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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 NEWS

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

Tuesday, Nov 10th - School Spirit Day/ Wear " Red, White, and Blue"

Wednesday, Nov 11th - Veterans Day/ No School

Monday, Nov 16th - Reflection Submissions Deadline

Monday, Nov 23rd - Wednesday, Nov 25th - Parent Teacher Conference Day

Thursday, Nov 26th - Friday, Nov 27th - Thanksgiving Break/ No School

Monday, Nov 30th - Sunday, Dec 13th - Virtual Book Fair

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## 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 \$53,180 with 248 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!

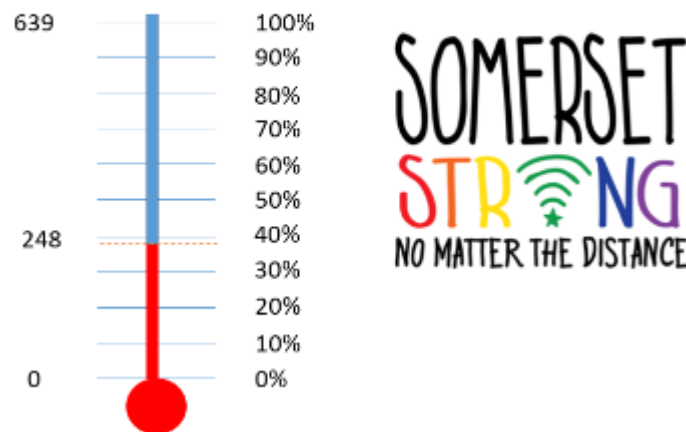
Your donations help to continue enabling Somerset Elementary a highly ranked public school that provides a rich education and supportive learning environment for all its students! Thank you for supporting your Somerset PTSA!



**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 [somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpts@gmail.com)

Our goal is 100% donation rate



## Fall Fundraising Drive Donor List

Somerset ranks #1 elementary school in the Puget Sound region according to Puget Sound Business Journal. These achievements are attributed significantly to those generous families. We are collecting information of all families who participated in our 2020 Annual Fall Fundraising Drive and we would like to publicize a full donor list (adult names only) shortly. If you donated and wish to remain anonymous, please let us know: [somersetpts@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpts@gmail.com)

If you donated through your employer's internal donation link and wish to include your name in the list, please also let us know: [somersetpsa@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpsa@gmail.com). Please let us know your wish by Fri Nov 20th. The list of donors will be included in the eNews during the week of Nov 28th.

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## 2020-2021 Instructional Technology Curriculum Information for Elementary Families

You might have been dealing with Synergy ParentVue, Student Portal, Teams, Office 365, Clever, Think Central, etc. when you are working with the school works with your kids. This attached file includes very important, detailed and updated instructional information. Please download it and take a look.

Please see [this file](#) for details.

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## Math Kangaroo 2021 Registration Invitation

Welcome to Math Kangaroo 2021 season! Have you registered for Math Kangaroo 2021 yet?

This year Math Kangaroo offer virtual participation for all students who cannot find space in the in-person centers. All virtual Math Kangaroo participants will receive a T-shirt and a gift straight to their home addresses and can take the test at home. The regular participation is still offered but on a much smaller scale due to social distancing regulations. All in-person centers will look like the years before where students come for the exam and receive all Math Kangaroo material on the test day from their center manager. In case the in-person center is closed due to pandemic, students will be transferred to our online platform to take the test. Please register [Here](#) for Washington Virtual Center.

**The regular registration fee is \$21 between Sep 15 and Dec 15. A late registration fee**

is \$35 between Dec 16 and Dec 31 (may be extended into a later date while supplies last). There is no registration cancellation or a refund offered after the registration. Math Kangaroo offers financial assistance to families in hardship; please contact [finance@mathkangaroo.org](mailto:finance@mathkangaroo.org) to ask for assistance and provide appropriate proof of hardship.

**Competition date: on or after Thursday, March 18, 2021.**

Do not forget to practice using our [free](#) or for nominal fee [Math Kangaroo Practice Everything](#) material.

