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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.*



Somerset PTSA wishes all the Somerset families, staffs and neighbors a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you all for your continuous support. We are so grateful for our wonderful community.

## PTSA NEWS

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

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 Summary

Thank you to all Somerset families who have already donated to the Fall Fundraising Drive. We have already raised \$55,930 with 263 donations as of today, 41% of the student population have participated. Thank you for all of your generous donations to make it a success.

If you have not made a donation yet and wish to do so, you can still give! We hope you will continue to support this fundraiser if you are able to. As the school year continues, we will still be accepting donations online at [www.somersetpsa.org](http://www.somersetpsa.org)

We are so grateful for your support! It is a very special school year and it is a tough time for all of our Somerset families. United we stand. We will get through this tough time together and become stronger.

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## Fall Fundraising Drive Donor List

### Donor List As of November 20th 2020

(This list does not include all of donors who made their donations directly through their company link.)

Aarti Biyani  
Adam Klein  
Aditi Desai  
Aileen Wu  
Angela Suen  
Ann Xiong  
Ashok Nadar  
Aviti Mathur  
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Benhuai Xie  
Bing Zhu  
Bo Li (Evan Liu)

Jiaming Wang  
Jian Chen  
Jian Wu  
Jian Yao  
Jie Yang  
Jihua Zheng  
Jin Tang  
Jinchi Han  
Jing Huang  
Jing Xi  
Jing Zhao  
Jingqi Wu

Rebecca Wein  
Regina Anderson  
Rui Liu  
Rui Zhang  
Ryan Cai  
Sadie Zhang  
Sairam Suresh  
Sandy Lin  
Sandy Zhang  
Satwati Chatterjee  
Shannon Tsai  
Shaofeng Bu

Bo Li (Lucas Fan)	Jingyuan Luo	Shengnan Li
Bo Pang	Jingyuan Yin	Shi Zhang
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Catherine Lao Li	Johannes Grad	Shuxian Li
Cathy Elder	John Woo	Simrat Sekhon
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Ee Loon Tham	Lingfeng Tan	Xiaojun (Scott) Cai
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Emily Reiter-Sparks	Lingyan Rong	Xin Gao
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Gouri Vidwans	Lu Zhang	Yan Chen
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Grace Ke	Masayuki Kuramoto	Yan Zhen
Guanghai Zhang	Melissa Pearce	Yan Zhou
Haili Zhao	Min Dan	Yanfen Song
Haitao Feng	Min Lin	Yanling Dai
Haiyan Xu	Min Xu	Yaoyu Luo
Henggai Deng	Ming Hui Liu	Ye Ji
Hengyu Xu	Mingmei Xu	Yi-Chun Hsieh
Henry Leung	Monica Tsang	Yim King Cheng
Hongjiao Yan	Myra Loo	Yin Zhang
Hongxia Chen	NA LI	Ying Liu
Hoyeon Lee	Natalie Hovanec	Yingjin Wang
Huan Zhao	Natalie Pita	Yiwen Sun
Hui He	Ning Yang	Yolanda Ip
Hui Ma	Okgyu Min	Yong Peng
Hui Zhao	Pari Zinati	Youyi Fong
Huiqing FU	Pauline Cho	Yuan Li
Huiwen Li	Peggy Wang	Yuan YU
Huiying Ye	Peijun Liu	Yuki Yang

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Jae Kim  
Jamie Cho  
Jamie Tan  
Jane Lee  
Jason York  
Jayalakshmi Ramamoorthy  
Jeff Scherpelz  
Jia Zhu

Ping Qiu  
Pooja Chaudhary  
Preethi Chandrasekhar  
Qian Zhang  
Qiang Wang  
Qianqing Hu  
Qingbo Cai  
Qinghui Liu  
Qiong He

Yun Liu  
Yung Kim  
Yuzheng Zhou  
Zanxiong Ye  
Zhi Zheng  
Zhibiao Rao  
Zhiping Guo  
Zhixin Liu  
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## SCHOOL NEWS



### Scholastic Online Book fair

#### **Somerset's Scholastic Book Fair is going online! November 30 – December 13**

In a year of so many **\*not\*** normal things, our book fair will also be different this year. Somerset is partnering with Scholastic to host an **ONLINE ONLY** book fair for families this fall.

Mrs. Bravenec realizes that for some families, the ability to buy books for your children may not be possible this year. In conversations with students about the Book Fair, Mrs. Bravenec is sensitive to this situation and shares with students that as a child her family sometimes had hard times and was not able to buy books. Somerset families do not have to buy anything, and that is totally OK.

If you plan to give books as holiday gifts, please consider shopping as early as possible beginning Nov 30th, as shipping takes 7-10 business days.

Click this [Link](#) to preview books and shop online (the shopping link will NOT appear until Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)

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## Family Math Night Materials Pick-up

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. 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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### 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

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## Cozy Day - Wearing Pajamas

Friday, December 18th, is “Cozy Day” at Somerset. Superstars wear your favorite pair of PJ’s, grab a soft blanket, and include a cuddly stuffed animal. It’s time to get cozy on the day before Winter Break! The classroom that has the greatest percentage of participants will win a prize and be featured in the assembly announcements.



## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### Free Internet for Families

Having reliable connectivity to the internet is critical for student success during distance learning. Washington State has recognized this need and has partnered with Zply Fiber, Comcast/Xfinity and Presidio to create [Washington's K-12 Internet Access Program](#), which provides eligible families free internet access so students can connect for online learning at home. This internet access opportunity will provide families with faster, stronger and more reliable connectivity than hotspots (base stations for wireless internet access) or tethering to mobile, which will better support your student. If eligible, your free internet access is available through June 30, 2021. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### BSD Back to School Plan

Bellevue School District has a plan to have students and staff safely return to buildings over the course of [six stages](#). These stages are based on public health guidelines.



We are currently in Stage 2: [Remote Learning](#).

As of November 8, there are [212 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in King County](#) in the past 14 days.



## **[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



### Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park

Fantasy Lights is an expansive drive-through light show, delighting families for over 25 years with hundreds of sparkling holiday scenes along the shore of Spanaway Lake in Spanaway Park. Visitors remain in their cars and drive the winding, two-mile route through the park, surrounded by lights. Because it's a drive-through display, this attraction is already COVID-ready, with few adjustments needed.

Time: Nov. 21, 2020–Jan. 3, 2021 (including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) @5:30–9 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per vehicle; entry on premium nights cost \$20 per vehicle.

Complete information, Please visit [Here](#).

### WildLanterns at Woodland Park Zoo

This year, discover a brand-new lights festival at Woodland Park Zoo: WildLanterns presented by Sound Credit Union. WildLanterns will take the place of our traditional WildLights event this year.



[Tickets on sale now.](#)

### Crystal Mountain Opens for Ski and Snowboard Season

Crystal Mountain is excited to announce that they kick-off the 2020-2021 ski and snowboard season on Wednesday, November 18.

Reservations are required for all guests for the foreseeable future. Walk-up tickets have been discontinued and day tickets will be restricted to off-peak times with limited quantities available. Please see complete information [here](#).



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