



*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 NEWS

### PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday, Sep 28th 10am - Registration for Debate and Drama Program Still Open

Monday, Oct 5th 10 am - Registration Opens for Science Circle

Wednesday, Oct 7th 9:40 am - Somerset October Assembly

Friday, Oct 9th - Professional Development Day No School

Mon-Wed, Oct 12nd-14th - Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, Oct 21st 9:40 am - Somerset October Assembly/ Celebrate Unity Day



### Fall Fundraising Drive 2020 - Latest Update

Thank you to all Somerset families who have already donated to the Fall Fundraising Drive. The Fall Fundraising Drive 2020 started on 09/10/2020 and runs through 10/20/2020. **We have already raised \$43,175 with 191 donations as of**

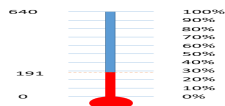
**today.** Please keep giving to make us reach the goal for 100% donation rate and make our community stronger.

Your donations help to continue enabling Somerset Elementary a highly ranked public school that provides a rich education and supportive learning environment for all its students! Thank you for supporting your Somerset PTSA!

We invite all families to participate in this campaign, because your contribution—no matter the amount—makes a big difference to our children especially this year!



Questions? For more information about our Fall Fundraising Drive please check out [here](#) or email us at [somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpts@gmail.com)



## Join Somerset PTSA

A PTSA membership is an investment in your child's future. The more members we have, the louder our PTSA voice will be in advocating for our children with local and state legislature. Our kids are worth the investment and a strong PTSA illustrates our community support to our school and children. Additionally your Memberships ensures that you will receive our PTSA eNews weekly. Certain PTSA activities, such as Chess Club and Math Circle require a PTSA membership. We are an award winning PTSA and have earned the 100% membership award from WSPTA three years in a row. Your participation is vital to retain this award. **Note that PTSA memberships must be renewed annually.** Join us now!

Please click [here](#) to join or renew your membership!

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## Important After School Activity Registration Information

## Debate Program

The registration for afterschool elementary debate program has started. Registration is full but registration is still accepted for waiting list. If they get enough registration on the waiting list, they will hire additional staff for the class.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/somerset-timberlake-regs>

## Drama Program

The registration for drama program has started and spots are still available.

Register at: <https://www.homeroom.com/sites/somerset-elementary-school-bellevue>

More information about these two programs is available in the following **Community News** section.

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## Ice Cream Social Wrap-up

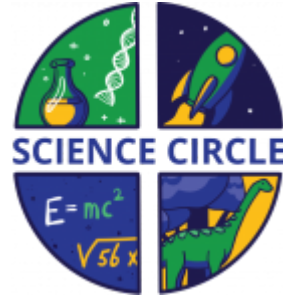
Our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social was a success thanks to everyone who stopped by for an ice cream. It was fantastic and heartwarming seeing so many students and parents again. We gave out more than 400 pieces of ice cream.

For more ice cream social photos, please [Click our video](#).



## Science Circle

The Science Circle will open to 4th and 5th graders who love science and would like to participate in Buzz Bowl Competition (we don't have contest information yet at this moment).



**The registration will start from 10am on Monday, October 5th to 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 7th.**

For more information and registration, please visit the PTSA website [HERE](#).

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## Room Parents Wanted

PTSA recruits room parents for each classroom every fall. At least one room parent is needed for each class, even if we are learning remotely. We can have up to 3 room parents for one class. A room Parent is the main source of communication between the PTSA, your teacher, and the parents in your class. A summary of the room parents' duties is noted below for your reference. Duties may look differently this year since we are in remote learning.

- *Organize class parties, usually around a specific topic or theme.*
- *Collect money from parents and organize teacher gifts at holidays and birthdays.*
- *Send out reminders/ sign up sheets about events, activities, field trips, etc.*
- *Keep an up-to-date list of contact information for all parents*

Any questions about room parents please contact our room parents coordinator Parvaneh Zinati: [zpary2000@yahoo.com](mailto:zpary2000@yahoo.com)

Please sign up [Here](#) if you would like to help. Your help is much appreciated.





