

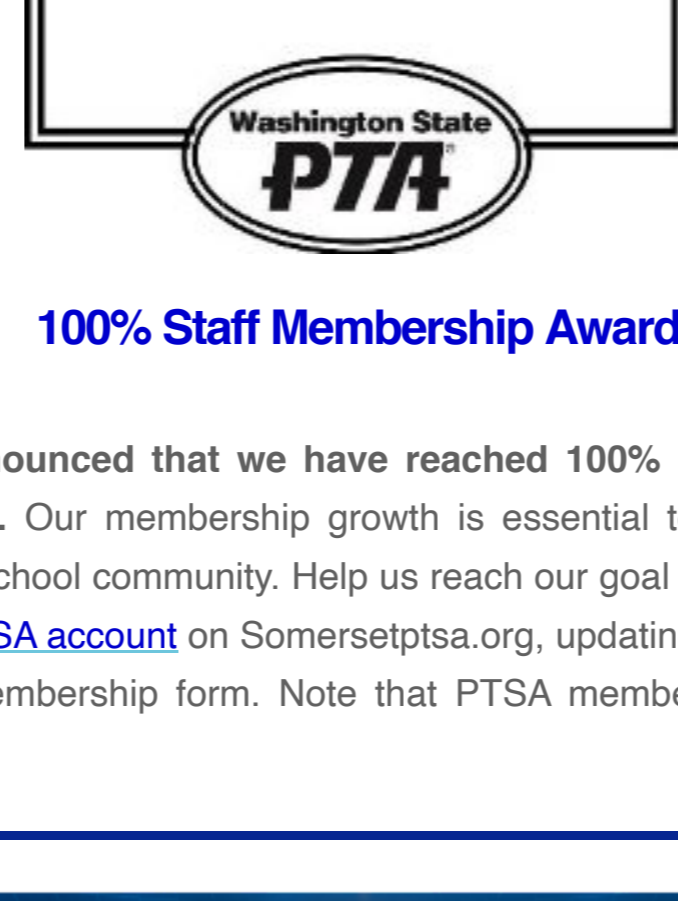
Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of each and every child at Somerset Elementary School. As part of the Washington State PTA, we are a nonprofit membership association bringing together the home, school, and community on behalf of our children.

PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

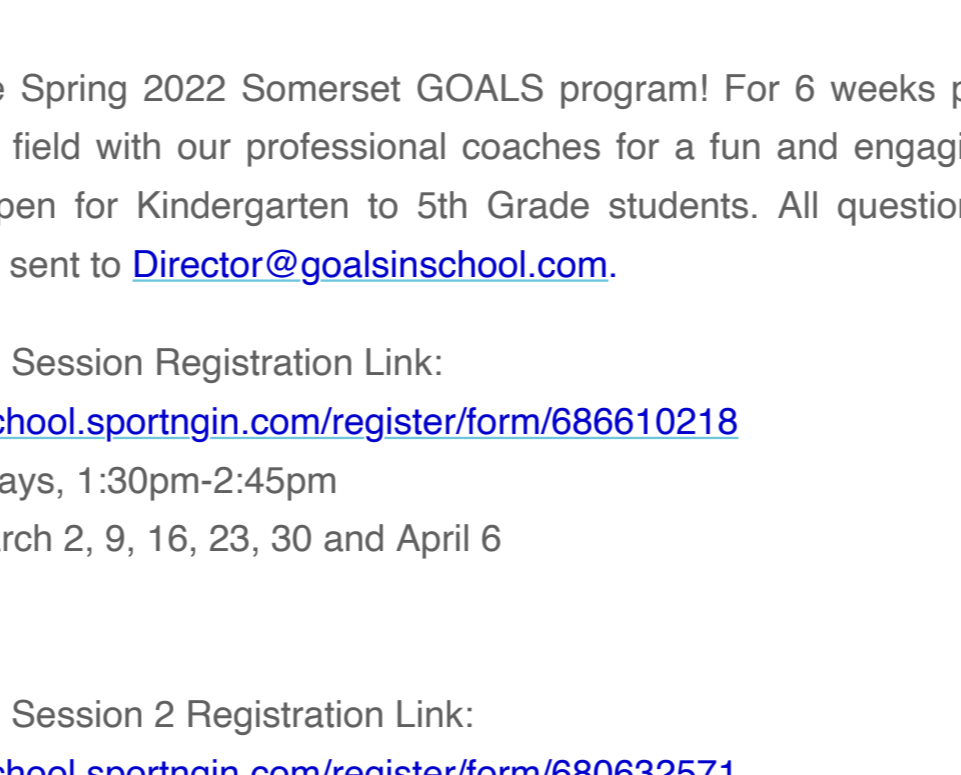
- Tuesday, March 8th - General Membership Meeting
Monday - Friday, Mar 7th - Mar 18th - Winter Food Drive
Wednesday, Mar 16th - March Birthday Fun Fun
Friday, Mar 18th - Professional Development Day/ No School

