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PTSA | SUPERSTAR eNEWS

Our mission is to support our students, teacher, and families of each and every child at Somerset Elementary School. As part of the Bellevue Area PTA, we are a council dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of our children and families in our community.

PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Tuesday, May 18th - Spirit Week Begins
Thursday, May 19th - Staff Appreciation Cookie Blizzard!
Friday, May 21st - Movie Night - Virtual Movie
Friday, May 21st - Virtual Magnet Night
Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day - No School
Thursday, June 3rd - Virtual Movie Night
Friday, June 4th - Virtual Fun Run / Virtual Water Break No School
Tuesday, June 8th - First Day of Summer Bell Times

Common Links / Resources:
Somerset PTA website
Somerset PTA Facebook Page
Bellevue Area PTA Facebook Page
SES COVID-19 Dashboard
Bellevue Schools Coronavirus

PTSA NEWS

Somerset Holiday Gift Drive

Coming up! Jump in wholeheartedly this coming Wednesday, May 19th.

Group team is tradition for Somerset Elementary PTSA! It's fun! It's filling! It's fun! It's fulfilling! It's fun! We want to help families at our school in both their current and future lives. This year we double the amount who choose to support a child or a family. We want to fill up the tables in the lobby with gifts for our Somerset families. Please consider signing up by jumping on a team and sharing your wish list with your team captain. Thank you! We can't do it without you!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email Shannon Grieger, sgrieger0429@gmail.com.

Volunteers and Donation Items Needed for Somerset Winterfest

Somerset Winterfest is going to be flipping using on **Wednesday, December 15th** 5-7pm

We are still looking for table hosts for each hallway/classroom and volunteers to help with the event. Please let us know if you can help out and what you would like to volunteer for!

We are still looking for raffle items to donate to be held at our school.

- If you attended in-person gala, donor or sponsor by entry is renewed after related items, such as **Amazon Lost Key**. Please drop them off at the school office.
- We are collecting working amounts of photographs again to use for the backdrop. Please drop off photos in the office or email them to Shannon Grieger. Please be sure to collect photos from the school office and email some photos.
- Please let us know if you have any other ideas for Winterfest. Thanks! We are thinking we can borrow yours.

We look forward to seeing you at gala on the Night!

Students Photo Release Permission

As a number of PTSA events and activities will be coming in the school year, PTSA has a need to take photos of students participating in these events. We want to share the PTSA Facebook page with the community. If you have any concern about the photos of your child being posted on the PTSA Facebook page, please let us know. Please let us know if you have and will the PTSA volunteers have to take photos of your kids.

Staff Appreciation Annual Cookie Blizzard

The Staff Appreciation Annual Cookie Blizzard is on **Thursday Dec 19th**. Remember, we are supposed to be appreciating our staff. We need to be ready to go! We need to find a special design cookie and cookie decorator. **WE CHANGED PLACES.** If you are willing to bake, fresh baked cookies purchased from stores are also acceptable.

As usual this season does room support from all parents. **Even if we have strong, but most time students lack of cookies in the school. We are up to 1 volunteers to help bake cookies. Please let us know if you can bake. Sign up for 1 cookie or bring 1 cookie** to bring to meeting.

Please print out the ingredients in your cookies and attach it to your cookie container so we can make sure we have all the ingredients. Please let us know if you have any food allergies. Cookies will be packaged and sent home in PTSA after-after the week for pick up. Please send the cookies to the staff room between 8:30 - 10:00 am.

Please email Kelly Pughes at kelly.pughes@gmail.com or Shannon Grieger at shannon.grieger@yahoo.com for any questions. Thank you very much for your support!

Virtual Movie Night

We will be having two virtual movie days on **Friday, Oct. 17th and Sat. Dec 19th**. Remember, we are **Virtual Movie Night**. Please sign up for following assemblies for starting soon. The Movies are scheduled at 7pm.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - OP
Transformers: AUTOBOTS UNITED (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

FRIDAY, DEC. 17 - Shaun Sheehan
Transformers: FORTRESS MAXIMUS (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

FRIDAY, DEC. 17 - Shaun Sheehan
Transformers: AUTOBOTS UNITED (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

SATURDAY, DEC. 18 - The Grieger Family
Transformers: DARK OF THE MOON (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

SATURDAY, DEC. 18 - Pete Chapman
Transformers: DARK OF THE MOON (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

SATURDAY, DEC. 18 - Pete Chapman
Transformers: AUTOBOTS UNITED (PG/1 HOUR/1 MINUTE)

Learn More & FAQ

Please fill the above Rsvp form or passphrase cookie the school for the end of the meeting.

