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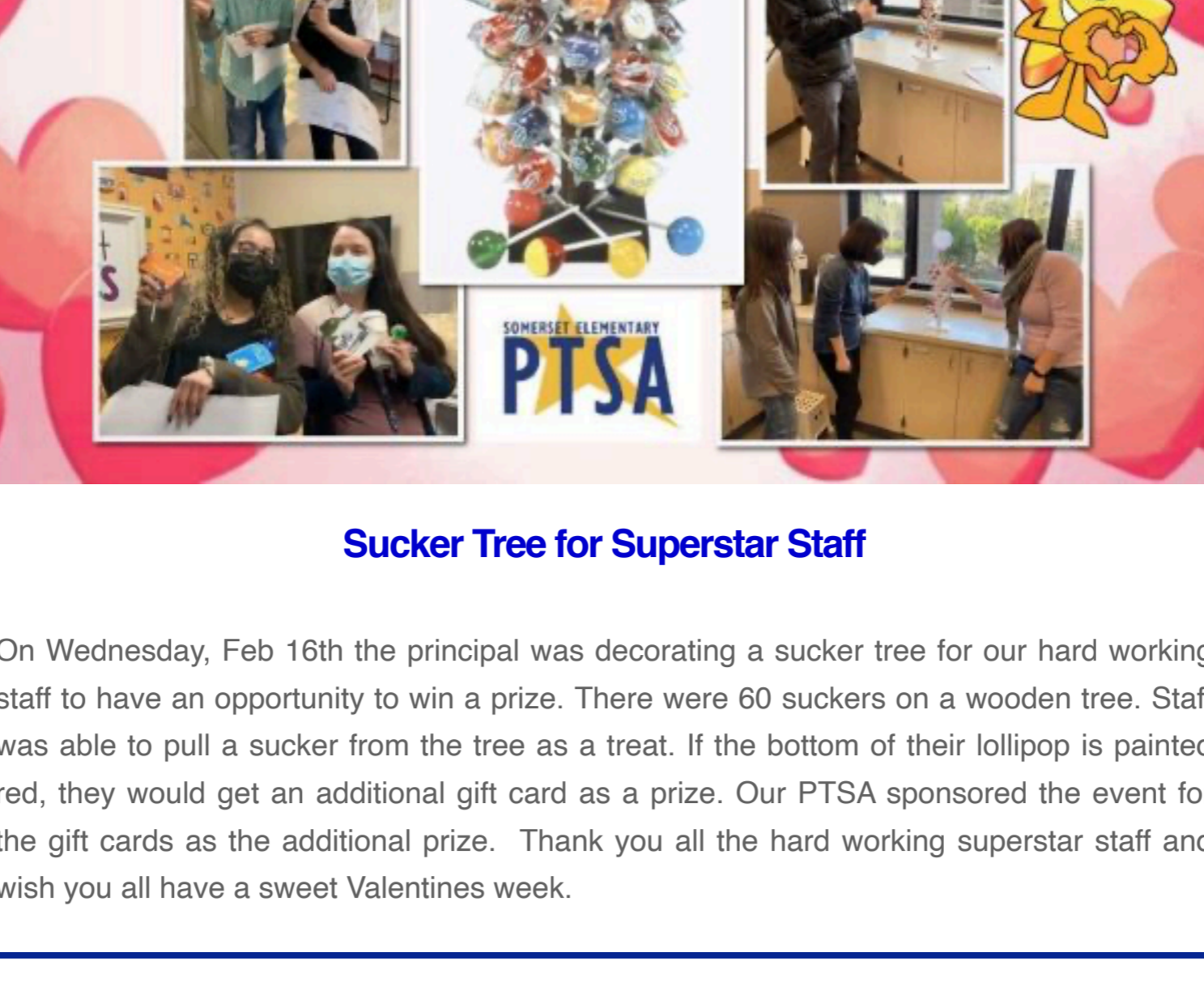
Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of each and every child at Somerset Elementary School. As part of the Washington State PTA, we are a nonprofit membership association bringing together the home, school, and community on behalf of our children.

PTSA/ School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

- Saturday, Feb 19th - Virtual Movie Day
- Friday, Feb 25th - Virtual Movie Day
- Monday - Friday, Feb 21st - Feb 25th - Mid Winter Break
- Tuesday, March 8th - General Membership Meeting
- Monday - Friday, Mar 7th - Mar 18th - Winter Food Drive
- Wednesday, Mar 16th - March Birthday Fun Run
- Friday, Mar 18th - Professional Development Day/ No School

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

PTSA NEWS



Sucker Tree for our Staff and Teachers

Sucker Tree for Superstar Staff

On Wednesday, Feb 16th the principal was decorating a sucker tree for our hard working staff to have an opportunity to win a prize. There were 60 suckers on a wooden tree. Staff was able to pull a sucker from the tree as a treat. If the bottom of their lollipop is painted red, they would get an additional gift card as a prize. Our PTSA sponsored the event for the gift cards as the additional prize. Thank you all the hard working superstar staff and wish you all have a sweet Valentines week.

