



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 - Upcoming Dates and Events

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

Wednesday, Oct 21st 9:00 am - 10:00 am - BOD Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 21st 10:00 am- 11:00 am - General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 27th 12:30 pm - Principal Birthday Lunch (October Birthday)

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Somerset PTSA invites you to attend the PTSA General Membership Meeting.

Time: Oct 21st 10:00am - 11:00am

Our principal Cathy and advanced learning specialist Debbie will join the meeting at 10:30 am. They will talk about advanced learning placement for 5th grade since there is some small change. If parents have any questions about advanced learning or going back to school or how the curriculum focus will be for this remote learning period, Cathy and Debbi can answer all of those questions. It will be a great time to join and ask.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89483808697?>

[pwd=a1A5NFNHTXM0a1BuZfVkeVJRNkJaQT09](#)

Meeting ID: 894 8380 8697

Passcode: 697193

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,89483808697#,,,,,0#,,697193# US (Tacoma)
+16699006833,,89483808697#,,,,,0#,,697193# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 894 8380 8697

Passcode: 697193

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kco6FjkJj6>



Fall Fundraising Drive 2020 - Latest Update

Thank you to all Somerset families who have already donated to the Fall Fundraising Drive. **We have already raised \$48,050 with 217 donations as of today.** We really appreciate all the donations have done but still encourage more donations, because your contribution – no matter the amount – makes a big difference to our children especially this year!

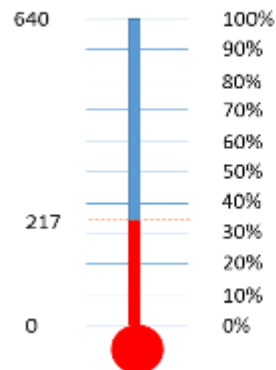
Your donations help to continue enabling Somerset Elementary a highly ranked public school that provides a rich education and supportive learning environment for all its students! Thank you for supporting your Somerset PTSA!



Our principal will schedule a special assembly with the students in the grade that has the highest fundraising participation rate.

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

Our goal is 100% donation rate



SOMERSET
STR  **NG**
NO MATTER THE DISTANCE



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!

October Passport Check

Thank you to all the wonderful students who participated in the September passport check. If you didn't get a chance, the material for September is still available on

our website. The maps and instructions for October have been posted. Please click [here](#) for more information. Try to complete it before the end of the month!
Thank you for supporting Passport Club!



Reflections Program

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school but in life. Somerset PTSA is proud to hold this reflection program for our Somerset students.

The theme for the 2020-2021 program year is **I Matter Because....** Students in kindergarten through grade 5 can submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. This year because of COVID-19 we will have a virtual reflection submission for all arts.

For more information please click [Reflection Information for all Participants](#). The entries are due on Nov 16th, 2020.

Please do not register on the reflection website. Submit your students work with the [application form](#). For questions please contact Garima Agarwal at somersetreflection2020@gmail.com





PTSA School Excellence Survey

We would like to have you complete a short survey about how the PTSA and school are doing in servicing your student and your family. Your response is critical to us and can help us to win grant money to help our school. The survey is anonymous.

Please take the survey [HERE](#).

A Chinese version is also available [HERE](#)



SCHOOL NEWS

October's 2nd Assembly

We will be hosting a special assembly on [Oct 21st](#) to celebrate Unity Day. Unity Day is celebrated nationwide to stand united against bullying. Student are encourage to wear orange showing their commitment to unity. Our assembly will start at 9:40am. We would love to have photos of students participating in the activities and dressed in orange, so please send them to elderc@bsd405.org and consider posting them to the Somerset PTSA Facebook page.



Principal Birthday Lunches

October Birthday lunch celebration will be on Oct 27th at 12:30. Students with an October birthday will receive a Teams invite through their student email accounts from Ruth Embaye, our office manager, the Monday prior. If you don't receive an invitation, please reach out to embayer@bsd405.org. Each session includes an opportunity for students to share something exciting about birthdays, a quick art project and a short story. You may refer to the table below for specific dates.

