



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 / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday & Tuesday Feb 8 & 9 - 1st Grade In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model

Wednesday, Feb 10th - Library Books Pick-up

Thursday & Friday Feb 11 & 12 - Kindergarten In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model

Monday, Feb 15th to Friday, Feb 19th - Mid-Winter Break No School

Wednesday, Feb 24th - Principal Birthday Lunches

Wednesday, Feb 24th - Library Books Pick-up

Friday, Feb 26th - School Spirit Day- Crazy Hat/Hair Day

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PTSA NEWS



AGES 4 TO 16!
T-Ball
only \$99

**THUNDERBIRD
LITTLE LEAGUE**

**Registration is Now Open
for Softball and
Baseball**

**\$50 goes to the Somerset PTSA for every
new player from Somerset Elementary!**

Boys and Girls will have fun while learning the game. The Thunderbird season runs from April – June and is typically a two days per week commitment. We provide free training to players and coaches of all levels so that players and parents learn the fundamentals of the game that will help build a strong foundation for years to come.

COVID-19 Measures: Thunderbird is implementing extensive procedures for social distancing, masks, equipment use, and sanitization to maximize player safety.

Benefits of Team Sports

- Promotes physical skills and an active and healthy lifestyle
- Builds camaraderie and lifelong friendships
- Develops leadership skills through cooperation and teamwork
- Creates a sense of belonging through social interaction
- Helps with discipline, patience, persistence and self-esteem
- Provides an opportunity for parents and children to bond together

Bellevue Thunderbird Little League is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of our boys and girls and fostering a love of the game by providing a fun and safe environment in which to play competitive baseball and softball, regardless of a player's ability.

www.BellevueThunderbird.com
or follow us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/bellevuethunderbird

**Play & Compete. Grow & Connect.
Building tomorrow's future one inning at a time.**

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Registration for Thunderbird Little League and Giving back Limited time only!!!

[Bellevue Thunderbird Little League](#) is a long standing community based program that offers softball and baseball. The league focuses on providing equal playing time for our kids, allowing them to enjoy the sport and move around all the positions. Typically, there are 2 games a week and locations are nearby by.

Thunderbird little league offers programs for ages 5-14. We have a great opportunity to work with Thunderbird Little League. Click [Registration Link](#) for registration. Somerset PTSA will receive give back from Little League for each registration from Somerset student.

Click [Here](#) for detail registration information and COVID Safety Program Points.

More information can be found on their [Website](#). If you any question please send questions to:info@bellevuethunderbird.com.



Passport Club

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

Picture Day at Somerset Recap

Thanks to the cooperation and help of all parents, students and volunteers, our two days of picture day went smoothly. If you would like to order pictures, please see the [Lifetouch flyer](#) for information. Online order from [HERE](#) using code **EVTZC2T6G**.

For those families who did not attend our picture day, you can prepare your kids photos at home. Please follow these requirement:

- Take a headshot of your student in front of a white background.
- Take the picture from the waist up.
- Use lighting from the front, no backlighting.
- Please add the following information when sending the picture: first name and last name of your student, grade and teacher name.
- Email your picture to the yearbook chair Ana Howard at yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com before March 1st.



Lunar New Year Pictures Needed

Happy Lunar New Year of 2021! Somerset PTSA will put together a slide show which will be put on our website and newsletter at the end of February. It will be highlighting how our community celebrates Lunar New Year.

Please email your photos to communications.somersetpts@gmail.com. We accept photo submissions through Feb 20, 2021.



SCHOOL NEWS



Elementary Progress Reports

Elementary Progress Reports will be viewable to families on [Parent Vue](#) and [Student Vue](#), in our learning management system after 8:00 pm on Friday, February 12th.

Please visit <https://bsd405.org/departments/district-technology/grades-attendance/> to log in or for details on how to activate and set up your account if you have not done so already.

Directions for families to access Elementary Progress Reports online: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#).

February School Spirit Day

The student council is promoting Crazy Hat/Hair day on **Friday, February 26th**.

