



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

- Saturday, Feb 12th - Virtual Movie Day
Tuesday, Feb 15th - Birthday Fun Run for February Birthday
Friday, Feb 18th - Spirit Day/ Sports Day
Saturday, Feb 19th - Virtual Movie Day
Monday - Friday, Feb 21st - Feb 25th - Mid Winter Break

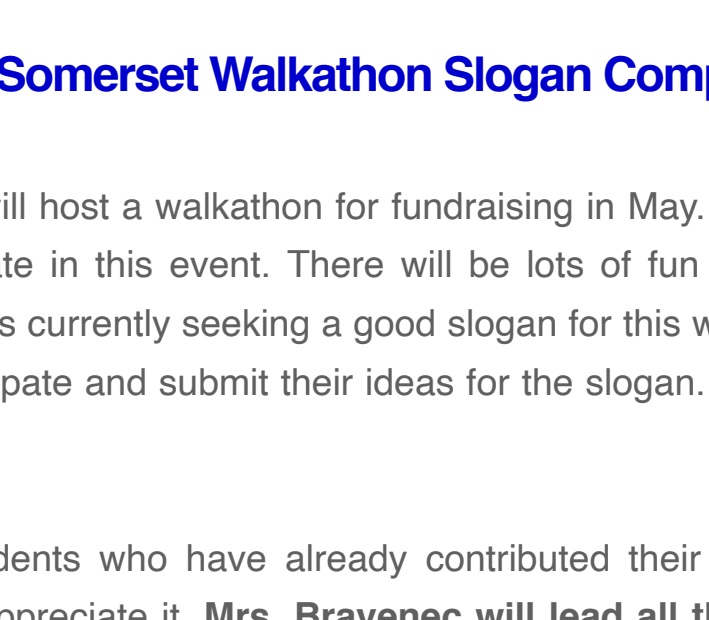
- Common Links / Resources:
Somerset PTSA Website
Somerset PTSA Facebook Page
Somerset Elementary School Website
BSD COVID-19 Dashboard

PTSA NEWS



COMING SOON - Personalized Keepsakes Featuring Your Child's Artwork!

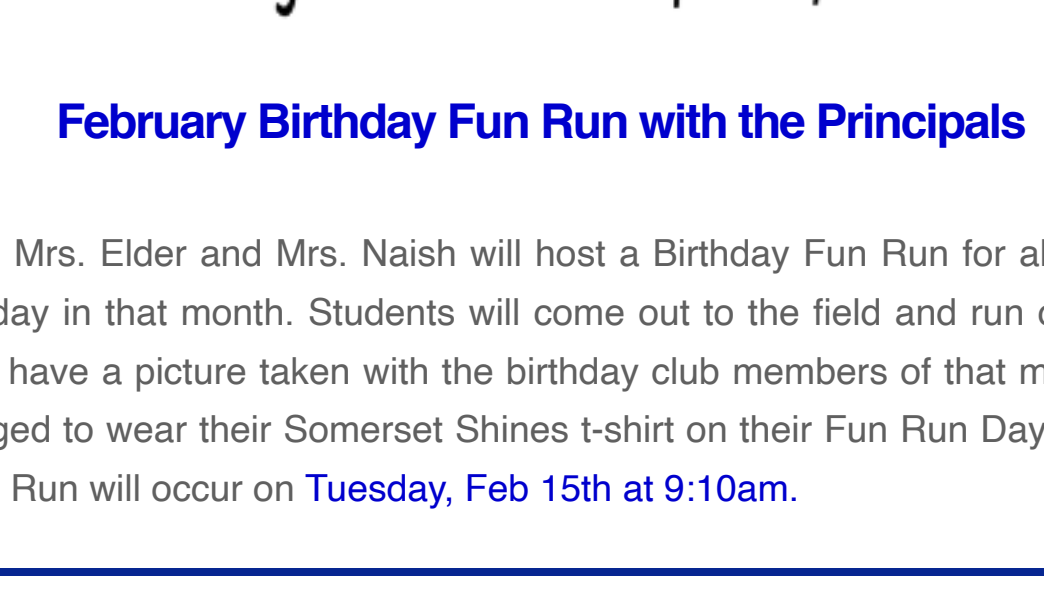
Somerset Families, this year, in lieu of our traditional Art Auction, PTSA is hosting a new and exciting art fundraising event by partnering with Art to Remember. Currently, our children are working hard on their individual artwork in Art Class under the guidance of our Art teachers, Ms. Chueng and Ms. McClelland. They are having a lot of fun creating their own artwork. Make sure to ask your children about their projects to learn more!