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

PTSA NEWS



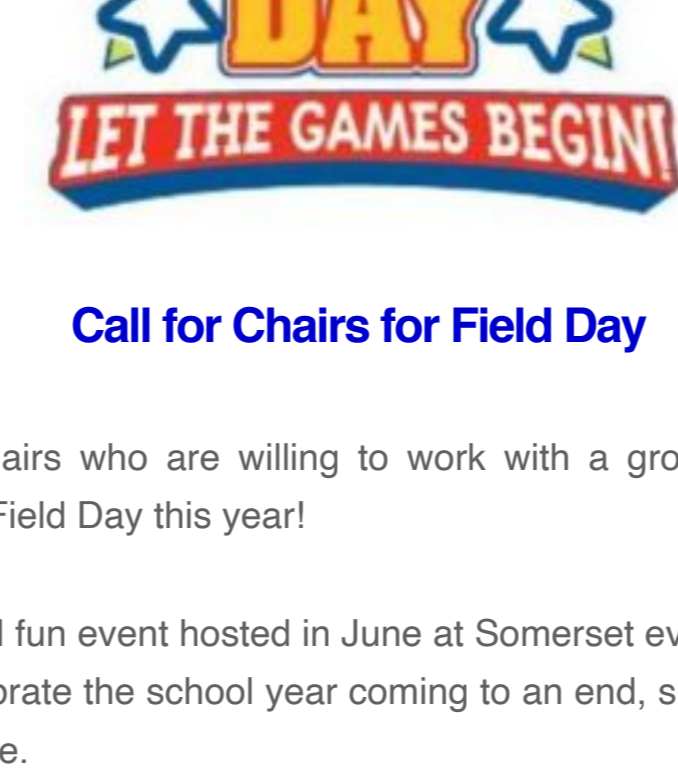
100% Staff Membership Award
We are pleased to announce that we have reached 100% PTSA staff membership goal this school year. Our membership growth is essential to our mission of being a powerful voice for the school community.



After School Soccer Winter and Spring Session Registration
Welcome to the Spring 2022 Somerset GOALS program! For 6 weeks players will enjoy time out on the field with our professional coaches for a fun and engaging soccer class.

6 Weeks Spring Session Registration Link:
https://goalsinschool.sportngin.com/register/form/680610219
Time: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-2:45pm
Dates: 2022 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6
Cost: \$159

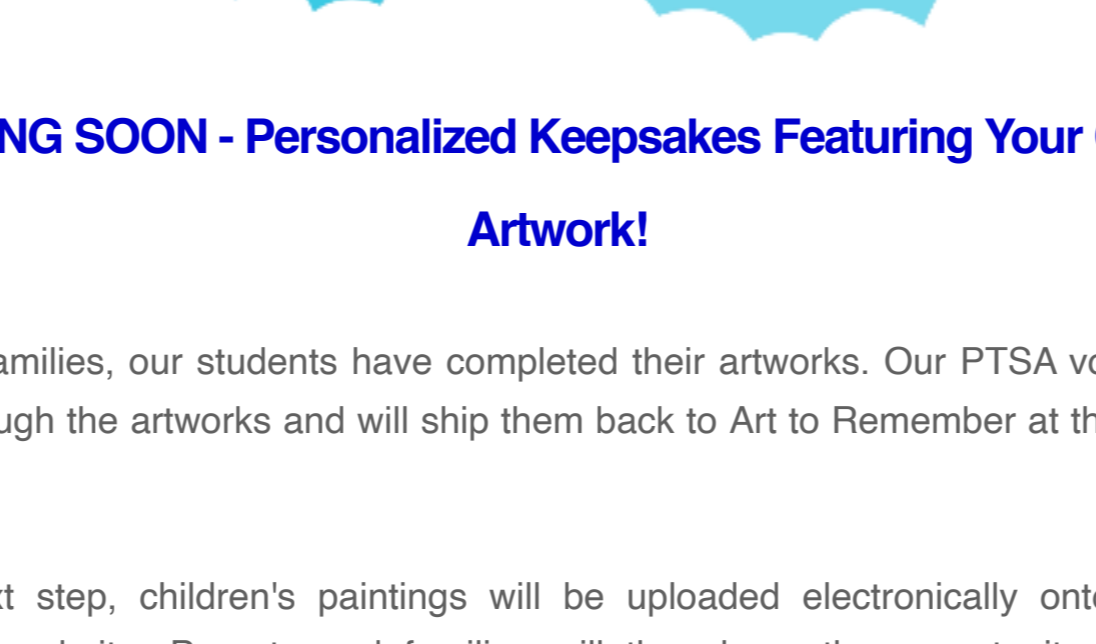
6 Weeks Spring Session 2 Registration Link:
https://goalsinschool.sportngin.com/register/form/680632571
Time: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-2:45pm
Dates: 2022 April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
Cost: \$159



