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SOMERSET ELEMENTARY PTSA 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.

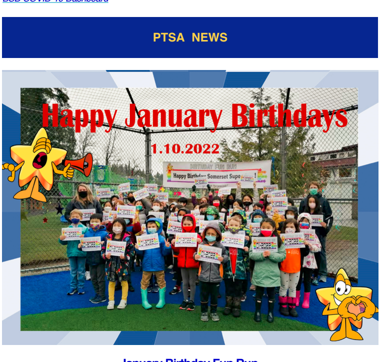
PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday, Jan 17th - Martin Luther King Day/ No School
Friday, Jan 21st - Virtual Movie Night
Saturday, Jan 22nd - Virtual Movie Night
Friday, Jan 28th - Spirit Day/Twin Day

Common Links / Resources:

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

PTSA NEWS



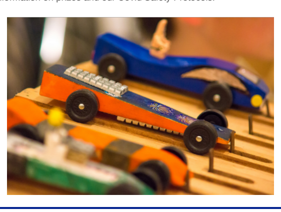
January Birthday Fun Run

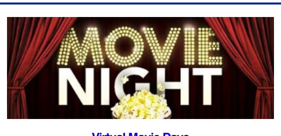
Our January Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Jan 10th and it was so much fun. Our dozens of birthday superstars was running with Principals. Happy birthday to all January superstars!!! Thank you, our principals, GSA teachers, and PTSA volunteers(club chair *Lu Zhang* and volunteers *Henry Leung, Wing Ng* and *Kelley Ibuki*) for making this fun run happen.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race Event

Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629 has a free event for 1st and 3rd grade students. Our 1st & 3rd grade Dens have openings, boys or girls can join, and this is a great opportunity to have fun and learn about Cub Scouts.

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022
Place: Somerset Elementary Cafeteria - 14100 Somerset Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006
Time: Races will be held 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Registration: Please email ronwangelin@gmail.com if you would like to register. If you register we will provide your child with a free Pinewood Derby Car kit, build instructions, and more information on prizes and our Covid Safety Protocols.





Virtual Movie Days

We will be having two virtual movie days on this coming Friday, Jan 21st and Saturday, Jan 22nd Please use this Watch Link and the following passphrase for watching the movies.

FRIDAY, Jan 21 - ***Paddington*** Movie available all day
Passphrase: 4DB58A39CF2941B19A7FD86B31CD9005

SATURDAY, Jan 22 - ***Paddington 2*** Movie available all day
Passphrase: 61F73D69BBFC490C9F8B45F82EAE1CF0

Learn More & FAQ

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

After School Soccer Winter and Spring Session Registration

Welcome to the Winter and Spring 2022 Somerset GOALS program! For 4 or 6 weeks players will enjoy time out on the field with our professional coaches for a fun and engaging soccer class. This class is open for Kindergarten to 5th Grade students. All questions regarding the program can be sent to Director@goalsinschool.com.

4 Weeks Winter Session Registration Link:
https://goalsinschool.sportngin.com/register/form/920527887
Time: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-2:45pm
Dates: 2022 January 19, 26, February 2, 9
Cost: $129

6 Weeks Spring Session Registration Link:
https://goalsinschool.sportngin.com/register/form/686610218
Time: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-2:45pm
Dates: 2022 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6
Cost: $159

6 Weeks Spring Session 2 Registration Link:
https://goalsinschool.sportngin.com/register/form/680632571
Time: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-2:45pm
Dates: 2022 April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
Cost: $159

Reflection Recap

Somerset Reflections Program received a total of 25 entries in the following categories:

- 1 entry in the Literature category;
- 1 entry in the Music category;
- 23 entries in the Visual Arts category. 7 entries from K to Grade 2. 16 entries from Grade 3 to Grade 5.

9 entries were sent to the Council of PTAs for the next step. Thank you for submitting your entries and we hope students have been enjoying the program and feel good about your creativity!

Somerset Winterfest Wrap-up

Big shout thank-you to our Somerset Superstar staff and volunteers. We had a great night of our winter fest, Light up the Night. More than 600 students and their family members attended this wonderful event. This wonderful event brought our diverse cultures together to celebrate the many winter festivals and holidays held throughout the world! It has affirmed the identities of students and built their cultural competency. It was an evening that SHINE and illuminated what makes Somerset shine in our darkest months.