2022 Somerset Walkathon Slogan Competition

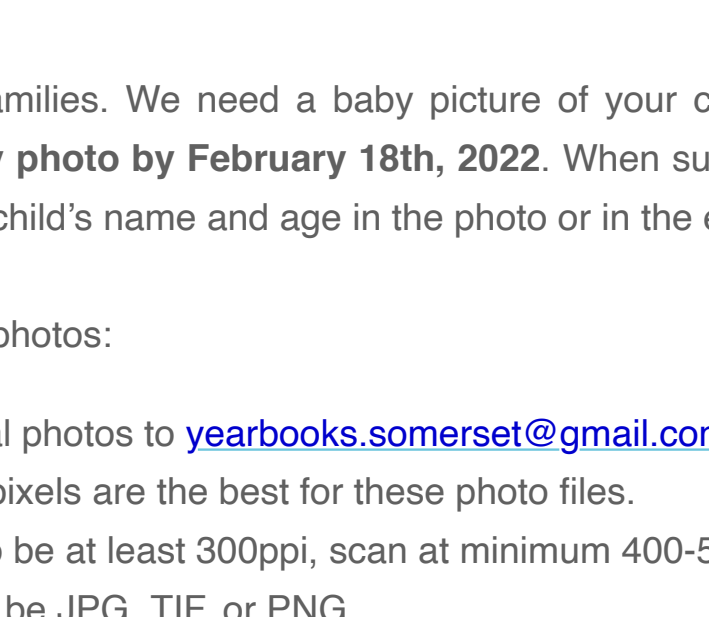
PTSA and Somerset will host a walkathon for fundraising in May. All Somerset Superstars are invited to participate in this event. There will be lots of fun and all the students will receive GIFTS! PTSA is currently seeking a good slogan for this walkathon.

Thank you to the students who have already contributed their great ideas and shared slogans with us. We appreciate it. Mrs. Bravenec will lead all the students to work on Walkathon slogans during school time and collect them all. We will let the students vote for the winner. The winner will be announced in the first week of March!



February Birthday Fun Run with the Principals

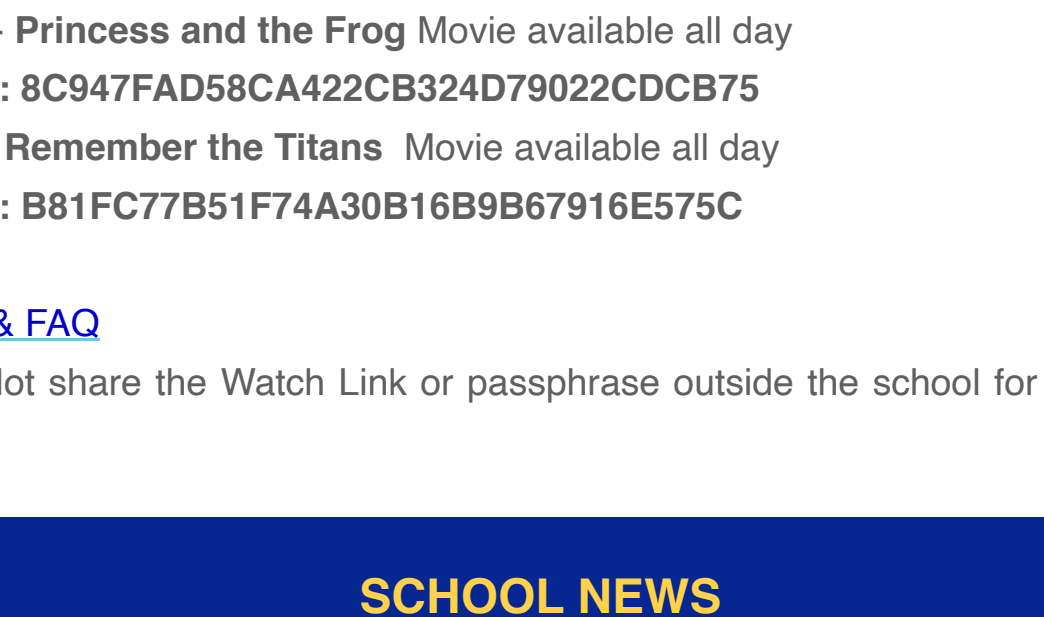
Every month Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Naish will host a Birthday Fun Run for all students who have a birthday in that month. Students will come out to the field and run one lap around the field and have a picture taken with the birthday club members of that month.



Fifth Graders Baby Pictures Wanted

Call all fifth graders families. We need a baby picture of your child under one year old. Please submit a baby photo by February 18th, 2022. When submitting your baby photo please label with your child's name and age in the photo or in the email.