Oct 27 - October

Nov 24 - November

Dec 15 - December

Jan 26 - January

Feb 23 - February

Mar 30 - March

Apr 27 - April

May 25 - May

Jun 15 - June & July



School Spirit Day

Somerset's first school spirit day is coming soon! Tuesday, November 10, is "Red, White, and Blue Day" at Somerset.

Students, don't forget to wear your



patriotic colors to honor our nation's veterans. The class that has the greatest percentage of participants wearing red, white, and blue will win a prize and be featured in the assembly announcements.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals Program

Please be sure to apply, or reapply, for the **Free & Reduced Priced Meals Program**. Through this program, families can qualify for community partner programs such as Breaktime Mealtime, Eastside Baby Corner, P-EBT, Comcast Internet Essentials, etc. Though community partners will consider economic hardship, participating in the Free & Reduced program is a starting point. Please be sure to complete the **Fee Waiver**, Part 5 (Sharing Information) of the application to receive family services information from the Family Connections Centers. Please apply at [Here](#).

Once you have applied please email Shannon Gregory at gregorys@bsd405.org so she can facilitate the application process.



Somerset Rank #1 Elementary School in the Puget Sound Region

Somerset Elementary is the top elementary school in the Puget Sound Region, according to Puget Sound Business Journal analysis.

Last year Somerset had 670 students. Washington state canceled standardized testing in the 2019-20 academic year, but the year prior about 93% of Somerset students met standards in English and 91% students met standards in math.

We want to thank all Somerset principal, teachers, staffs and parents. We can not make this achievement without you. Let's continue to work together and make our school strong.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Bellevue Schools Foundation Fall Campaign Update

The Bellevue Schools Foundation's Annual Clickathon event will be held October 27th and 28th. All donations over \$100 made on these two days will be matched 1:1. Our goal is to raise \$350,000 from parents like YOU. Public funding is not enough to fund the exceptional programming that makes Bellevue Schools the best in the Nation. Donate [Here](#) or at BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org to fund the following programs in our schools:

- Training for 40+ additional counselors to address student stress, anxiety and depression;
- Training for teachers to integrate cutting-edge Computer Science curriculum in every classroom;
- Libraries in our 1st-5th grade classrooms with characters and narratives that reflect our District's global culture;
- Family Connection Centers, currently serving over 600 families and 2600 students a week;
- And more!

Donations of any size from \$5 to \$5000 are greatly appreciated! YOU can make a difference for students in all 29 Bellevue Schools.

Advanced Learning Applications for Winter 2020-21

Applications for winter 2020-21 advanced learning testing for students in grades 1 through 11 are now available. District families planning to apply for testing should apply before Monday, November 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. More information on the application process and a link to the application form are on the [Advanced Learning webpage](#).

Broad In-person Learning Delayed Until January

In this week's health trends update, BSD is announcing the postponement of our broader return to in-person learning for both our elementary and secondary students until January.

- Elementary students will only be brought back for broad in-person learning in January, following Winter Break. Any decision at that time will be subject to review of the health data conditions for King County.
- Secondary students will only be brought back for broad in-person learning for the second semester of the school year. Any decision at that time will be subject to review of the health data conditions for King County.

COMMUNITY NEWS

International School POINSETTIA & WREATH SALE

The Class of 2021 of the International School in Bellevue is holding their traditional annual fundraiser by selling beautiful Poinsettias and Wreaths to fund their graduation activities in June 2021. These are lovely plants for Squak Mountain Nursery in Issaquah and are a nice décor – especially this year, when most of us will stay at home for the holidays.

Poinsettias (Red, Pink, White) are \$15



Wreaths (24" Mixed Noble) are \$25



Order Poinsettias and Wreaths please use this [order form](#)

Deadline for orders: Thursday, November 5

Plant Pickup: Tuesday, November 24 at International School (pickup will be

organized as a save drive-through, morning and late afternoon pickup times to be announced)

The International School Class of 2021 thanks you for your support!



