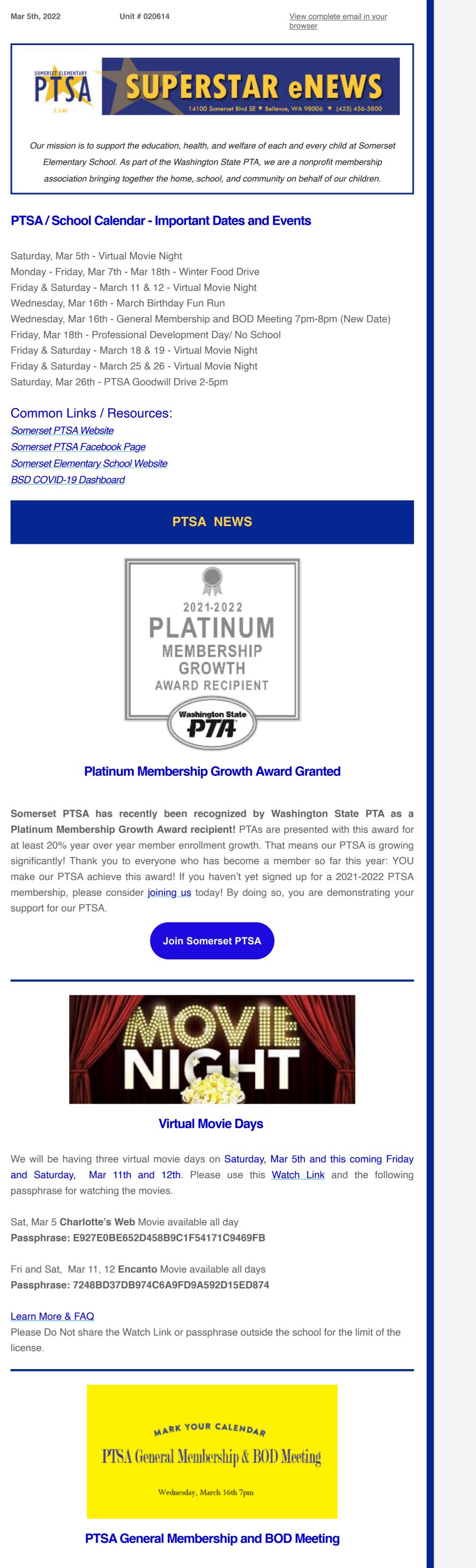
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We are kindly inviting you to our second virtual PTSA General Membership and BOD Meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm. Please use the link or meeting ID & Passcode below to join our meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting via the following link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/</u> Meeting ID: 854 1002 8481

Passcode: 955347



March Birthday Fun Run Volunteer Needed

Every month Mrs. Elder and Ms. 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. Students are encouraged to wear their Somerset Shines t-shirt on their Fun Run Day!

Our March Birthday Run will be on Wednesday, March 16th. March birthday fun run volunteers are in need. If you would like to help, please sign up via <u>this Link</u>. Thank you for your help in advance!



Egg Drop Chair Needed

One of the most popular STEM activities, Egg Drop, will be back to our school in May. It is a school wide event open to all students. Our kids will design some kind of protective container/lander that can hold a raw chicken egg and help it survive an EGGSTREME drop off from a 60-foot high bucket truck. Kids will learn about energy, motion and design while having fun watching eggs survive or splatter!

We are looking for a chair who are willing to lead this fun event. No experience is needed. Any interested parents please email to <u>somersetptsa@gmail.com</u>. We really appreciate it if you can contribute your time and energy to this event and bring laughter to our kids.



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.

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!



Somerset Shines Everyday

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.

BSD NEWS

Supporting BSD Families Amid Crisis in Ukraine

As a diverse learning community that values one another's humanity, we acknowledge the escalating conflict taking place in Ukraine and the significant weight it has on our BSD families. We recognize that this is a complex topic to process, especially for our youngest learners. Please consider the following resources when talking to your students about crisis and these current events:

- Resources for educators, families to discuss the events in Ukraine with students
- BSD Counseling
- Well-Being Resources for Students and Families

If you are concerned about your student or feel they need additional support, please contact their teacher, counselor, MLL facilitator or school administrator.



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).* Tests are available by appointment only, as there are limited slots each day.

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



Newport Lacrosse 3rd/4th Grade Team Looking for Goalies

Newport Lacrosse 3rd/4th grade team is looking for goalies. No experience necessary. We have great goalie and team coaches. Plus a welcoming team spirit atmosphere. 3rd or 4th graders interested are welcome to come try it out on Mondays at Tyee Middle school from 5:30 -7pm.

If interested in joining or you have any questions please reach out to us at <u>boardpres@newportlacrosse.com</u> or contact the team parent at <u>HeatherHsia@gmail.com</u>. We'd love your child to join our wonderful team! More information please check the website <u>Newport Lacrosse</u>.



Seattle Architecture Foundation Family Workshops

Designed with younger children in mind (ages 5-10 with chaperone), our family workshops encourage children and their caregivers to explore architecture through hands-on activities each month. Workshops begin with an exploration of exciting examples of architecture from around the world and activities that highlight the design process. Then, the kids are off-designing and building their own structures in a whirlwind two-hour workshop that culminates in a group presentation.

- Fantasy Buildings Sat March 12 2022 10am-12pm
- Islands Sat April 9 2022 10am-12pm
- Registration opens on the 1st day of the month prior to the workshop.
- More information and Registration



Ride the Rails with Northwest Railway Museum

Join us on a socially-distanced, scenic train ride through the upper Snoqualmie Valley from March 5th, 2022 for the 2022 season!. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** Ticket fare includes free admission to the Train Shed Exhibit Hall.

Price: \$20 per adult (age 13-61), \$16 per senior (age 62+), \$10 per child (2-12) for Train Rides.

Purchase tickets and check the schedule from https://trainmuseum.org/.



Irish Festival

Irish Week 2022 will be celebrated in Seattle with in-person events for the first time since 2019, with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 13 and the Irish Festival March 12 & 13. For a listing of all the Irish Week 2022 events, visit the <u>website</u>.

Seattle Center Festál presents Irish Festival Seattle in partnership with the Irish Heritage Club (IHC). Irish Festival Seattle is held in March, on or near St. Patrick's Day, celebrating Irish heritage, culture, and arts with two-days of traditional music, step-dancing, lectures, genealogy workshops, Irish films, exhibits, displays, and more.

This event is free and open to the public.

More Irish Week 2022 events:

Saturday, March 12 – <u>The Landing of St. Patrick and the Laying of the Green Stripe</u> Sunday, March 13 – <u>St. Patrick's Day Dash</u>

Sunday, March 13 – <u>St. Patrick's Day Parade</u>

NATIONAL PTA & WSPTA NEWS

National PTA Quick Links

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- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
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Or install the Amazon app onto your phone. In the main menu of app(=), find 'Settings'. tap on 'Amazon Smile' and follow the instructions to turn on Amazon Smile

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