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## **Math is Cool Online Math Contest**

Math is Cool will be offering online math contests for students this year, including a Master's contest for grade 4th and 5th in the coming Spring. Students need to form a group of four in order to compete. We will send more information for selecting 8 teams per grade level.

Grade 5 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Not open for registration until mid-December

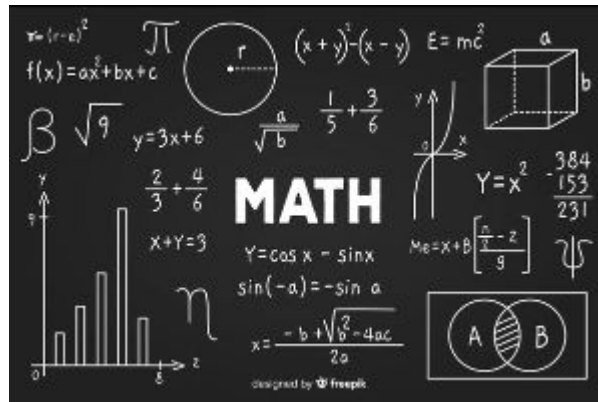
Grade 4 March Not open for registration until mid-December

To become more familiar with how our online contest will work and answer many questions, go to: <https://academicsarecool.com/#!/samples>

### FAQ's

- Students do not need to be together for the contest. They can be in separate homes.
- If the option exists for your students to be together, that is fine.
- The relay will be replaced with a different contest.
- College bowl will not be against another team.

- A certain percentage of correct answers (teams) will be awarded points based upon how fast teams respond correctly.
- The first person from a team to answer, will be the answer that is scored.
- The contest will be held through a "Zoom Webinar".
- Teams should start exploring ways to communicate with each other for the team rounds.
- The fee for the online contests will be \$40 per team.
- Awards will be mailed.



## Free Previous Math Circle Materials for PTSA Members

Good News From Math Circle Club. Our math circle team built training materials in past years. It includes level 3-4 and level 5. It targets for the prealgebra level. It helps kids to prepare for MIC and MO competitions. The topics matches Prealgebra (AOPS version). These are complementary materials for Prealgebra study. If you missed math club registration but need some training materials, you can register [here](#). **It is open to Somerset PTSA Members only** (2nd or higher graders). If you are not a member, register as a member first [here](#). We will send out practice packets and answers (with simple solutions) weekly soon after the registration is closed.



Nov 18, 2020 | 7:00-8:15pm | Zoom Webinar

## ***How to Raise Successful Kids Without Overparenting***

Julie Lythcott-Haims

### **Lecture from ParentWiser**

ParentWiser is hosting a lecture series for our student families to support parents in raising thriving individuals in Issaquah School District. They will be hosting a speech on [Nov 18, 2020 7:00- 8:15 pm](#). The topic is about "How to Raise Successful Kids Without Overparenting". There are 15 seats for available for Somerset families. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#). \$10 donation is suggested for speech. Please visit <https://www.parentwiser.org/> for more information.

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### **Culture Exchange Program**

#### **Chinese Classical Dance Seminar**

Chinese classical dance schools can be roughly divided into three schools: the traditional opera body rhyme school, the Han-Tang dance school, and the Dunhuang dance school. We are honored to invite Chinese classical dancer Ju, Hao to give us a seminar introducing and performing "Thirty-six poses of the Dunhuang dance".

"Dunhuang Dance" was derived from the Dunhuang murals. It was the outcome of civilization integration between Central China and Western China at ancient Silk Road times. It integrates the dancing styles of Central China, Western China, and Dunhuang local area. The dance genre is charming, unique, classical, and beautiful.

Please check [Here](#) for dancer Ju, Hao's introduction.

Welcome to join us via zoom meeting at [11/7 11:00-11:30 am](#).