Many families donated a lot of items such as glow sticks, and provided fantastic lights and kiddie pools. Our Somerset Superstar staff spent days in setting up the light and decorating the school, and have been serving students with hot chocolate during the event. A number of volunteers spent hours in setting up the exhibition stands and interpreting the culture to audience. Special thanks to Bellevue Fire Station 4 (Factoria) for demonstration, providing education, and their support to this event. We would like to extend our thanks to Cub scout 629 for helping decorate the classroom with all kinds of lights and clean up Somerset Garden for this event. All these efforts make us a strong community. Thank you all for your contributions to making it a great and fun event!

Updated Somerset Winter Fest Volunteers: (If you volunteered yet your name was somehow overlooked, please accept our apologies and let us know via email somersetptsa@gmail.com. We would like to accurately acknowledge each and every one of you and will publish another volunteer list and recognize all of our volunteers at the end of the school year.)

Adele Zhang	Eun Suk Cho	Ken Boda	Scott Eng
Aditi Desai	Grace Yu	Kimmie Eng	Seema Gangadhara
Aileen Wu	Haiyan Xu	Kosuke Suzuki	Seo Yeon Kim
Alison Boda	Hillary Nordwell	Kyosun Moon	Shengnan Li
Ana Howard	Huey Sung	Leo Li	Shilin Li
Angelle Morvant	Hui Zhang	Leslie Song	Sudha Bharti
Aviti Mathur	Huiying Ye	Lily Zhu	Tanya Meyer
Bef Ayenew	Hyewon Shin	Lin Zhang	Tara DeFoe
Bodil Tracey	Inna Sheiman	Linda Liu	Tim Wortman
Bong Hyun Shin	Jackie Gao	Lingyan Rong	Tuli Davenport
Carolyn Li	Jason Liu	Liu Yu	Tyler Pilkington
Catherine Qu	Jeff Scherpelz	Lu Zhang	Valerie Makam
Cathy Chen	Jenny Kim	Luxi Ji	Wai Ip
Charmaine Borbe	Jenny Nie	Maggie Zhang	Wenyan Zhou
Cheryl Crow	Jenny Suresh	Michael Vincelli	Wing Ng
Chu Chen	Jerod Hitzel	Monica Ramos	Xiaomin Zhou
Clare Shen	Jerry Zhang	Natalie Hovanec	Yan Zhou
Cristina Gutierrez	Jessie Chien	Ned Locke	Yanhua Chen
Dafan Liu	Jiahao Mao	Nina Chen	Ye Ji
David Wang	Jieyun Fan	Patrick DeFoe	Yim Cheng
Deana Ahn	Jihyun Kim	Peggy Wang	Ying Liang
Deepthi Kancharthi	Jin Chen	Pratima Penmetsa	Yingqi Zhao
Demi Wang	Jingfei Liu	Qinghui Liu	Yodit Daniel
Diane Kuslich	Jingyuan Yin	Rachel Kim	Yolanda Ip
Donghui Pan	Jingyuan Zhu	Rebeca Fisikelli	Youngjoo Park
Edith Ng	Jinny Kim	Regina Anderson	Yu Liu
Elizabeth Hitzel	Katherine Yu	Royce Wong	Yuan Li
Emily Wang	Kelly Mao	Sairam Suresh	Yu-Hao Pan
Erika Rice Scherpelz	Kelly Sullivan Wynn	Sandy Lin	Yuki Yang
Eriko Wu			

SCHOOL NEWS

COVID-19 Diagnostic and Pool Testing at Somerset

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 multidisciplinary health and safety team. At Somerset:

- Diagnostic testing began on Nov 2nd 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 information on your desire to opt-in or opt-out of the COVID-19 testing using this link to complete the consent form. Any student that does not have consent will not be tested.

