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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, May 21st Virtual Movie Night
- Wednesday, May 25th CPR Workshop Friday, May 27th - Egg Drop
- Friday, May 27th School Spirit Day/ Student Teacher Switch Day
- Friday and Saturday, May 27th and 28th Virtual Movie Night
- Monday, May 30th Memorial Day/ No School
- Friday, Jun 10th Field Day
- Monday, Jun 13th 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony (Hunter, Tonning) Tuesday, Jun 14th - 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony (Serafin, Rogers)
- Thursday, Jun 16th 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony (Adams, Geren Ziegler)

PTSA NEWS



Egg Drop Challenge

Our Egg Drop Challenge is on this coming Friday, May 27th.

If you have not registered your kids yet, please do so. Register your team here.

Please follow the rules to build your lander. Check out this link for all the details

Questions? Email preethi.chandrasekhar@gmail.com



Somerset Field Day

Field Day is back after a two-year gap! PTSA will host Field Day this year on Friday, June 10th. It is a traditional fun event to let loose at the end of the school year with many exciting sports games such as potato sack race, limbo, bean bag toss, etc. K to 2nd grade students will play in the morning from 9:30-10:45am. 3rd grade to 5th grade students will play in the afternoon from 2-3:15pm.

We are in need of parent volunteers to set up and tear down each station. Please follow the link below and sign up. Feel free to sign up for more than 1 slot. Your support is important to the success of this event!

Volunteer Sign Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084babaa29a3fc1-field



CPR Workshop Rescheduled

The CPR workshop hosted by Somerset PTSA on Wednesday, April 27th has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 25. Learn lifesaving skills from the experts. This is NOT a certification course. This workshop will focus on CPR with emphasis on choking/seizures. This workshop opens to all Somerset parents. It's a free event and spots are limited. Spot reservation is required. It is strongly encouraged to bring a pocket mask (click for Example pocket mask.).

Instructors: Elizabeth Hitzel, MPH, RN, TNTL Stephanie Keehn, RN When: Wednesday, May 25th (New date)

Where: Somerset Elementary School Gym Age: 18 + Reserve your spot



Join Executive Committee of Somerset Elementary PTSA

Calling all Somerset families, Somerset PTSA is in great need of volunteers to join the team since a large majority of our current PTSA EC members and club chairs are moving to middle school next year and/or have served in their current positions for maximum years allowed. Somerset PTSA needs more parents, new members to step in to operate smoothly.

We are recruiting volunteers for the following positions.

- Co-President
- Co-VP Program Co-VP Communications
- Co-VP Ways and Means
- Club Chairs: STEM Night, Math Adventure, Staff Appreciation, Yearbook etc.

Please contact somersetptsa@gmail.com if interested. Visit Somerset PTSAwebsite for the detailed description of the positions. We appreciate any help from our Somerset families.



Virtual Movie Days

Here are some virtual movie days in April and May. Please use this Watch Link and the following passphrase for watching the movies.

Sat, May 21 - Raya and the Last Dragon Movie available all day Passphrase: F3705A3164D240A5B7D40351E39C0F82

Fri, May 27 - Addams Family 2 Movie available all day Passphrase: 9C595E8AD3A74B1F908A313125E2BE16

Fri and Sat, May 27-28 - Jungle Cruise Movie available all day, both days Passphrase: 3197B1B54D1D422DAC6C2025CF657607

Learn More & FAQ

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



Somerset Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser Wrap-up

Our 1st PTSA Walkathon has officially ended. The walk-a-thon is a student focused event to bring excitement and joy to our students while highlighting the many incredible curriculum enhancements, opportunities and additional staff we have at Somerset aimed directly at making the student experience more memorable and enjoyable. We have raised \$23,164.87 from our parents and guests. Thank you all who made a contribution.

Many thanks to all the parents who came, participated and helped at the event. Special thanks to Howard from Small Hands on Arts for providing music and leading the dance with kids during the event. We would like to extend our thanks to *Think Academy* for providing fun gifts to all students.

Many thanks to our Walkathon sponsors below for their generosity.



SCHOOL NEWS



Small Hands on Art Drama Class

Small Hands on Art with Howie and Amy McOmber have been providing performing arts instruction at Somerset for 30 years! Howard and Amy McOmber and Small Hands on Art presents Grease at XXX Rootbeer in Issaquah!

Rehearsals are Thursday mornings in the Music Room from 8am to start of school on May 26, June 2, 9 and 16. The recital will be on June 16th at 7:30 pm in Issaquah. Parents bring cast members to XXX Rootbeer in Issaquah by 7pm.

Questions call 425-313-9431. Cost \$125.00. Costumes provided. Everyone has an important part to play. Act, Sing, Dance! Please fill out this application form and give it to the coach along with a check (Check payable to Small Hands on Art) on the first day of rehearsals. Go to smallhandsonart.com for more information.