- Here is how to submit photos:
- Email your digital photos to yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com
- At least 5 megapixels are the best for these photo files.
- The files need to be at least 300ppi, scan at minimum 400-500 dpi.
- File format must be JPG, TIF, or PNG
- Professional photos are NOT acceptable.



Virtual Movie Days

We will be having two virtual movie days on today, Feb 11th and next Saturday, Feb 19th. Please use the Watch Link and the following passphrase for watching the movies:

- Sat, Feb 12 - Princess and the Frog Movie available all day
Passphrase: 8C947FAD58CA422CB24D7922DCB75
Sat, Feb 19 - Remember the Titans Movie available all day
Passphrase: B81FC77B51F74A30B16B9B67916E575C

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

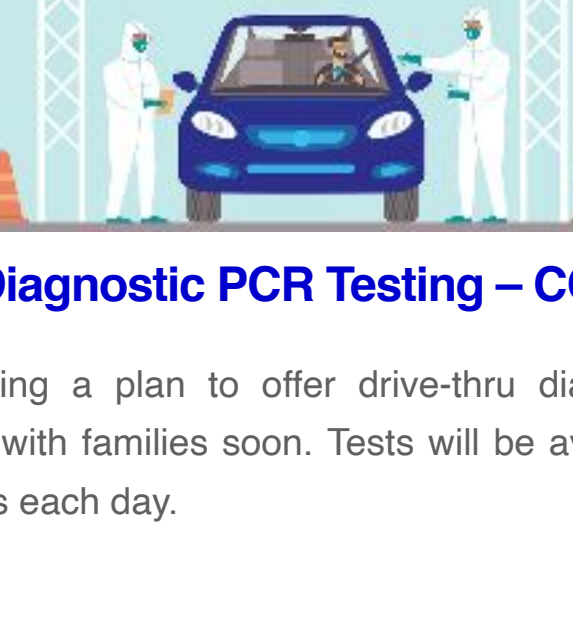
SCHOOL NEWS



February School Spirit Day

Friday, February 18th Student council is promoting "Sports Day" this month. Show your sporty side! Wear the gear of your favorite sport, team, Winter Olympics' country, or activity! The class with the highest percentage of members participating will be featured in the morning announcements and win a prize.

BSD NEWS



Vaccine Clinics

We have worked with our community vaccine partners to schedule more vaccination clinics. Upcoming clinics at the Wilburton Instructional Service Center include:

- March 2 - Signup available February 23

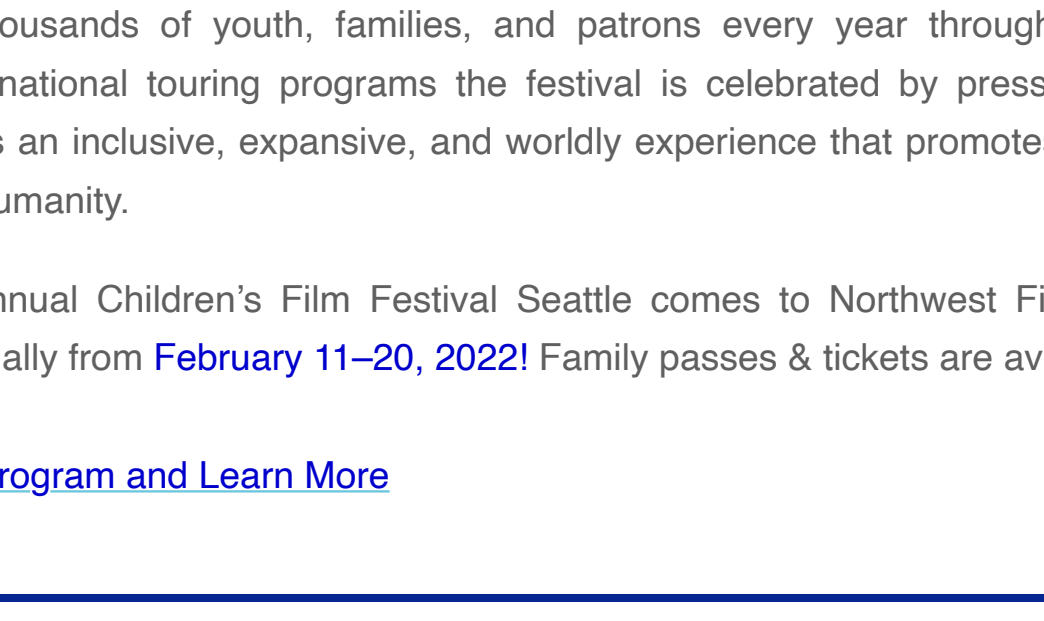
Details for each clinic will be shared directly with BSD families and staff via email as they become available. Please know that these clinics fill up very quickly, as demand for vaccines is high in our community. Scheduling of individual appointments is facilitated by our vaccine partners. The number of appointments available is determined by the amount of vaccines our partners can acquire for each clinic. To find a vaccine near you, visit our Vaccinations webpage.