Tyee PTSA Goodwill Donation Drive

Donate Household Items & Volunteer at Tyee middle school PTSA's Goodwill Drive Fundraiser. Goodwill is bringing a truck to Tyee middle school on **Sunday, October 18th, from 2 – 5 pm** to accept donations of used goods.

You can bring almost everything to the donation drive including clothes, shoes, books, household items, linens, small electronics, exercise equipment, rugs, bed frames, toys, lamps, and small furniture (No bigger than a side table). As part of the E-cycle Washington program, Goodwill collects televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, laptops, and other electronics that are still in working condition.

It's time to bring your things to the donation drive. You'll get a donation tax receipt. It will be very helpful for the volunteer sorting when you pack the donated stuff in categories.

Kids Ski Free

The Epic SchoolKids Whistler Blackcomb Pack is a FREE program for Canadian and Washington State Kindergartners through grade 5 that provides five days of free skiing and riding at Whistler Blackcomb. No purchase necessary!

Enrollment is available for the 2020/21 season [here](#) by Tomorrow October 18

Questions? Read the [Press Release](#),
visit our [FAQ page](#), or
email epicschoolkidswb@vailresorts.com



Enroll in Epic SchoolKids by October 18

Kids in grades K-5 living in Washington and Canada get 5 days of FREE skiing or riding at Whistler Blackcomb resort.

It's simple and no purchase is required. Just visit the [sign up](#) page and register today. Don't wait, **enrollment ends on October 18.**

ENROLL NOW

National PTA & WSPTA NEWS



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Legislative Assembly

The 42nd Annual Legislative Assembly will take place in a virtual format on October 24-25, 2020. For more information, please click [Here](#).

Current and Timely WSPTA Benefits

WSPTA Members Take advantage of these benefit offers:

- Great Wolf Lodge - 30% off. Learn about the health and safety policy.
- TrophyCentral.com - 10% off.
- Silverwood Theme Park - newly reduced pricing.
- The Real Leather Company - save \$15 off any bag.
- Tickets at Work - new discounts for staying at home or working from home.
- LEGO® Bag - 20% discount on LEGO® Bag products.

- FedEx Office - special rates for printing.
- CanvasDiscount.com - save up to 15% on your order.
- Office Depot/Office Max - savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.

Keep checking the [benefits and discounts page](#) as more opportunities continue to be added. Member benefits and discounts are available to all WSPTA members. To access them, log in to [Benefits & Discount Codes](#). Check the promotion codes listed for each provider in the main body of the page and the file list for time-sensitive offers. Please share information about benefits with members, but do not share the codes with non-members.

National PTA Quick Links

- [New Position Statement - Inclusive Curricula in K-12 Education](#)
 - [Increasing Family Engagement in Diverse Schools](#)
 - [New Membership Campaign Materials](#)
 - [Use Healthy Habits All Year Long](#)
 - [Learning Heroes Steps for a Different Kind of School Year](#)
 - [Learning Heroes Steps for a Different Kind of School Year \(Spanish\)](#)
-

Directory / Links

Executive Committee

President: Sandhiya Kalyanasundaram

Secretary: Sandy Zhang

VP Programs: Andrea Wohlan

Co-VP Ways&Means: Yan Zhou & Yuki Yang

Co-VP Communications: Demi Wang & Peggy Wang

Co-Treasurer: Na Li & Xiaohong Quan

Somerset PTSA

Email: Somersetpta@gmail.com

Newsletter

Submission: Somersetpta@gmail.com

[Somerset PTSA Website](#)

[Somerset PTSA BOD Meeting Minutes](#)

[Somerset Elementary School Website](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)



Shop at Amazon log in [HERE](#) and select 'Somerset Elementary PTSA' and Amazon Smile donates to Somerset PTSA. Or click <https://smile.amazon.com> for your purchase.

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

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our PTSA. Thank you very much for supporting our school and PTSA.



Follow us on Facebook



Visit our website

Copyright © 2020 SomersetPTSA, All rights reserved.

Bellevue School District 405 would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Bellevue School District 405 directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe SchoolMessenger](#) is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.

Our mailing address is:

14100 Somerset Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