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88122778655?>

[pwd=N1g4WVVVRcVh2THN0TVlWK05DNkROZz09](https://mailchi.mp/b3359c26fc5f/weekly-somerset-superstar-enews-2020-09-865920)

Meeting ID: 881 2277 8655

Passcode: 581215



## 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](mailto:somersetreflection2020@gmail.com)

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## Somerset Superstar's Fall Stories

Thank you all for providing so many lovely Halloween theme photos. Please enjoy this Somerset Superstar's Fall Stories video.

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## Passport Club

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

and instructions for November 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!

## SCHOOL NEWS



### 5th Grade Choir

Somerset's 5th Grade Choir will begin Tuesday, Nov 18th. Students who are in the choir will have the opportunity to perform as a virtual choir by recording themselves singing. If your child would like to be a part of the Somerset Choir, please fill out this form by [Nov 10th](#): [Choir Registration Form](#). Registration forms must be completed by student and parent/guardian. You will also need to use student email to login to the form.

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## Red White & Blue



### 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.

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### Family Math Night Materials Pick-up

Family Math Nights Coming in December! Mark your calendars, you will not want to miss!

Special night for kids and adults to learn and play fun math games! Jane and John Felling from Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks will lead a variety of games that will build on each grade level's priority standards. Please see attached flier for more information. The games are designed to develop mathematical fluency and build problem solving strategies. Games will require use of regular and really cool multi-sided dice, deck of cards and counters. All materials have been purchased in partnership with Somerset PTSA for EACH and EVERY Somerset student so all you have to do is swing thru the drive-thru pick up line.

**Drive-thru material pick-up at Somerset on December 2nd from 11-2 or December 3rd from 2-4:30.**

Schedule and Teams sign on link, Please click [Here](#).



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## Student Interest Groups Led by Ms. Schuyler

### [Lego Club meets Monday mornings at 8:30 AM](#)

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click [here](#) to join the meeting

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4133,211461031#](#) United States, Seattle

Phone Conference ID: 211 461 031#

### [Art Club meets Wednesdays at 12:30 PM](#)

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click [here](#) to join the meeting

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4133,686557189#](#) United States, Seattle

Phone Conference ID: 686 557 189#

### Pokemon Club meets Mondays at 12:30 PM

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click [here](#) to join the meeting

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4133,376688828#](#) United States, Seattle

Phone Conference ID: 376 688 828#

### Animal Club meets Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM

The link to join the meeting is:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 206-800-4133](#) United States, Seattle (Toll)

Conference ID: 534 793 897#

### Minecraft Club meets Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM

The link to join the meeting is:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 206-800-4133](#) United States, Seattle (Toll)

Conference ID: 502 442 496#

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## Somerset Winter Traditions Photo Wanted

Families are invited to submit a photo of their students celebrating a winter tradition/holiday and a short sentence describing a favorite part of that winter tradition/holiday. Please only send in ONE photo and put the subject line " Winter Traditions" in the email to Mrs. Bravenec [bravenecs@bsd405.org](mailto:bravenecs@bsd405.org) by Nov 18th.

We are looking for a variety of traditions/holidays to include! Photos will be shared in our school assembly on Dec 2nd.

## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



## BSD Community Forums on Mental Health

The Bellevue School District strives to support our parent community. Mental health continues to be a primary concern for families as we all face unprecedented times and unexpected hardships. In partnership with the district counseling program, social-emotional curriculum developers, family engagement team and community mental health partners, the district is developing another series of forums to inform, support and empower families on issues surrounding mental health.

All sessions will be conducted over Teams and will be recorded.

How to support my worried / anxious student. (General Session)

Wednesday, November 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[November 18 General Session Link](#)

[Questions for November 18 General Session](#)

How to support my worried / anxious student. (Mandarin Speakers Session)

Thursday, November 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[November 19 Mandarin Speakers Link](#)

[Question for November 19 Mandarin Speakers Session](#)

How to support my worried / anxious student (Spanish Speakers Session)

Thursday, November 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[November 19 Spanish Speakers Link](#)

[Question for November 19 Spanish Speakers Session](#)



## **Meals2Go Close on Nov 11th**

Grab & Go and Pre-order service will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. We will be offering additional meals on Tuesday, November 10 to supplement for this closure. More information is on our website: [www.bsd405.org/Meals2Go](http://www.bsd405.org/Meals2Go).