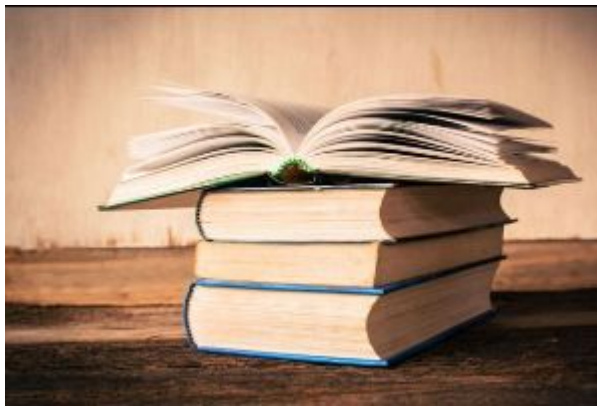
The class with the most participation will be recognized in the March assembly.



Hidden Talents

Hello Superstars, you're invited to share your own hidden talent with our Somerset community. We'd love to see what you can do! Click on this link to record a video of *your* talent for a chance to see yourself featured in a future assembly (depending on how many clips are submitted, it may not be in the very next assembly): <https://flipgrid.com/05ed50dfs>.





Check out Somerset Library Books

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th, students will again be able to check out books from our school library... every Wednesday! Students must place books on hold to get them, and the books will be available each Wednesday for pickup at the main front doors of Somerset school from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. When you come to pick up books, please have your child(ren)'s first and last name printed/written clearly on paper to show at the door. Masks and social distancing required.

Mrs. Bravenec will be there every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30pm until the end of May (except the mid-winter and spring break weeks). Please mark your calendar the library book pickup dates:

Feb 10 & 24

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Apr 7, 21, & 28

May 5, 12, 19, & 26



Where to Find Food Banks

[Jubilee REACH](#) "Groceries for Families": adding new families to the wait list.

- In-person registration (must be masked) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3:15pm.
- Please go at 3:15pm, no earlier or later. They cannot take early registrations nor can they stay for latecomers.
- Registering families will receive food that day and each week (once in the program).
- When possible, Jubilee REACH will move families from the waitlist to the program.

[BSD Family Connections Centers](#) open 5-days a week for free food and personal hygiene items.

- Lake Hills Elementary: 9am-2pm
- Stevenson Elementary: 12pm – 5pm

[Hopelink Food Bank](#) 14812 Main St., Bellevue

- Tuesdays 12pm-4pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm & Thursdays 10am-2pm
- No appointment needed

[Hopelink Mobile Market](#)

- At Lake Hills Elementary every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:30-5:30pm.
- February dates: February 10th and February 24th

[Renewal Food Bank](#) 15022 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue 98007

- Monday 12pm-3pm, Tuesday 4pm-6:30pm and Wednesday:10am-1pm

[United Way of King County](#)

- Weekly delivery service to King County residents who cannot physically go to a local food bank due to being infected by COVID.
- Add yourself to the waitlist through fooddelivery@uwkc.org or (253) 237-2019.
- Visit <https://www.uwkc.org/need-help/covid-19-resources/> for other resources are available.

Please contact Shannon Gregory at gregorys@bsd405.org with any questions or concerns.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Back to Buildings Update

The Bellevue School District is currently
in: STAGE 3 REMOTE/EARLY LEARNER
IN-PERSON

Bellevue School District is bringing back our youngest learners, starting Jan. 21, 2021. We know there are a lot of questions about our return to in-person learning, and we have a detailed plan for bringing students back, as public health conditions allow.

Thursday, January 21, 2021: 2nd grade
Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9, 2021: 1st grade
Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12, 2021: Kindergarten
There is a [detailed FAQ](#).

We have a [Family Resource Guide \(PDF\)](#) for families with students returning to buildings.

STAGE 3

REMOTE/EARLY LEARNER IN-PERSON

KING COUNTY CASES

over 350

cases per 100K residents within a 14-day period, Test Positivity greater than 10

New Tech Center location starting Feb. 8

Need in-person technology help? The Tech Center has moved from Sammamish High School to **Highland Middle School**. Support is available Monday through Friday, no appointment necessary.

Address: *15027 NE Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98007*

Directions: The Tech Center is located in the Gym, which is on the east side of the building, left of the main entrance.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Learn more from [Here](#).

Welcome Back! Health and Safety is Our Number One Priority

Healthy Habits, Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Procedures.

Reopening and Safety Protocols

COVID-19 Schools Dashboard

Educator Safety

Frequently Asked Questions



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Report Concern



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Free Meals for Kids and Teens

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BSD Website Resources

BSD has updated its website to make key information easier to find. On the [BSD homepage](#), you will find new tools to give quicker access to key information about health and safety and more.