Call for Chairs for Field Day
PTSA is looking for chairs who are willing to work with a group of volunteers and PE teachers to organize a Field Day this year!

Field Day is a traditional fun event hosted in June at Somerset every year! A field day gives kids the chance to celebrate the school year coming to an end, show some class pride and spend a day being active.

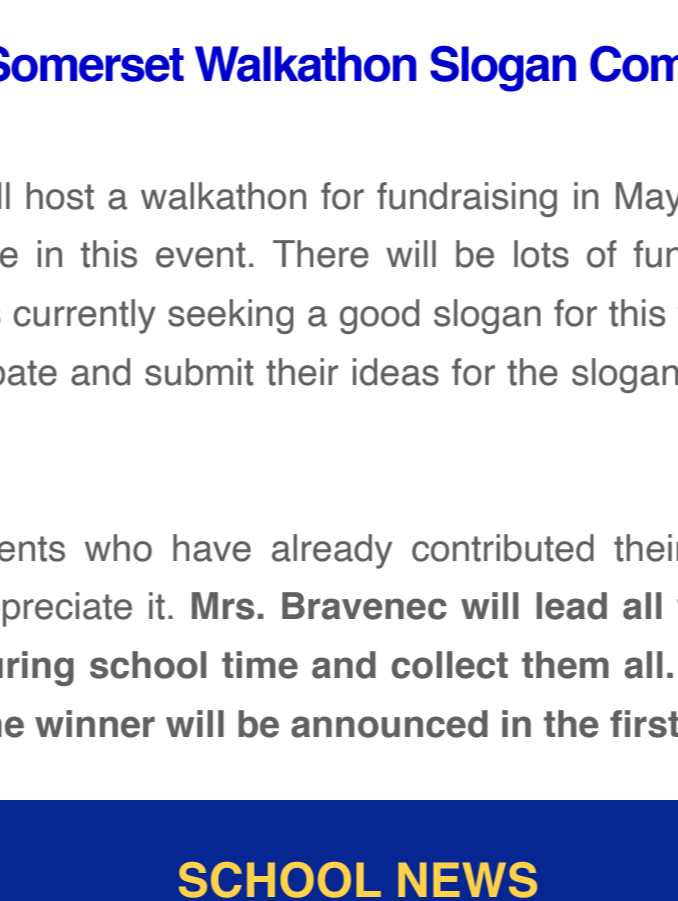
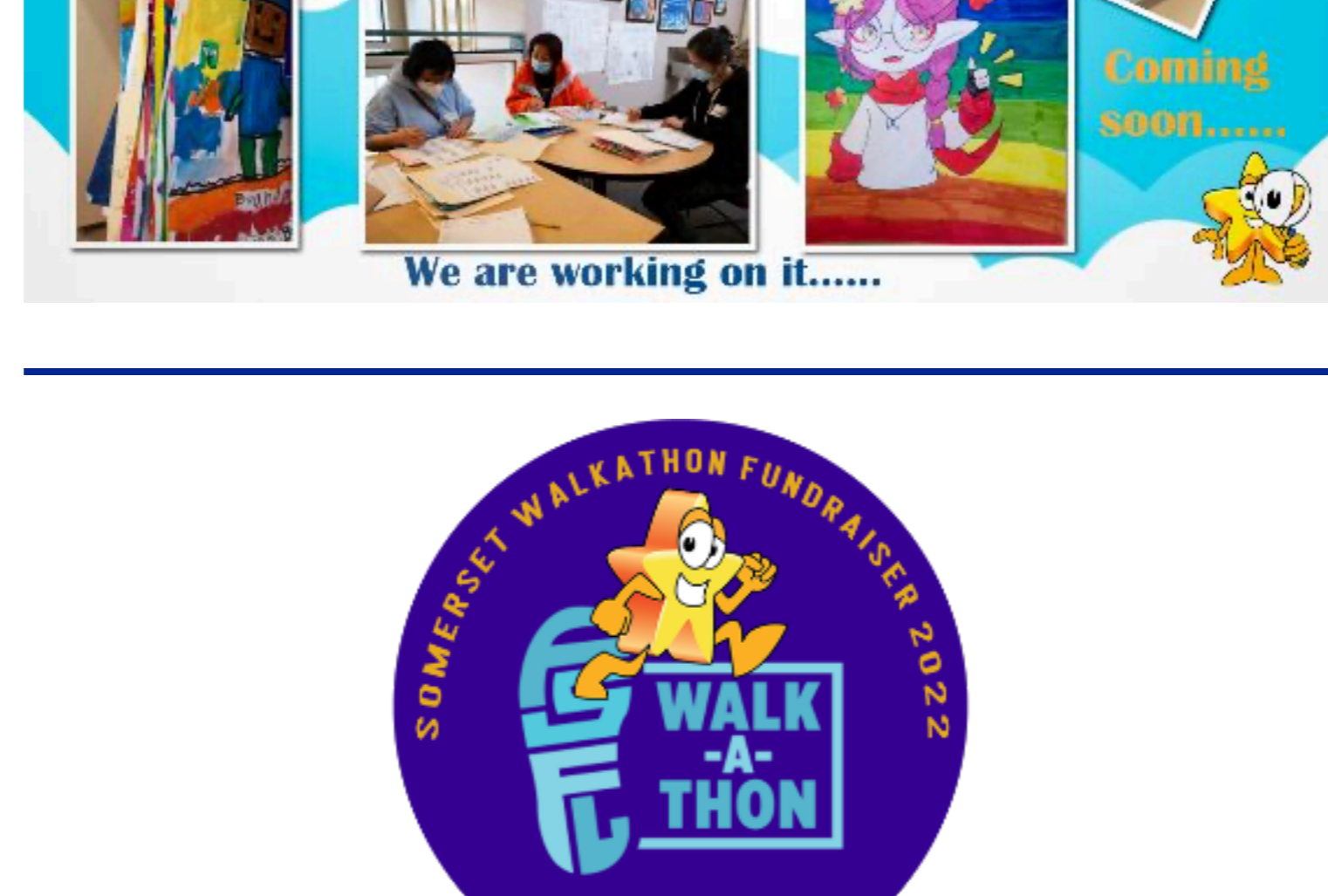
Any interested parents please email to jinchen2@gmail.com.