Drive-Thru Diagnostic PCR Testing - COMING SOON

BSD is currently developing a plan to offer drive-thru diagnostic PCR testing. More information will be shared with families soon. Tests will be available by appointment only, as there will be limited slots each day.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Wise Educational Summer Camp

Wise camp just opened registration for Summer 2022. We are offering indoor and outdoor summer camps.

The Wise STEAM Academy (indoor summer camp)
By signing your child/children up for the Wise STEAM Academy, you are guaranteeing your spot(s) in our 1 week indoor camp. Your camper(s) will be grouped based on their interests in the topics we are offering, their maturity level, and their ability level.

A Wise Adventure (Outdoor summer camp)
We are thrilled to offer an exciting week filled with fun hands-on activities at 6 different stations! The station themes are Chemistry, Math Games, Art, Medicine, Dazzling Demos (STEM demos sure to excite!) and Engineering.

For details about this summer's offerings, please go to www.wisecamps.org
Register directly at: https://wisecamps.com/registration-2022/

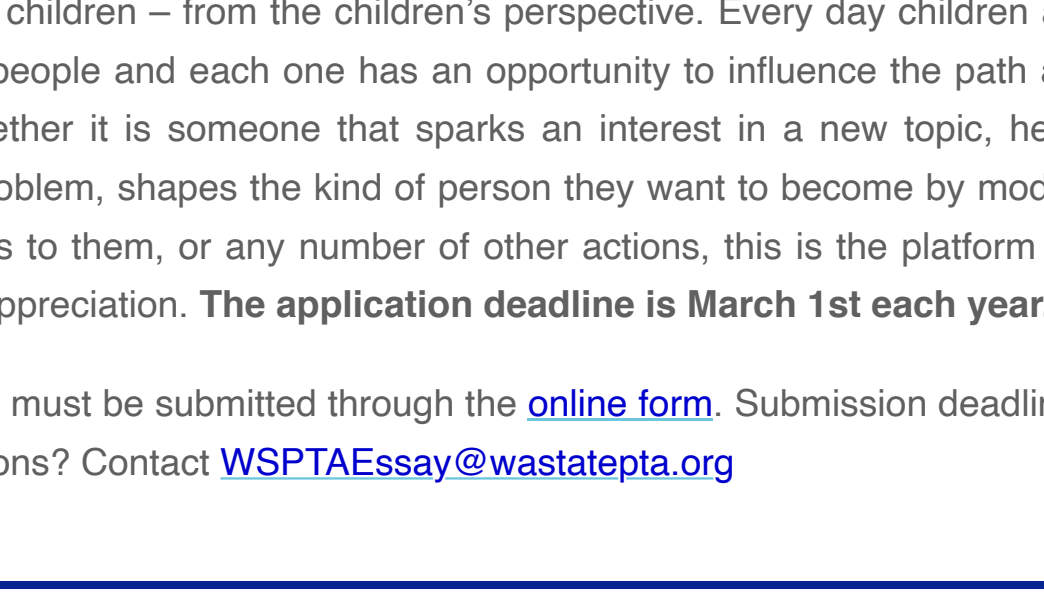


Children's Film Festival

Children's Film Festival Seattle, the largest festival on the West Coast dedicated to children's films, features over 190 film screenings from over 50 countries every year. Reaching thousands of youth, families, and patrons every year through both on-site, online, and national touring programs the festival is celebrated by press, parents, and educators as an inclusive, expansive, and worldly experience that promotes empathy and celebrates humanity.

The 17th Annual Children's Film Festival Seattle comes to Northwest Film Forum and streams virtually from February 11-20, 2022! Family passes & tickets are available.