## **Volunteer Opportunity**

Would you like to be more involved in PTSA activities? We're looking for motivated parents to fill the following chair positions:

### **Care & Share**

#### **5th Grade Activities**

Please email [somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpts@gmail.com) if you are interested and/or you have questions about these positions. Thank you for supporting our PTSA.

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## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Show your pride as a Somerset Superstar and wear your Somerset spirit wear to school! Our online store opens August 30th and will stay open for your purchase until [October 10th](#). Order online at [www.somersetpts.org](http://www.somersetpts.org).

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Hidden Talent Show on Future Assembly**

On Sep 16th students and staff enjoyed our first Welcome Assembly! If you would like to view the assembly again, or if you were unable to attend, it is on our Somerset webpage: [Welcome Assembly](#). Our October Assembly will be on Oct 7th at 9:40 am.



We invite your child to share their own hidden talent with our Somerset community. Simply click on the following link to record a video of \*your\* talent and a chance to see yourself featured in a future assembly: [Hidden Talents Flipgrid](#)



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## Changing in Attendance Coding

Starting on Monday, October 5, absences from remote learning will be marked as excused or unexcused and we will be using the attendance codes that we have used in the past. If your student is absent please contact our attendance office at [somersetattendance@bsd405.org](mailto:somersetattendance@bsd405.org)

## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



# Bellevue School District

## BSD Drive-thru Flu Vaccination Clinics

The Bellevue School District is partnering with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association (SVSA) to host drive-thru community flu vaccination clinics at two locations in Bellevue. Students, families, BSD employees and community members over age four are welcome.

Online registration is required – [click here](#).

Roll down your window, roll up your sleeve! No car? No problem! Walk-ups and bike-ups are available with appointments.

Monday, Oct 5 10:00-6:00 -- Odle Middle School  
Tuesday, Oct 6, 10:00-6:00 -- Odle Middle School  
Wednesday, Oct 7, 10:00-6:00 -- Newport High School  
Thursday, Oct 8, 10:00-6:00 -- Newport High School

For more information please click [here](#).

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## Update on Transition to Hybrid Learning

Proposed dates for return to in-person learning will be presented at the October 6 School Board Meeting.

We will begin with our youngest learners in preschool through 2nd grade.

Stages for learning models allow education to pivot at any time between distance, hybrid and in-person learning. These stages will be determined by the impacts of a changing health situation, available resources, and direction from OSPI, our Governor and our Health Departments. As the public health situation continues to evolve, the Bellevue School District and the Bellevue Education Association will continue to work together. The District may modify stages as changing conditions require.

Previous communications from the district outlined six weeks of remote learning for all students before the district would assess the prospects for beginning learning in the Hybrid model.

BSD is currently in stage 2:

Remote Learning for most students. Specific In-person services available such as Special Education and Childcare.

Please check out more information on [BSD](#) website.

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## Advance Learning Testing

Applications for winter 2020-21 advanced learning testing for **students in grades 1 – 11** will be available online starting **Monday, October 12, 2020**. District families interested in applying for testing must apply before the **Monday, November 30, 2020 deadline at 4:30 pm**.

To learn more about advance learning services, please visit [BSD Advance Learning](#)

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## Top 5 Remote Learning Tech Tips

Supporting student technology needs during remote learning is important to the Bellevue School District. The following are the top five questions families have and their solutions:

1. [What is my ParentVUE activation key?](#)
2. [How do I monitor my student's online behavior?](#)
3. [My student's device is constantly freezing in Teams. What do I do?](#)
4. [My student is unable to access content that should be available. What do I do?](#)
5. [Where do I find my student's Teams meeting links?](#)

Technology Support is also available online, by phone, and in-person. [Learn more.](#)

### COMMUNITY NEWS



### Afterschool Elementary Debate Program

Jump-start your children into the world of debating. This online program is great for students of all kinds in 4th and 5th graders who like to talk, but also shy students seeking to communicate or gain more self-confidence; students who like to argue, talk, research issues, challenge themselves, want to communicate better, and show interest in bettering their community. Our curriculum is not lecture-based; students will learn by doing. We will teach and engage you to debate effectively. We'll help you prepare cases and responses. You will put that into practice in a supportive atmosphere where you will learn to communicate clearly, persuasively and with self-confidence.