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!

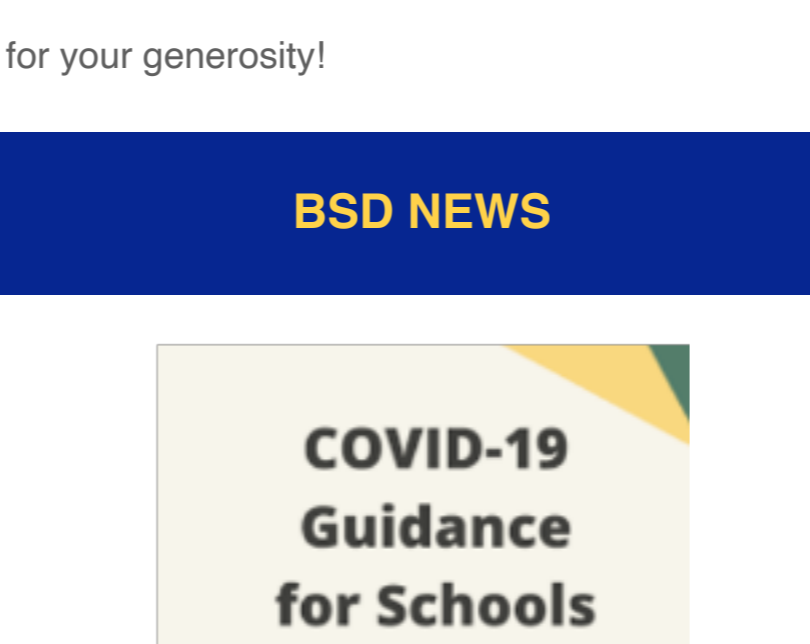
We will send out individual order forms to our parents by mid March. Families will receive personalized keepsakes by late April. Got questions? Send us an email at Somersettoremember@gmail.com



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!

