



*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

Monday, Nov 16th - Reflection Submissions Deadline

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

Tuesday, Nov 24th - Principal Birthday Lunch

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

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

Wednesday, Dec 2nd - School Assembly

Wednesday, Dec 2nd - Thursday, Dec 3rd - Family Math Night Materials Pick-up

Monday, Dec 7th - Thursday, Dec 10th - Family Math Night

Friday, Dec 18th - Spirit Day- Wearing Pajamas

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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 \$54,280 with 253 donations as of today.** If

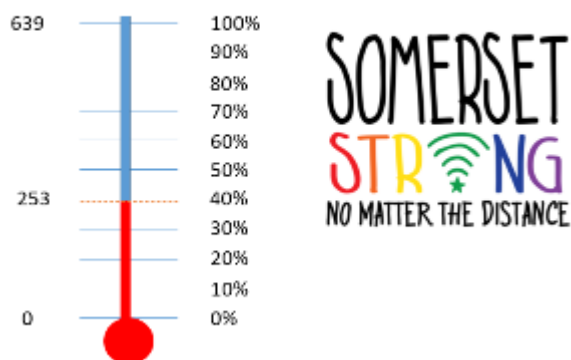
you haven't made the donation yet, please [donate now](#). All the donors' names will be published in the next two issues of eNews.



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

Our goal is 100% donation rate



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## 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:**[somersetpsa@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpsa@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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## 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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## 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 cancelation 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.
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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 available for Somerset families. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#). \$10 donation is suggested for speech. Please visit <https://www.parentwiser.org/> for more information.



### 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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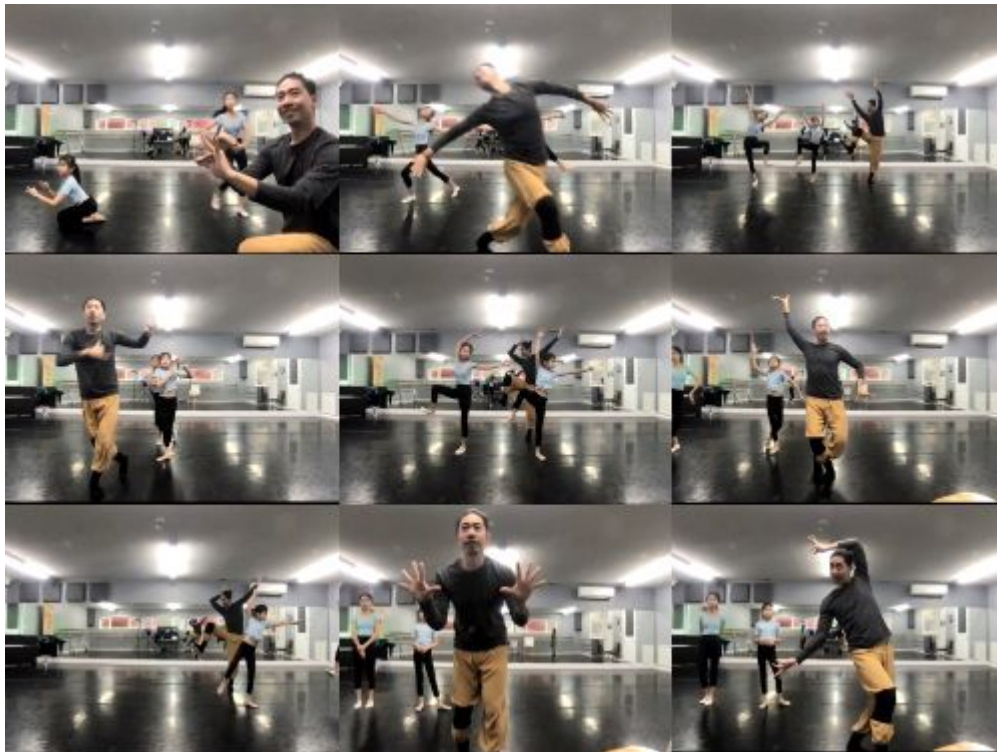


## Passport Club

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!

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## Chinese Classic Dance Seminar Recap



It was such a fun and wonderful time with the Chinese Classic Dance Seminar. It enriched Chinese culture with our community. Thank you to those who were attending this seminar. Not only did we appreciate and learn the Chinese Dunhuang dance style, we also built up the competency in cultural diversity. We will be having more and more of these events of cultural diversity in the future. Please keep supporting.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### 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.

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## Principal Birthday Lunches

November Birthday lunch celebration will be on **Nov 24th at 12:30**. Students with an November 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](mailto: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.