After School Soccer Winter Season Registration

Welcome to the Winter 2020 Somerset Girls's program! It's a dream players of every level, from beginner to experienced, are welcome to join. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun class a space for Bellevueland's 6-10 Grade students. All numbers regarding the Somerset Girls's program are found on the Somerset website.

Girls Wednesday - 3:00pm-4:30pm
Class: **2020 January 13, 20, February 3, 10**
Cost: $100.00
Registration Link: https://goalsforall.com/ | Somerset Girls's Soccer

Parents Volunteers needed for After School Dance Class

Calling all parents who have already registered students into the after school dance class by Friday Good Friday! Our class is on Wednesday's 4:30 Grade students. All numbers regarding the Somerset Girls's program are found on the website.

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Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink Fundraising

The 2020 annual Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink fundraiser is in Sunday will be same date. Including holiday from **November 15 through January 6, 2021**.

Take safety protocols and an online booking system are in place for the 2020-2021 Western Bellevue Schools are limited, so various and strongly encouraged to purchase tickets online. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.bellevueparks.com. Please sign up for volunteer **here** if you would like to help. Thank you for your support!

Smith Brothers Farms Home Grocery Fundraising

Somerset PTSA is partnering with **Smith Brothers Farms** to raise funds! Each Year Smith Brothers Farms contact parents with signs up to home delivery area. Smith Brothers Farms will donate 10% of the total sales to Somerset PTSA. Please sign up for Smith Brothers Farms. Thank you for supporting Somerset PTSA and our local business.

In-person Movie Night Wrap-up

We had a great time with Pete and Shaun as we watched Jurassic World. If you miss the night with Grieger, Johnsons, great dates, Sheehan's Kingdom, phone buddies, friends, families, and Somerset Elementary School. It was a fun night! It was great to see everyone in a relaxed setting with Somerset members.

Thank you to our movie night chair Kelly Pughes for organizing Movie Night. Kelly is starting work in her retiring and retirement! We are looking forward to another Somerset meeting with our fans and favorites.

SCHOOL NEWS

Get Comfy Day

It's time to celebrate come with another crazy spirit day! **Friday, December 17th** is Get Comfy Day at Somerset. Wear your favorite pair of PJs, but you can pajamas, and you can bring blanket or stuffed animal. Show your spirit and get comfy on the day before Winter Break! Remember, Somerset Elementary School and Bellevue Schools are a proud and safe place. Let's be helpful in the upcoming holidays!

COVID-19 Diagnostic and Pool Testing at Somerset

COVID-19 screening and diagnostic testing is currently offered at all Bellevue School District schools. In Somerset:

- Diagnostic testing began on Nov 2nd and is offered daily to students and staff members.
- Pool testing is offered every Wednesday morning.

Testing was only once with consent. Do not feel free to provide consent to test your child. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is tested. Please provide with information on your child's teacher as well as upload on the COVID-19 testing using **this link** to complete the consent form.

School Lost and Found

Our school Lost and Found is growing so please encourage your students to stop by in **Office** or **Lost & Found** and pick up anything. **Lost and Found items will be donated to local charities after Nov. 17th.**

In addition, we would like to ask you to write your child's name in items so we can return the items already in store at the school.

BSD NEWS

Microsoft Teams Private Chat Suspension on December 17

Microsoft Teams student private chat will be suspended on December 17, 2021, for all students, except for discussions specifically provided in the Bellevue School District Microsoft Teams environment. Students communicated which school and grade Teams teacher is set up.