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## Bellevue Schools Foundation Fall Campaign

YOU can make a difference for students in all 29 Bellevue Schools. Help us raise \$350,000 to invest in distance learning technology, provide on-line mental health services to students feeling depressed and isolated, fund Family Connection Centers to provide food, rent assistance guidance and technology support needed for every child to thrive. Donate [Here](#) or at [BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org](https://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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## National PTA & WSPTA NEWS



## Recap of the 42nd Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly

Thank you for attending the 42nd annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly!! We appreciate your engagement and advocacy efforts. You are a very important part of our grassroots advocacy, as we continue to strive towards making every child's potential a reality!

### Top Five Legislative Priorities

#### WSPTA 2020-2021 Top 5 Legislative Priorities

1. Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health, and Social Emotional Learning Staff
2. Support Students and Preserve Education Funding
3. Increasing Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
4. Supports and Funding for Students with Disabilities and Their Families
5. Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide



## Region Conferences and PTA and the Law

- November 10 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) - WSPTA Building Your Communications Plan [webinar](#)
- November 12 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) - WSPTA Using Digital Tools to Communicate With Your Members [webinar](#)
- November 14 (9:00 am to 11:00 am) - PTA and the Law [webinar](#)
- November 17 (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) - PTA and the Law [webinar](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## MOD Pizza Fundraiser for Tyee PTSA – November 11

During Covid-19 pandemic, our local companies and stores really need more support. Tyee PTSA works with Mod Pizza at Factoria (3622 Factoria Blvd SE) to hold a fundraiser event on **Wednesday Nov 11st**. MOD will donate 20% of your meal purchase to Tyee PTSA. The fundraiser lasts ALL DAY, so you can eat LUNCH and DINNER and show your support.

**Please register in advance here to meet the RSVP Minimum.**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/167165-tyee-middle-school-ptsa-at-mod-pizza>.

For customer health and safety, dine-in space is not available during this meal. You can participate in this fundraiser by Take out, Delivery or Pick up. To place your order online please visit MOD Pizza's online order website <https://modpizza.com/> . Remember to select Factoria Mod Pizza Store and use the coupon code of "GR167165T" to give Tyee PTSA credit for your order. Alternatively, you can show the cashier the below flyer to give Tyee PTSA credit for your order.



### **Newport Lacrosse Club Free New Player Clinics**

Newport Lacrosse Club is offering FREE lacrosse clinics designed for players new to the game. Join us Sunday mornings to try a new sport. No pads or equipment needed. We will provide a loaner stick (properly cleaned), or bring one if you have one. Dress for the weather, and please bring a mask.

Who: Boys & Girls K – 8 (no experience needed)

When: Sundays 11/8 – 12/13 (except no clinic on 11/29) 10:30am – 11:30 am

Where: Tillicum MS – main field

Please register (it's free) at [www.NewportLacrosse.com](http://www.NewportLacrosse.com) 2020 Free Youth Clinics K-8

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### **Free Online Tutoring from 425 Tutoring**

425 Tutoring offers free online tutoring in groups of 2-4 for your elementary school child. Initially started in Bellevue, Washington, they are a group of high schoolers from around the country committed to helping the youngest members of our community stay curious and academically focused.

425 Tutoring tutor in math, science, history, and English. On a weekly basis, they will work in groups to provide an intellectual space to have conversations and study, as we aim to hone the students' critical thinking skills and knowledge. You can also learn more at <https://www.425tutoring.org/>.

## Schedule a Library Surprise Bag

Surprise bags are bags selected by king county librarians and library staff by age and interest. Surprise Bags are five items each, and there is a three bag per patron limit. You can ask for a bag of titles in [any of these categories](#).

Complete details are [Here](#).



## Washington State Park Free Day

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will offer its two final free days of 2020 in November. On these free days, day-use visitors will not need a [Discover Pass](#) for vehicle access.

The last two free days of 2020 are [Wednesday, Nov. 11](#), and [Friday, Nov. 27](#)



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