Cost is \$95 for seven classes and includes all instruction and materials.  
We waive or lower fees to address family financial needs.

#### MONDAY PROGRAM

**Mondays from 4 to 5pm**

**Dates: October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7**

#### WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

**Wednesdays from 4 to 5pm**

**Dates: October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9**



Registration opens Monday, September 28 at 10:00am.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/somerset-timberlake-regs>

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### **Studio East - Drama Classes**

Studio East has provided high-quality theater classes, workshops, and productions to local schools since 1992. Our drama classes give students a safe environment to learn: Confidence, Self-esteem, Team-building, Responsibility, Time Management, Literacy, Public Speaking, Perseverance, and, 21st Century Skills!

**Class Description:** In Drama: Play Creation students learn how to create a play from scratch in this interactive, creative, and energetic online drama class! We'll create characters, imagine a story, write lines, and use acting skills to bring our original story to life. We'll record the final performance and send it out after class.

**Days & Time:** Thursdays 3:45 – 5:15pm

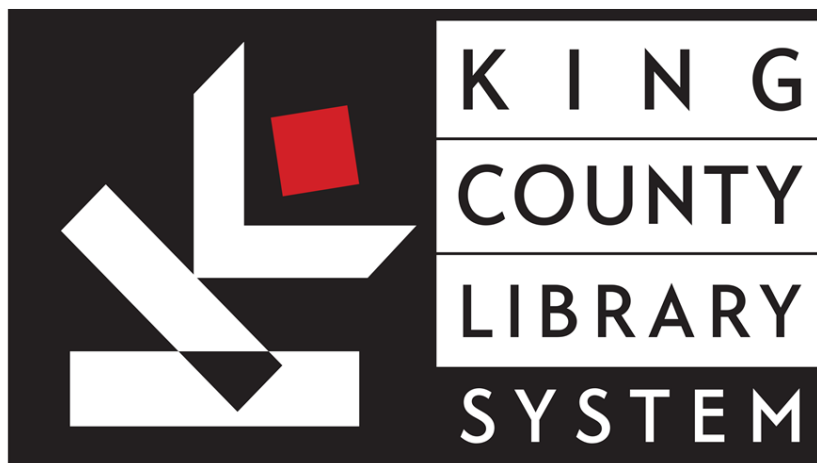
**Dates:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup> (no class on November 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Price:** \$175

Registration opens Monday, September 28 at 10:00am.

Register at: <https://www.homerom.com/sites/somerset-elementary-school-bellevue>

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### **KCLS Online Program: Terrifying Tales Short Story Contest**

Can you scare the socks off your librarian? Put your storytelling skills to the test and submit your own spooky story between October 1-21 for a chance to have it published on the KCLS website! We will judge entries on creativity, the quality of the writing and how much they terrify us.

This contest is for children, teens, and adults ages 9 and older. We will judge stories on creativity, the quality of the writing, and how much they terrify us. We will select a winner in each of the following age groups:

- 9 to 11
- 12 to 14
- 15 to 17
- 18 and older

The deadline to submit your story is 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 21. We will announce the winners and publish their stories by October 31. For more information, please visit [KCLS website](#)

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## COVID-19 Information

Working together, our community has slowed the spread of COVID-19. Now, King County is working to gradually and carefully reopen the local economy and other aspects of daily living.

Free testing is available in King County regardless of immigration status.

[Free COVID-19 testing locations](#)

<https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/covid-response/safe-start.aspx>

COVID-19 Information Compile by BSD

<https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-information/>

COVID National PTA Resources

<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>

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