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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.*



Happy Lunar New Year to all Somerset families. Have a wonderful mid-winter break.  
Our next PTSA newsletter will be issued on Saturday Feb, 27th.

## **PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events**

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

Wednesday, Feb 24th - Principal Birthday Lunches

Wednesday, Feb 24th, Mar 3rd, Mar 10th, Mar 17th & Mar 24th - Library Books Pick-up

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

Saturday, Feb 27th - Try Lacrosse Free Event

Thursday, Mar 4th - PTSA General Member Meeting

Thursday, Mar 4th - Principal Parent Connect Meeting

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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](http://www.BellevueThunderbird.com)  
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**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](mailto:info@bellevuethunderbird.com).

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## Somerset's Free Sport Event - Sat. 2/27

In cooperation with Newport Lacrosse, the Somerset PTSA is pleased to host a free outdoor activity for K-5 students. Gather your friends, bring a mask, and come enjoy the sport of Lacrosse on **Saturday 2/27 from 10am-12pm** at the Somerset Soccer Field. No experience or equipment is necessary. Coaches will be on hand to lead the kids in fun and games. Please register through [newportlacrosse.com](http://newportlacrosse.com).





## Indian Classical Music Seminar

The roots of Indian classical music are found in the ancient Vedic literature in Sanskrit language (Samaveda-C1000BCE).

The 7 notes (Saptaswaras) Sa,Ri,Ga,Ma,Pa,Da,Ni of the octave is the ancient Indian concept about the complete dimension of musical pitch. These are also equivalent of Do,Re,Mi,Fa,So,La,Ti.

Indian classical music has 2 fundamental elements, raga & tala. Raga (mode) is the melodic structure of the notes/swaras. Tala (Rhythm) is the time cycle measure.

Out of 2 major traditions of Indian classical music, the South Indian expression is called Carnatic, the performances of which are tend to be short composition based.

One variety of these short compositions are Nottuswarams, composed with Sanskrit lyrics by Muthuswami Dikshitar (18th century), who is celebrated as one among the Trinity of carnatic music. Nottuswarams are notable as an interaction between the East & the West, being based on western sources, mostly simple melodies, like Rhymes.

Our Indian classical music seminar will be hosted by [Srivalli Garimella](#). [Srivalli Garimella](#) completed her undergrad in Indian classical music-carnatic music vocal, and is currently perusing her Master degree. She also teaches music online. Indian classical music seminar will be scheduled on **Tuesday, 3/9 at 5:30 pm**. Zoom link will be provided in the newsletter issued before 3/9/2021 and [PTSA website](#).

## 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](mailto: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.somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:communications.somersetpta@gmail.com). We accept photo submissions through **Feb 20, 2021**.



## Back to School Kids Mask Drive

Somerset families, with school buildings open to more students, students' safety and health are our top priorities. We ask parents to put extra masks in the backpacks of their children in case of a replacement is needed.

In addition, we welcome families to donate kids size masks and hand sanitizer to our school. You can drop them off at the front office during school hours. Thank you for your help.

## 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](#).

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## Principal Birthday Lunches

February Birthday lunch celebration will be on **Wednesday Feb 24th at 12:30 pm**. Students with an February 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. Please note we have moved the birthday lunch celebrations to Wednesday to ensure all students, both virtual and hybrid can attend.

Feb 24 - February

Mar 31 - March

Apr 28 - April

May 26 - May

Jun 16 - June & July

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## February School Spirit Day

The student council is promoting Celebrate Hat/Hair day on **Friday, February 26th**. The class with the most participation will be recognized in the March assembly.

Students can express their identity and demonstrate their creativity by:

- Wearing a special hat
- Creating a new hairbow, headband, or hat
- Wearing a fancy or special hairstyle they wouldn't normally wear to school
- Wear a traditional cultural hat or headpiece



## Principal Parent Connect Meeting

Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Naish will host a Principal/Parent connect on **Thursday, March 4th at 10:30** to review the health and safety protocols for 3rd to 5th grade in-person learning. A link will be sent to all Somerset 3-5 families prior to the session.

Please email Mrs. Elder at [elderc@bsd405.org](mailto:elderc@bsd405.org) with any questions.

## 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 has welcomed all k-2 in-person learners back to school and continued to serve our virtual learners. BSD is conducting a survey for all 3-5 families regarding learning model for remainder of year. No date for 3rd to 5th grade return have been announced until now.

As of February 6, there are [160 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in King County in the past 14 days.](#)

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

## Nutrition Services Mid Winter Break Updates

Great news from Nutrition Services....USDA has authorized funding for a second round of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) payments for the families of school age children that qualify for free or reduced priced school meals.