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

## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



## BSD Community Forums on Mental Health

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](#)

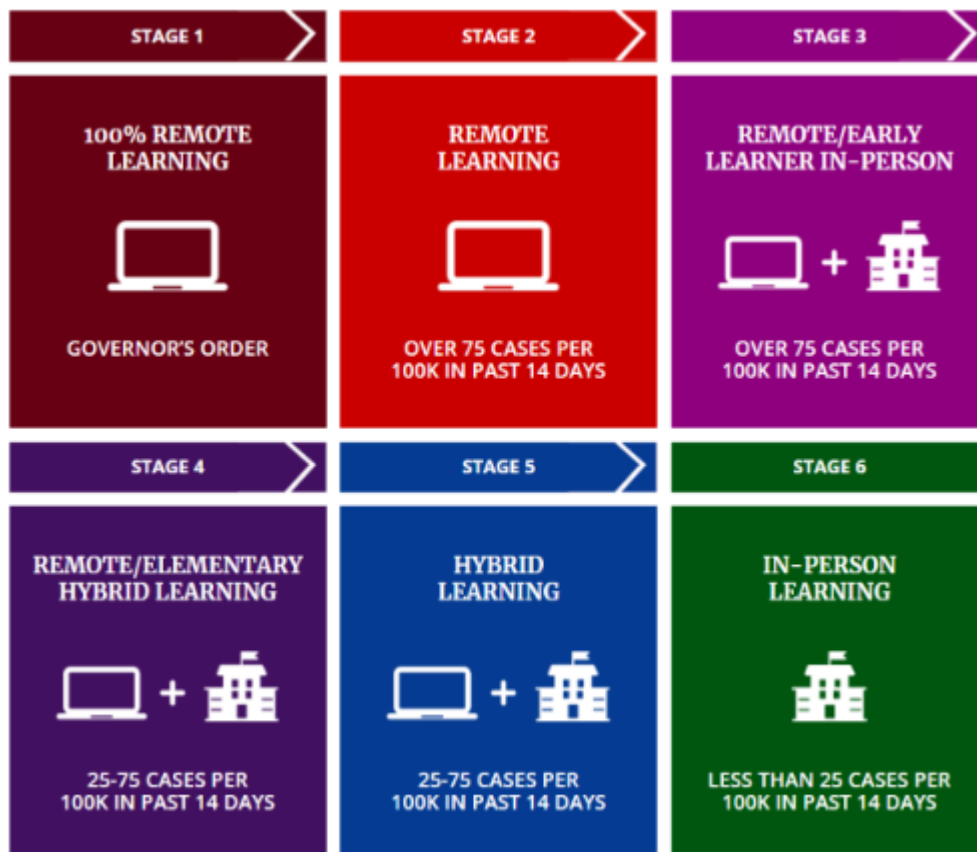
[Question for November 19 Spanish Speakers Session](#)

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## **BSD Board Forum Announcement**

The Bellevue School Board welcomes every family to join a virtual community forum on **Thursday December 3rd at 5:00-6:15 pm** to discuss Family Engagement. Board directors want to hear what is important and needed for you to support your child(ren)'s learning and well-being. Virtual Forum, information to register and join the forum online at <https://bsd405.org/about/school-board/>

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## BSD Back to School Plan

Bellevue School District uses the Washington State Department of Health "[Decision Tree for In-person Learning among K-12 Students at Public and Private Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)" and [King County public health metrics](#) to determine when students move from remote learning to hybrid learning to everyone back to school buildings. Full transition to hybrid learning will occur no earlier than January 2021 and is dependent on public health conditions, BSD school infection rates and the preparedness of buildings and staff. In the meantime, some hybrid learning may take place for younger learners. **The Bellevue School District is currently in Stage 2: Remote Learning.** The complete information please click [here](#).

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## **BSD Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment)**

Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment) is for current Bellevue School District residents who wish to attend a school other than their assigned neighborhood school.

Open Transfer Applications for the 2021-22 school year will be accepted from 9:00 am on **Monday, December 7, 2020** to **Friday, January 15, 2021** at 4:30 pm. Offer notifications and waitlist information will be emailed: February for high school, March for middle school, and April for elementary school. Have Questions? Visit our [Open Transfer](#) and [Nonresident FAQ pages](#) for more information.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



## **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



## **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/>.

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## **Cook & Chat for Teens**

Join King County Library for a series of baking and cooking classes with teen volunteers. We'll be making a bunch of delicious recipes throughout the series.

Learn how to make:

November 14: Chocolate Chip Cookies

November 21: Macarons

November 28: Sweet Kugel

December 5: Vegan Brownies

December 12: Cupcakes

Visit the [Event Calendar](#) to Register.

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## Directory / Links

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