Art to Remember

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

Somerset families, our students have completed their artworks. Our PTSA volunteers are sorting through the artworks and will ship them back to Art to Remember at the end of this week.

As the next step, children's paintings will be uploaded electronically onto the Art to Remember website. Parents and families will then have the opportunity to purchase individualized/customized keepsakes featuring your child's art - ranging from mugs, keychains, water bottles, framed art to notebooks and even garden flags, you name it! Better yet, all of the profits will be donated back to our school to help fund future PTSA events! We will send out individual order forms to our parents by mid March. Families will receive personalized keepsakes by late April. Got questions? Send us an email at Somersetarttoremember@gmail.com



PTSA Art to Remember

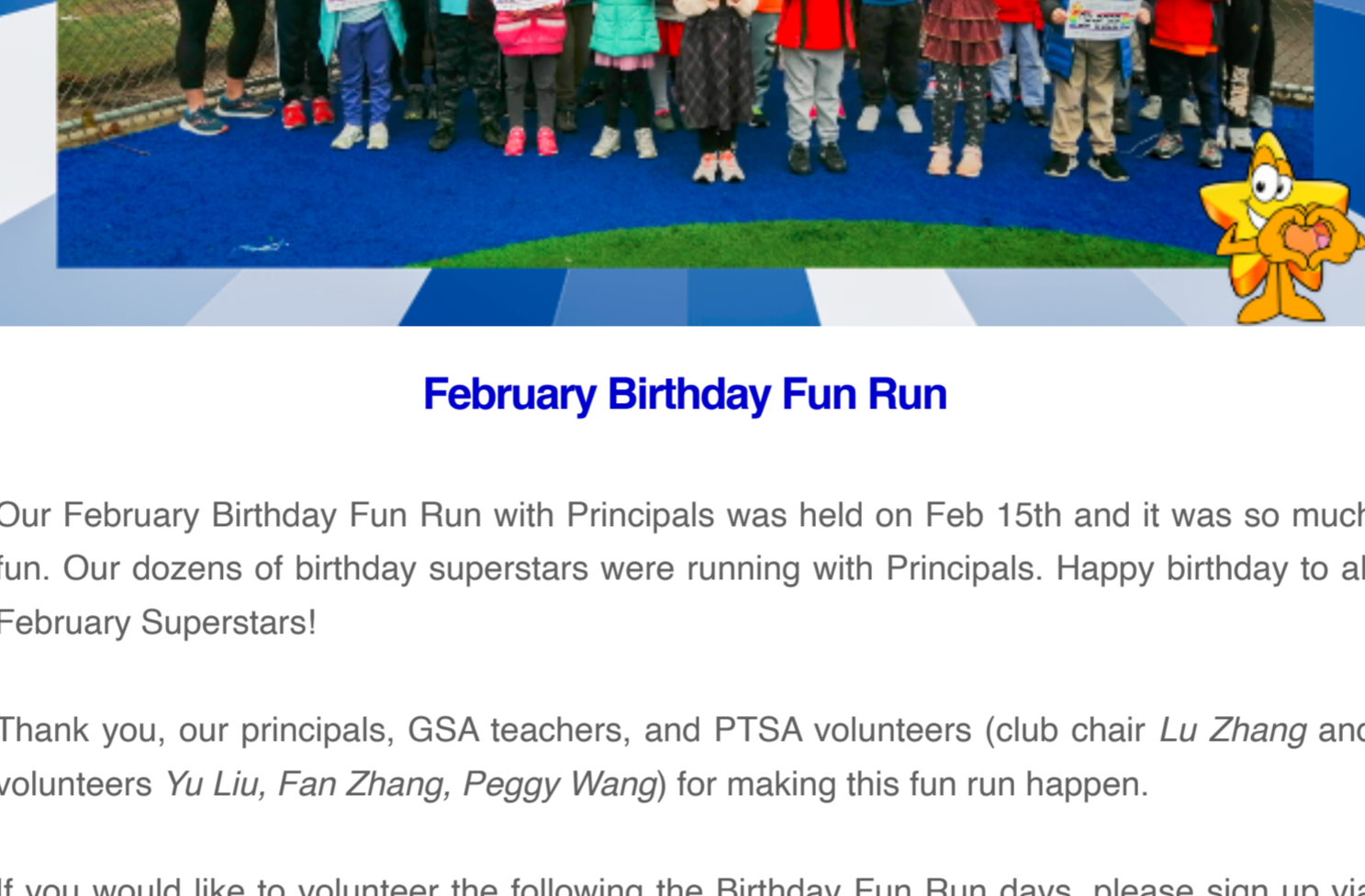
We are working on it.....