Read the message in Spanish and Simplified Chinese

Elementary Mask Requirement at Recess

Beginning Monday, May 17th, Bellevue Schools will be requiring students, and staff, wear masks at recess. Masks will be optional at recess through the end of the school year. The rationale includes:

- Students are playing together and often don't stay physically distanced from each other throughout recess.
- Masks are a reminder to keeping students in close proximity of recess is helping to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our school community.
- We are seeing increasing numbers of cases in our community, and we want to minimize disruptions to in-person learning.
- We want to avoid requiring pre-tests or vaccination or individual tests for those who have undergone with health reporting at recess.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Jessica Allen-Kaufman.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join Girl Scout Troop 40376

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Join Scout Troop 40376 led by Somerset Grieger and the team for registration for grades 1-5 kindergarten and first grade. Meeting will begin in January and course ages will begin in February 1.

SCOUTMASTER:
Year this year usage at https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html. Click "Find a Troop" and enter Troop 40376 (Somerset Grieger) and Troop 40376 (Somerset Grieger) and enter Troop 40376 (Join or Start Troop) in front of the number. Scouts participating are in 5-8th.

PTA Space Troop 40376 Tab

If you have any questions please email Jessica Allen-Kaufman.

Attend the Sammamish High School Holiday Glass Sale

The Sammamish High School Winter Boosts will help an annual Holiday Glass Sale on Tuesday, **December 14 from 5-7 p.m.** The sale includes one-of-a-kind ceramic and artisan pieces, including ceramic bowls, mugs, plates, jewelry, and more. Proceeds from the sale will go to benefit the Winter Boosts and support the visual arts.

Holiday Fun at Seattle Center

The Backyards Presents Family Holiday Fun
Arrangers Tree & Chaps Chapels
Winterfest Center Ice Rink at Seattle's Family Tree Center
Somerset Lego exhibit at Pacific Science

VIRTUAL, Personalized Live Zoom Calls with Santa and Mrs. Claus

FRI, DECEMBER 03, 2021 - FRI, DECEMBER 24, 2021

Delight your crowd over this season with a Zoom call with Santa and Mrs Claus! Santa and Mrs Claus are professional actors ready to wear their iconic costumes! Professional actors are trained and background provide an authentic experience.

Pick a time slot to fit their need! Bring your friends or a person visit. Holiday special pricing, $50 per call.

Do extra with a unique, special, may provide what they could! Be included on the call. A personalized message from Santa and Mrs. Claus is the perfect gift this season!

More information
Book your video call

Holidays with Santa at the Space Needle

DAY, DECEMBER 01, 2021 - FRI, DECEMBER 31, 2021

Santa is back at the Space Needle for 2021 with Dr. Seuss! In his all-glass sleigh and reindeer, Santa will be flying high above the Space Needle's Observation Deck. Santa will be ready to take photos and sit with the children. Photos will be taken by professional photographers and will be available for purchase.

Tickets are limited, so plan ahead! Reservations are required. Tickets are $25 per person.

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National PTA & YOUTH NEWS

Notes from the Backpack

National PTA has developed a fantastic series of **webinars** on a variety of topics to Black Communities with partners. Some of the most important upcoming include:

21 | Leading with Hope: Top Anti-Racist Strategies
28 | Supporting Black Students Through Trauma and Grief
29 | Raising Children Who Change the World, with Dr. Shelia Ali Jackson, Ed.D.
29 | Supporting Students of Color with Dr. Steven Jones
30 | Supporting Black Students Through Trauma and Grief
30 | Office Space and Conversion Learning Research with Tiana Gandy

Learn more about **National PTA website** or directly access the podcasts from our **Family Engagement webinar**.

STEM Airforce Activities

Don't miss the STEM fun in person! Joining the STEM activities! Know and get the photo being included in the list. National PTA and Rayen Nasr have developed a series of **hands-on activities** for kids ages 4-8.

Learn at Home Activities feature common household items that you likely already have on hand and are easy to set up and complete with your children.

Directory / Links

Protective Connections
Bellevue Schools - Hiring Now
Bellevue Schools - Hiring
PTA Programs: Rally Bear & Jim Grieger
Bellevue Schools Foundation

SES Communications Office Contact Info
Principal: Kimberly Sarah Ertl by Ms. Ertl's Assistant

Somerset PTSA Email
Somerset PTSA Facebook Group
Bellevue PTSA Council
Washington State PTA
Bellevue Schools
Somerset PTSA-SES Meeting Minutes

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