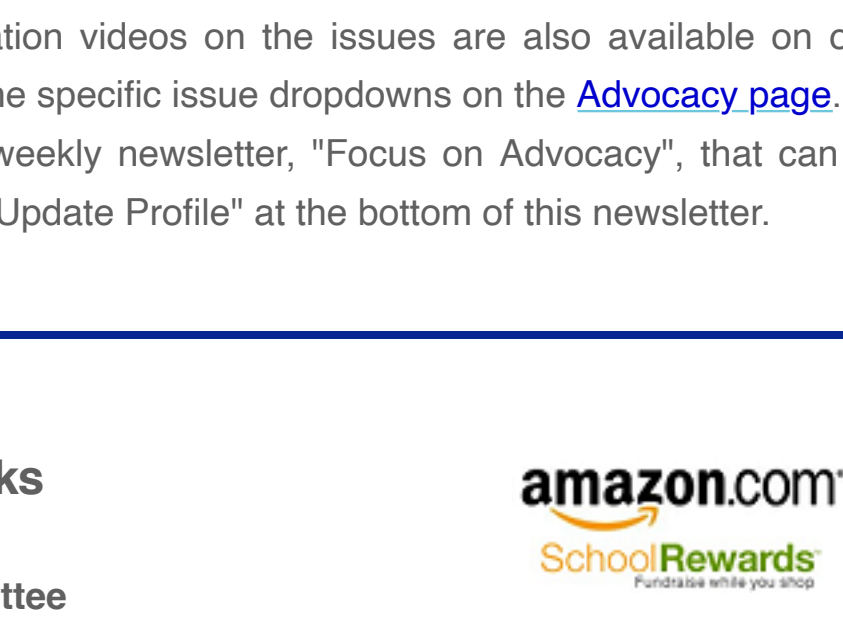
View 2022 Program and Learn More



Kids Open Skate at All Together Skateboarding

Open skate for kids 12 and under every Saturday 12pm- 2pm!
Beginning October 25, people ages 12 and older will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result (taken within two days) to enter the skatepark. In addition to proof of vaccination, please make sure to bring a photo ID as well as a mask with you - as those are still required. Thanks for working with us and keeping our staff and other skaters safe and healthy!

More Information

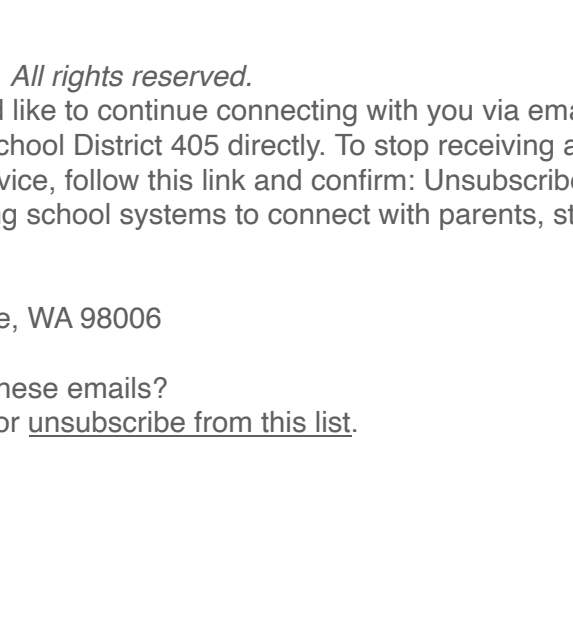


Family Basketball

Family Basketball is open from 10am to 12pm on Saturdays at South Bellevue Community Center in Gym B. Come enjoy a game of hoops with your family! All ages are welcome. Masks required while in the building and during play. All program are required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or an approved negative test in order to enter South Bellevue Community Center in compliance with Public Health of Seattle & King County's Vaccine Verification Order.

When: Sat, Feb 12- Sat, Apr 20
Where: South Bellevue Community Center
Free for everyone
Event Website

NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS



WSPTA Essay Contest

This statewide essay contest explores the important and varied influencers in the lives and education of children - from the children's perspective. Every day children are exposed to a variety of people and each one has an opportunity to influence the path a child decides to take. Whether it is someone that sparks an interest in a new topic, helps them work through a problem, shapes the kind of person they want to become by modeling behavior, simply listens to them, or any number of other actions, this is the platform for students to share their appreciation. The application deadline is March 1st each year.

Submissions must be submitted through the online form. Submission deadline is March 1st 2022. Questions? Contact WSPTAEssay@wastatepta.org



Focus on Advocacy

The 2022 legislative session has hit the mid-point. There are a number of resources to help readers and members stay informed with what is happening in Olympia.

- Every Monday, we post a new Weekly Report on the WSPTA blog. Click here for the February 7 post.
- Issue handouts can be found on the Advocacy webpage. These are great to use when speaking with your legislators, school board members, etc.
- Short education videos on the issues are also available on our YouTube channel and under the specific issue dropdowns on the Advocacy page.
- There is a weekly newsletter, "Focus on Advocacy", that can be subscribed to by clicking on "Update Profile" at the bottom of this newsletter.

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