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. We encourage every student to participate and submit their ideas for the slogan. We will pick one from all the submissions.

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



Happy February Birthdays
2.15.2022

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Our February Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Feb 15th and it was so much fun. Our dozens of birthday superstars were running with Principals. Happy birthday to all February Superstars!

Thank you, our principals, GSA teachers, and PTSA volunteers (club chair *Lu Zhang* and volunteers *Yu Liu, Fan Zhang, Peggy Wang*) for making this fun run happen.

If you would like to volunteer the following the Birthday Fun Run days, please sign up via [this Link](#). March birthday fun run volunteers are in need. Thank you for your help in advance!

Virtual Movie Days

We will be having two virtual movie days on **Saturday, Feb 19th** and **next Friday, Feb 25th**. Please use this [Watch Link](#) and the following passphrase for watching the movies.

- Sat, Feb 19- Remember the Titans Movie available all day
Passphrase: B81FC77B51F74A30B16B9B67918E575C
- Fri, Feb 25 - Clifford the Big Red Dog Movie available all day
Passphrase: 000E132255E74A098A8E420028687B19
- Fri, Feb 25 - La Luna (Disney short - 6:55 minutes) Movie available all day
Passphrase: A2E78CE7C9CE45A0955E52F312883301

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Winter Food Drive

From **March 7 - March 18**, the Somerset Elementary Student Council will be organizing a food drive to help our fellow citizens experiencing hunger on the Eastside. All donations will go to *Renewal Food Bank*, a Bellevue based organization that provides aid to people in need in our community. You can bring donations of non-perishable food items to school. There will be drop off boxes in all teachers' classrooms for any donated items.

Some specific food bank needs are: **Rice, canned and dried fruits, boxed meals, baking items, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, granola bars, cereal, instant oatmeal, canned soups, pasta, pasta sauces, bottled water, laundry soap, and toilet paper.**

Thank you so much for your generosity!

BSD NEWS

Spring for Schools Leadership Giving

Is *Spring for Schools* happening this year? Of course it is! Rain or shine, virtual or in-person, *Spring for Schools 2022* is on! Attendees will have the opportunity to join us in person at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue, on **May 13, 2022**, or from the comfort of their homes for a premiere event that's unlike any of the 31 events of years past. We are keeping your experience and health top of mind as we prepare to celebrate our stars—the students and educators in all 29 public schools in Bellevue. Unprecedented times call for unique action, and the Bellevue Schools Foundation can't wait to roll out the red carpet in a few months. Stay tuned for an invitation to land in your electronic and physical mailboxes in March!

Drive-Thru Diagnostic PCR Testing

As of **Tuesday, February 15, 2022**, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. BSD offers drive-thru diagnostic PCR testing for students who show symptoms of COVID-19.

Where will drive-thru testing take place?
Wilburton Instructional Services Center (WISC)
12241 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98005

[Sign Up](#) for a drive-thru test.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Newport Girls Select Basketball

Calling all 4th-8th grade girls for the month of March! Tired of being cooped up inside? Interested in seeing if basketball is your thing? Come down to Tyeo Middle School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30PM and give it a try. We'd love to have you. Contact club president Michael Ketchum @ 425-449-0143 if you have any questions.

The Great Northwest Glass Quest

Join us for The 13th Annual Great Northwest Glass Quest from **Fri, Feb 18 to Sun, Feb 27** – a unique treasure hunt for handblown glass balls lasting 10 days on Camano Island and in Stanwood, Washington. Each glass ball is created by father/son duo and local artists Mark and Marcus Ellinger and they are wonderful pieces for any collection!

Your quest is to locate a "Clue Ball" either in a participating business or community site. A Clue Ball is a hollow, clear, 3-inch plastic ball. However not all clue balls look the same - they can be camouflaged with paint, texture or decorations so keep your eyes peeled. All 2022 clue balls will have a specific piece of paper inside directing you where to go to claim your treasure.

Please visit the [website](#) to find all the information you'll need to know for a successful quest!

Scavenger Hunt & Love in the Market

On February 26th from 11am to 4pm, Pike Place Market is celebrating our love for YOU – our Market shoppers, our Market explorers, our Market foodies, our Market supporters! Join us from 11am to 4pm for live music, a scavenger hunt around the Market, chances to win prizes, a special shopping gift when you spend a minimum of \$50 and so much more!

This is a can't miss event-free and fun for the whole family. Check out all the activities from the [Website](#).

NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS

Essay Contest

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@wastapta.org

Directory / Links

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