- P-EBT 2.0 will provide a food benefit in the form of an EBT card(s) to replace meals that students would have received had schools been in session during the 2020-21 school year. As of now, we do not have the exact dollar figure for each month of eligibility since September 2020 that families will receive. As schools reopen in a full day format and we shift to providing meals onsite, a family's benefit will change if the student is enrolled in hybrid learning at their school.
- Though final details have NOT YET been approved, these points are proposed:
  1. P-EBT 2.0 payments will be auto issued to eligible students based on data that the district provides to DSHS. This would eliminate a separate DSHS application
  2. A P-EBT 2.0 benefit card will be mailed to the families address on file with the school district.

It will be very important for families to have their correct mailing address on file with the district so they may receive this benefit card without delay. If your address is different from what the school has on file, here is how to update your address:

Change of Residency (for address changes)

When a student moves during the school year the parent or guardian must submit a Change of Address Form to their school *within five school days* of changing residence.

Download the Change of Address Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) / [Chinese \(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese \(PDF\)](#) / [Korean \(PDF\)](#) / [Russian \(PDF\)](#) / [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) / [Vietnamese \(PDF\)](#)

3. In the first installment of P-EBT, eligible students in grades K to 12 who were enrolled in a school that participated in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Within Bellevue, all 29 of our schools participate in NSLP.

What can families do now?

- If you haven't completed the 2020-21 school meal benefit application (Free & Reduced Price Meals) because the school district has been operating in a temporary remote model, please apply at: [www.bsd405.org/freeandreduced](http://www.bsd405.org/freeandreduced)
- If your family has moved recently, please update the addresses, ASAP, by using the above link. Please DO NOT contact Nutrition Services to update your address! Student Placement handles address changes which must follow the above procedures. If you need assistance, please contact Ana Lewis, [lewisa@bsd405.org](mailto:lewisa@bsd405.org) or call 425.410.5221.
- All addresses must be current by the end of February!

## 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.

The Tech Center at Highland Middle School will be closed in observance of President's Day on February 15 and for mid-winter break, February 16-19. Student and family technology support is still available online and by phone during the break.

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](#).


## COMMUNITY NEWS



**MISSION INSPIRED**  
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### NEW TUTORING


**TOPICS: English, Math, Coding, Science, History, and more!**



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## Looking For Tutoring Support

[Mission InspirEd](#), a student-run nonprofit, is offering FREE TUTORING for students! Work with vetted high school tutors on topics including Math, English, and Science.

Our program is free, personalized, and flexible for you. Learn more & sign up at [missioninspired.org/tutoring](https://missioninspired.org/tutoring).



## 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 Family Connection Center will be closed during mid-winter break
- Stevenson Elementary: Feb 16th - Feb 19th 12pm – 5pm
- BSD the Grab & Go and Pre-order meal programs will also be closed during mid-winter break. Meal service will resume on Monday, February 22.

[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

- close on Monday 2/15
- open 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](mailto: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](mailto:gregorys@bsd405.org) with any questions or concerns.

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## Enjoy King County Library Origami Craft Club

Every Tuesdays, February 9-23, 3:30pm  
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.  
[Register for Origami Craft Club.](#)



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## SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICING NOW  
YOUTH PRACTICING STARTS JANUARY 25th



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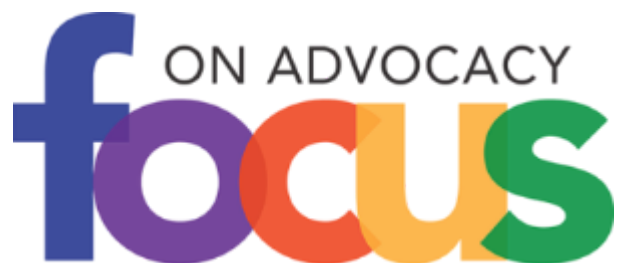
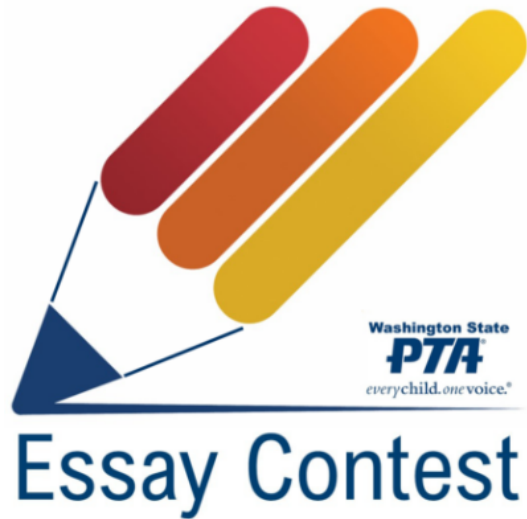
## Open Registration for Newport Lacrosse

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](http://newportlacrosse.com) or contact Dave Spanier at [boardpres@newportlacrosse.com](mailto: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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