Spirit Day: Student Teacher Switch



Student/Teacher Switch Day

Friday, May 27th will be Student/Teacher Switch Day at Somerset. Students are invited to dress like teachers, and teacher can try to dress like their students. The class that has the greatest percentage of students (and teachers) participating will win a prize and be recognized in the assembly announcements.





Keep Your Address Up-to-Date

Have you moved in the past year? Are you planning to move over the summer?

In the event of an emergency, it is important for the district to have an up-to-date address for your student(s). If you have moved, please submit a change of address form to SPResidency@bsd405.org Please include the documents needed to establish residency.

If you will be moving over the summer, please submit the change of address information within 5 days of your move to <u>SPResidency@bsd405.org</u>. Student Placement will work with you regarding your student's school.



Health Services Updates from BSD

Weekly COVID-19 case counts have been rising in King County since mid-March though they are significantly lower than the numbers we saw in January (King County COVID-19 Dashboard). COVID-19 case counts in BSD schools have also seen an uptick since spring break, which can be found on the BSD COVID-19 Dashboard. Because of this, the district is strongly advising students, staff and families to consider these layered protections to keep our schools safe:

- Staying Home When Sick
- Masking as a Layered Protection
- Online Learning Available Vaccine Clinics
- Drive-Thur Diagnostic PCR Testing for BSD Students

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWPORT GIRLS SELECT BASKETBALL

FREE GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINICS

Join us every Tuesday & Thursday evening from 7-8:30 PM in the Tyee Middle School Gym as the girls work on basketball skills and drills. All girls in grades $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ grade that eventually will go to Newport HS are welcome!

Checkout our website for more details: https://www.newportgirlsselectbasketball.org/



Newport Lacrosse Goodwill Donation Drive!

Mark your calendar for our Newport Lacrosse Goodwill donation drive on Saturday June 11th from 9am -12pm at Tyee Middle School.

Clean out your house and garage and support with your donations the Newport Lacrosse youth program. You can bring almost everything to the donation drive including clothes, shoes, books, household items, linens, small electronics, exercise equipment, rugs, toys, lamps, and small furniture (No bigger than a side table). Please pre sort your donations. Keep clothing and shoes in separate bags. We do not accept appliances such as washers, dryers and/or dishwashers.

Evergreen Goodwill is a certified e-waste recycler and we encourage these donations. Computers, peripherals, televisions, monitors are all welcome donations.

We are looking for high school volunteers to help sort the donations to facilitate that the donation drive runs smoothly. We will provide Volunteer hour credit. Please sign up using the following link.



Remlinger Farms Family Fun Park

Come and take a steam train ride, hand-led pony ride and visit our spring animals in our petting farm. Winding your way around the track in our Antique Car Ride, or spin and then spin some more, in our Spinning Barrels Ride. Go up and over on our Roller Coaster then jump the day away in our Hay jump. Go up, up and around on our Flying Pumpkins or just float around in our Canoe Rides. Visit our Crazy Corn, Diggity Diggers, Swing Carousel, Pedal Cars, Climbing Wall, El Paso Tiny Tot Train, Farm Theater Show and so much more!

Book tickets online; book your pony ride as well.

The summer schedule starts June 22 and the Fun Park will be open Wednesday-Sunday through Labor Day



Free Live Performances at the Crossroads Shopping Center

Free live performances at the Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center Market Stage take place every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from May 20, 2022 to July 31, 2022. Grab some food and take a seat to enjoy local musicians during this family-friendly concert.



Tractor Tales at Kelsey Creek Farm

Bring your tractor-loving child to this fun tractor experience! Your child will get to ride toy tractors, sit in the seat of our real tractor for a photo, and watch the real tractor in action. We will do a tractor-themed craft and learn all about what tractors do on farms. Please preregister at the website below.

When: Sunday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Where: Kelsey Creek Farm Registration: Event Website



Family Treasure Cruise

Sat, May 21, 2022 - Sat, Oct 1, 2022

Swashbucklers of all ages are invited to join our band of merry pirates aboard Queen Anne's Revenge for a fully interactive pirate experience as we cruise the waters of Lake Union. We search for treasure and adventure, play games, and learn to talk like a pirate. Fire the ship's water cannons as we defend the honor of Queen Anne's Revenge. Each child will receive their choice of one item from the ship's treasure chest.

Ideal age for this experience is 2-12 years, but Family Treasure Cruises are enjoyed by all ages! Please book in advance. Schedule is subject to change. Check our web site for updated schedule and booking.





Advocacy Submission Deadline Approaching

Any PTA member is encouraged to submit an issue, resolution, or legislative principle that addresses concerns that affect children on a state-wide level (complete instructions are located at the bottom of the pages). As a grassroots association, we rely on our members to provide the priorities that we will advocate for at the state level and within our communities. Learn more about our legislative priorities here and the history of our advocacy efforts here. Review the videos for the Advocacy Submission Process playlist here.

IMPORTANT: The deadline to submit the associated form (i.e. the issue, resolution or legislative principle form) is Friday, May 27. This form must be submitted to receive access for uploading your submission documents for consideration. The deadline for uploading your submission is June 1, 2022.

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