with color which is white.
- We are also looking for mobile ports to hold prize winners. Please let us know if we can borrow yours.

We look forward to seeing you at Light up the Night!

Staff Appreciation Annual Cookie Blizzard

The Staff Appreciation Annual Cookie Blizzard is on **Thursday, Dec 10th**. Homemade, Gluten-Free Cookies/Treats/Hot Cocoa are encouraged. Brownies, bars, fudge, sliice, truffles or special foreign pastries are also appreciated. NO CHAOCEN PLEASE. If you don't want to bake, Hotel Sorrento donated hot cocoa and cookies.

The event will require more room support from all grades. **Each Class please bring in at least 2 dozen treats** (Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, Nut-Free, Gluten-Free, Vegan) and we will setup the room at 10:00am-10:30am on December 10th. **Please use the sign up link below if you would like to volunteer or bring in cookies:**
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4050D4AAEA128A9F5-cookie

Please print out the ingredients in your cookies and attach it to your cookie container for the staff to see. Please, no nuts or nut products because we have staff members with nut allergies. We will assist them and put them back in PTSA office after the event for you to pick up. **Please send the cookies to the staff room between 9:30 - 10:00am on December 10th.**

Pls. questions please contact Staff Appreciation Committee at: Pls. **shorten@hotmail.com** or Ping Long (friend) **heidi.langsung@gmail.com**. Thank you very much for your support.

SCHOOL NEWS

First LEGO League Introduction Seminar by Tyee Robotics Club

Are you interested in Robotics? Do you know the **FIRST LEGO League**? Do you want to learn more about robotics? Come to the **Tyee** Tyee Robotics School Robotics club to help us introduce the seminar to classes this **coming Monday Dec 6th**. Please use the following link to register:
http://forms2.constructive.info.session

When: **Dec 6th at 6:00-6:30 PM**
Join the introduction seminar via the **Microsoft Teams** Link

Virtual Movie Night

Friday, Dec 18th is another virtual movie night. We will be watching **Dr. Seuss. How the Grinch Stole Christmas** (2000) Movie available all day.

Please use the **Watch List** and the following passcode/password for watching your movie:
Passcode/pass: 4YXNNSWNAAXXXXXNAPPYSWNNY

Learn More & FAQ

Please Do Not share the Watch List or passcode/pass outside the school for the limit of the access.

STUDIO EAST
TRAINING FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Studio East: Afterschool Drama Class

We are very excited to be able to bring Drama back in the Winter and Spring. Studio East has extended high-quality theater classes, workshops, and productions to local schools since 1992.

Registration for Winter and Spring classes is now open. Only 2 seats left for the first to fifth grade group. The registration fee is $ 5 for both. You can add your students to waiting list. Once we have more students we will let you know.

When: **Jan 25 - Jun 04, 2021** every Thursday **4:00 - 5:15 pm for 6 weeks (No Class on Feb. 4th and 18th)**
Where: Somerset Art Room
Cost: $50

- 6 (mo) Grade Registration
- 3rd - 5th Grade Registration

Somerset Book Fair Recap

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Hour of Code Week

Students at Somerset will have the opportunity to participate in the nationwide event, Hour of Code, next week, experiencing a variety of coding activities. Hour of Code is a time for students to learn a little about coding. Visit **https://hourofcode.com/us/learn**

Get Comfy Day

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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 holiday gifts. **We are asking that everyone who chooses to support a child or a family to purchase a gift card instead of a physical gift.** This will allow the PTSA to provide gift cards for each of their children. Please consider helping by purchasing any or more gift cards and delivering them to Somerset office on or before December 11th.

If you would like to support a child or a family in another way, or have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Liz at **ptsa@ses.com**

COVID-19 NEWS

COVID-19 screening and diagnostic testing is currently offered at all Bellevue School District schools. This process has been developed in collaboration with the District's school disciplinary health and safety team. At Somerset:

- Diagnostic testing begin on Feb 3rd and is offered daily for students with symptoms.
- Pooled surveillance testing occurs every Wednesday morning.

Testing may only occur with permission and consent. You can provide us with permission and consent by filling out the form at the link below. Please do this now to provide the consent form. Any student that does not have consent will not be tested.

BSD NEWS

Click Here for Full Video Series Which Explains Choice Schools

Open Transfer and Choice School Application

Open Transfer Applications for the 2021-22 school year will be accepted beginning **on Monday, December 14, 2021**. The application period will end on May 31, 2022 (K-8) and **Feb 1st Open Transfer page for more information**.

Choice School Entry Level Lottery Applications for incoming K-5 students and incoming 6th grade students for grades students for the 2021-22 school year will be accepted beginning on Monday, December 14, 2021. The application period will end on January 7, 2022 at 11:59 pm. **Visit Apt Apts to Choice Schools and Programs page for more information.**

Read the message in:
- 简体
- Español

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Magic at The Fair

The Washington State Fair is seeking to bring back Holiday Magic, the annual holiday-themed holiday experience. This event began in 2006 as a mixed-through, as a fun and innovative way to bring cheer. This year's event is bigger, better and brighter! Much like Hayloop, interactive activities, live sewing, live, festive food and drink, Night Market, fun, family activities and more!

When: Fri, Dec 4, 2021 - Sun, Dec 5, 2021
Buy Tickets Online

Holiday Fun at Seattle Center

The Nutcracker Presented by Pacific Northwest Ballet
Winterfest Train & Village Display
Holiday Lights at the Pacific Science Center
Hanukkah Legal celebration of Fifteen Fractions

National PTA & WSPTA NEWS

Focus on WSPTA Advocacy

Washington State PTA's Top 5 Legislative Priorities + 4 Supported Issues for 2021-2022 are as follows:

- Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning Staff
- Support Students and Preserve Educational Equity
- Support Students Who Are Homeless, Foster Care, or Juvenile Offenders
- Supports Funding for Students with Disabilities and Their Families
- Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide

Supported Issues include:

- Equitable Identification and Services for Highly Capable Students
- Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change
- Safe School Plans and Emergency Preparedness

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