Somerset Shines on Wednesdays

Somerset Shines on Wednesdays-Wear your T-shirt!! It is important to us that all students feel they belong at Somerset. One way we encourage students to feel they are a part of our school is to promote Wednesday School Spirit Day and encourage students to wear their Somerset Shines t-shirt every Wednesday. If your child is new to our school and doesn't have a t-shirt, let your teacher know so we can provide one.

Disposable Masks Needed

Our school is in great need of disposable kids' masks and would appreciate your help. Any kind of disposable kids masks are welcome. We attach an Amazon mask link Disposable Masks for your reference. You may either bring them into the office or have them sent directly to the school (14100 Somerset Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006)

Feel free to contact Shannon at gregorys@bsd405.org if you have any questions.

School Spirit Day

Friday, January 28th is Twin Day at Somerset. Have fun dressing like a friend (or two or three) from your class. The class that has the greatest percentage of participants dressing as twins will be featured in the morning announcements and win a class prize!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROBO BRICKS

Lego/Robotics class for 3rd-5th Grade Students

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders....a local Somerset Family hosts a small Lego robotics pods with Seattle Young Engineers. There is an opportunity for your child to enroll in this class, if interested and would like to enroll for questions, email ruchita@seattleyoungengineers.com

Class duration: 3:30-5pm (90 minutes)
Start/End dates: Wednesday, January 19th – Wednesday, February 16th
Duration: 5 sessions
Cost: $200 per student
Location: Somerset Parent's home

Robo Bricks (Robo Bricks introduces participants to the world of robotics through lessons of mechanical engineering. This enrichment program teaches practical software and mechanical engineering principles. They are algorithm planning, formulation of pseudo code, flow charts, We-Do Programming, input and output implementations, loops, multi-threads, keyboard operations, sensor applications, calculation commands). The emphasis here again will be to teach them **importance of algorithms and pseudo code** and why they need to pay closer attention to them before they jump off to programming. ****students who are able to catch up in the winter sessions, will be invited to continue the learning pathway in he advanced class starting March 2nd. This is a good way to tryout our sessions.**

Mission InspirEd Winter Classes

Hurry! Winter classes for Mission InspirEd are coming to you! Mission InspirEd will be offering free, weekly classes for elementary and middle school students. Classes will start during the week of January 23rd. They have qualified instructors, teaching topics ranging from Introductory Business to Intermediate Java! Spots fill up quickly, so make sure to sign up as soon as possible. Learn more at missioninspired.org/classes. View the flyer for more information!

Newport Girls Select Basketball is Looking for Players

The Newport Girls Select Basketball Program is a non profit organization (501c3) that is focused on developing basketball skills, sportsmanship, self esteem and confidence. Our program is dedicated to serving the youth of the Newport High School feeder area by supporting their academic and athletic goals.

Our season runs October - March but we still have room! We practice every Tuesday and Thursday night at Tyee Middle School and we invite your daughters to join! The registration link is below but feel free to stop by a practice before registering to see if it's a "fit"!
https://newportgirlsselectbasketball.sportngin.com/register/form/940670411

Prior to registering, every player must provide verification of obtaining an AAU#. Please reference our club number: W34TDB. https://aaugirlsbasketball.org/ The cost of an AAU# is $14.

If you have any questions, please email Michael Ketchum at newportgirlsselectbasketball@gmail.com.

Join Girl Scout Troop 40376

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Girl Scout Troop 40376 is led by Somerset moms and now open for registration for girls in kindergarten and first grade. Meeting will begin in January and cookie sales will begin on February 1.

REGISTRATION:
Visit the Join page at https://www.girlscoutsww.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html. Click "Join Now" and then click "Find Troops". Enter zip code 98006, select current membership year, and enter **Troop 40376** (*be sure to type Troop in front of the number*). Annual membership fee is $25.

Girl Scout Troop 40376 Flyer

If you have any questions please contact Bana at bana.miller@gmail.com.

Troop 40376
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girl scouts of western washington

Association	Grade Range
Somerset Elementary School	K, 1st
Open Spot(s)	Filled Spot(s)
11 girls, 13 adults	1 girls, 1 adults

JOIN THIS TROOP

Directory / Links

Executive Committee
President: Yuki Yang & Xing He
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National PTA
Somerset PTSA BOD Meeting Minutes

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