SCHOOL NEWS

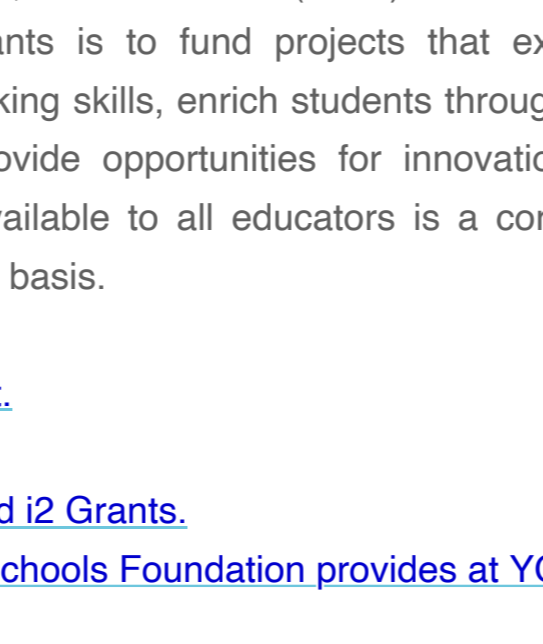


Winter Food Drive
From March 7 - March 18, the Somerset Elementary Student Council will be organizing a food drive to help our fellow citizens experiencing hunger on the Eastside.

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



New Guidance about COVID-19 in BSD
Students and staff can expect the following after returning from mid-winter break on February 28:

- Our campuses will reopen to visitors.
Large group meetings will resume in person.
Student field trips, assemblies and other extracurricular activities will be allowed.
Outdoor masking will become optional on March 7.

BSF Education Connections - AE & I Grants

Join the Bellevue Schools Foundation for their next Education Connections session on Wednesday, March 9, at 5 p.m. through Zoom. Our very own BSD educators will be sharing the Arts, Enrichment, and Innovation (AE&I) Grants they received this school year.

RSVP for the March 9 event.
Learn about all the AE&I and I2 Grants.
Review what the Bellevue Schools Foundation provides at YOUR school.



Drive-Thru Diagnostic PCR Testing
BSD now offers drive-thru diagnostic PCR testing for students who show symptoms of COVID-19. Testing is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wilburton Instructional Services Center (WISC).

Learn more and sign up for drive-thru diagnostic testing at BSD.

COMMUNITY NEWS



2022 Puget Sound Camp Fair
SAT, MAR. 5 @ 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Every parent's favorite part of summer: camp! Start planning now for a summer of fun and enrichment for your child.

- Research and connect with 50+ Seattle-area summer camps, activities and classes.
Enjoy access to camp discounts and special offers.
Get your questions answered via live camp info sessions, and chat with vendors and experts.
Engage in interactive demo sessions with camp leaders to help discover new interests for your child.
Enjoy a free webinar by Citizen University cofounder and CEO Eric Liu.
Enter fun contests for a chance to win prizes.

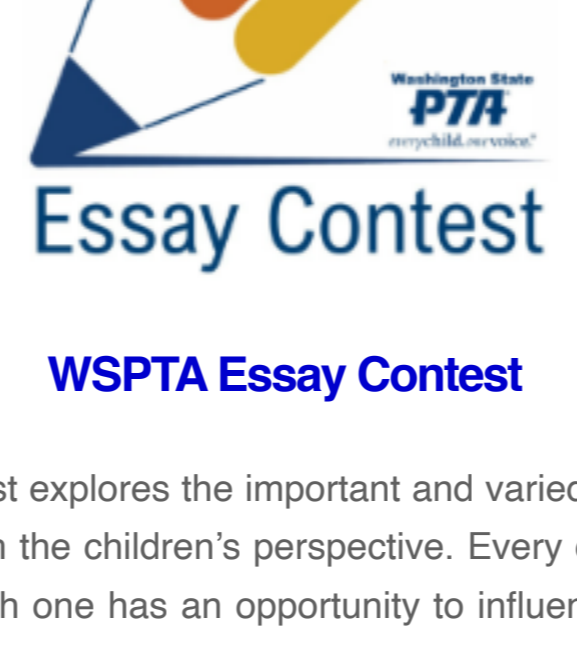
The Puget Sound Camp Fair is FREE! Preregistration is required to join the event - sign up now!