Stay Connected to BSD

Power and Internet Outages

As we engage in remote learning this year, power and Internet outages for teachers and students have impacted our ability to connect with each other. When the power goes out for teachers and students, learning can continue asynchronously until connections are restored. [Review BSD website](#) for information to help with a few scenarios to help you know what to do if you or your student's teacher loses power. BSD will make every effort to update our website and social media channels regarding both power and Internet outages.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Enjoy King County Library Origami Craft Club

Use any paper you have at home to fold origami! Each week, King County Library Origami Craft Club will demonstrate at least one model and have one challenge model that you can work on. Links to the

instructions for each model will be sent after the program via email. Ages 7 to 12. Every Tuesdays, February 9-23, 3:30pm [Register for Origami Craft Club.](#)



Free COVID-19 Testing at Bellevue College

As of December 15, there is a new COVID-19 test site at Bellevue College. This site will be free and open to anyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drive-thru and limited walk-up testing is available. Registering for a testing appointment is strongly encouraged, but not required. To register, visit the [International Community Health Services Free COVID-19 testing page.](#)

Visit the [King County COVID-19 testing locations page](#) to see information on all free test sites, including Bellevue College. If you have COVID-like symptoms or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19, Public Health – Seattle & King County urges you to avoid contact with others and get tested immediately. Stay home and away from others while you are waiting for test results. The test site will be operated by [International Community Health Services \(ICHS\)](#) and hosted by [Bellevue College](#), with support from [King County](#) and the [City of Bellevue](#).



King County Library Study Zone Plus

KCLS [Study Zone Plus](#) offers students in grades K-12 free virtual homework help and resources:

- Free homework help
- Access to KCLS librarians
- Language and reading support
- Social activities

Schedule for elementary grades k-8:

10am-12pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays

3-5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays



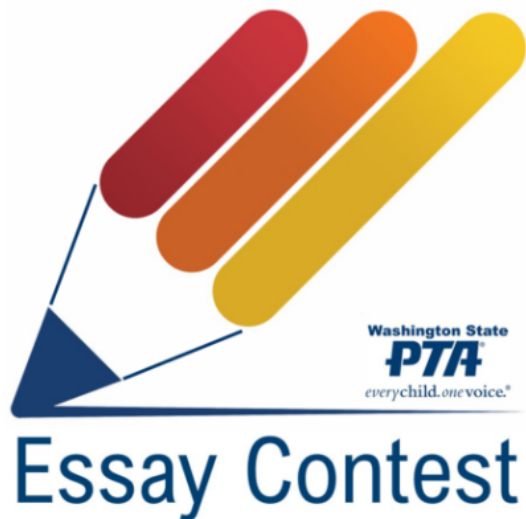
Open Registration for Newport Lacrosse

Calling all interested students in K-8th grade. Newport Lacrosse is currently registering players for the 2021 season. No experience required. **Youth practices (grades K-8th) start on January 25, 2021 with games starting on March 20, 2021. Registration remains open until March 20, 2021.** Come join us. Registration information can be found at newportlacrosse.com or contact Dave Spanier at boardpres@newportlacrosse.com for additional information.

WSPTA Student Programs

[WSPTA Essay Contest](#)

This statewide essay contest explores the important and varied influencers in the lives and education of children – from the children’s perspective. Every day children are exposed to a variety of people and each one has an opportunity to influence the path a child decides to take. Whether it is someone that sparks an interest in a new topic, helps them work through a problem, shapes the kind of person they want to become by modeling behavior, simply listens to them, or any number of other actions, this is the platform for students to share their appreciation. The application deadline is **March 1** each year. For contest guidelines, divisions, and submissions please visit their [website](#).



- [2021 Focus on Advocacy - February 1 Report blog post](#).
 - In the past week, WSPTA has testified on a number of issues including broadband, transportation funding, school resource officers, LAP funding, youth reporting system, and gun violence. Information and links to the testimony are [located on our blog](#).
 - The issue handouts can be found on the [Advocacy webpage](#). These are great to use when speaking with your legislators, school board members, etc.
 - Short education videos on the issues are also being created and can be found in the [Advocacy 2021 Session YouTube playlist](#) and under the specific issue dropdowns on the Advocacy page.
 - Check out the [Focus on Advocacy webpage](#) for special resources available for your advocacy efforts, including a new infographic (see above) encapsulating the WSPTA legislative priorities into one terrific visual.
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