VIRTUAL: 10th Annual Seattle Asian American Film Festival
The 10th annual Seattle Asian American Film Festival showcases feature-length, short, and animated films by and about Asian Americans across North America, with an emphasis on filmmakers from the Pacific Northwest.

All films are film-blocked to either the United States, U.S. West Coast, Pacific Northwest or Washington State only. The films will be available to stream throughout the duration of the festival from March 3-13, 2022.

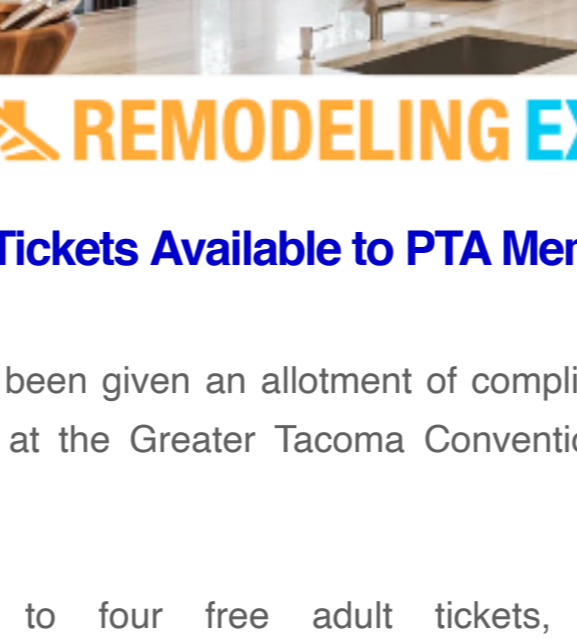
PRICE: Many films free, some packages \$8-\$10
Event schedule and website



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?

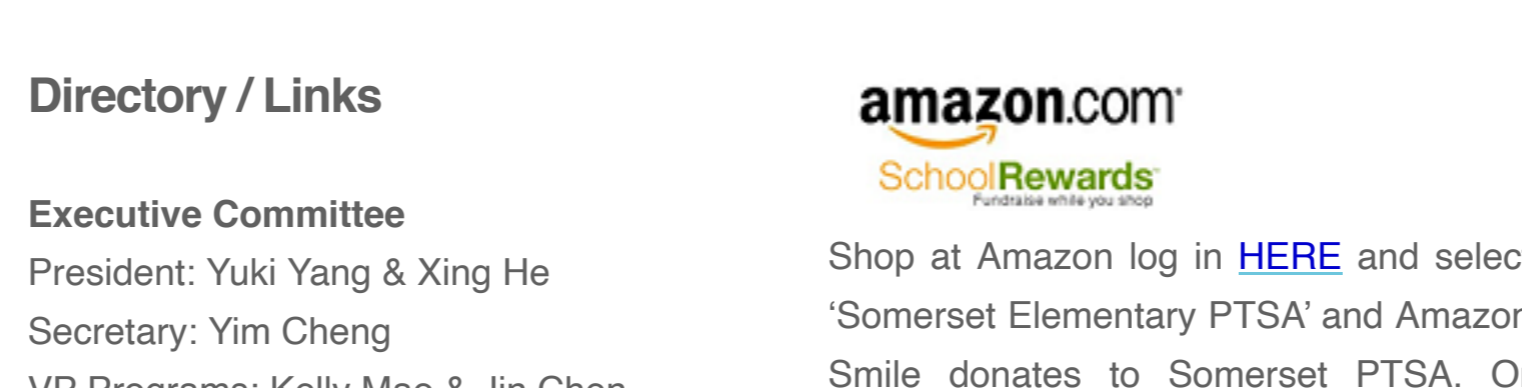
Contact club president Michael Ketchum @ 425-449-0143 if you have any questions.

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.

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



Free Tickets Available to PTA Members
Washington State PTA has been given an allotment of complimentary tickets to the 2022 Tacoma Remodeling Expo at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center from March 4-6, 2022.

If you would like up to four free adult tickets, please send an email to support@wastatepta.org. Include your name, your PTA name, the number of tickets you would like, and your mailing address. Please note that people under 18 do not require a ticket and are welcome to attend for free.

Please see the Expo's website for more information: 2022 Tacoma Remodeling Expo
Location: The Greater Tacoma Convention Center is located at 1500 Commerce St., Tacoma, WA. 98402.

- Directory / Links
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