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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.



We hope all of our Somerset families have had a joyful Lunar New Year and mid-winter break. This video shows how Somerset superstars spend their mid-winter break. Enjoy!

PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Saturday, Feb 27th - Try Lacrosse Free Event

Saturday, Feb 27th - Free Pinewood Derby Race Outdoor Event

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

Thursday, Mar 4th - PTSA General Member Meeting

Thursday, Mar 4th - Principal Parent Connect Meeting 10:30am

Saturday, Mar 7th - PTSA Goodwill Drive 2-5pm

Tuesday, Mar 9th - Indian Classical Music Seminar 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, Mar 19th - School Day/Make up day from January 25th

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PTSA NEWS

GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE SOMERSET PTSA FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY MARCH 7, 2021

2:00-5:00PM

**SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARKING LOT**

14100 Somerset Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND SUPPORT SOMERSET PTSA

Somerset PTSA will receive proceeds for every pound of donations received during this fundraising drive.

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

Clothes, shoes, books, household items, linens, small electronics, exercise equipment, rugs, bed frames, toys, lamps, small furniture **(No bigger than a side table).**

Televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, laptops, and other electronics that are still in working condition.

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**THE MORE DONATIONS
WE COLLECT**



**THE MORE MONEY
WE EARN FOR
SOMERSET PTSA
PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**



Face mask requested



PTSA Goodwill Drive

Goodwill will bring a truck to Somerset Elementary School on **Sunday, March 7th, from 2 – 5 pm** to accept donations of used goods.

Please help us fill the truck to support our PTSA fundraising program and to help with cleaning out your house.

You can bring almost everything to the donation drive including clothes, shoes, books, household items, linens, small electronics, exercise equipment, rugs, bed frames, toys, lamps, and small furniture (No bigger than a side table). As part of the E-cycle Washington program, Goodwill collects televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, laptops, and other electronics that are still in working condition.

Also, we are looking for high school volunteers to help sort the donations to facilitate with the contactless drop off. If you have a high schooler who is interested, please let me know. We will provide Volunteer hour credit. Please sign up in the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48acab2aa6fc1-volunteers> . If you have any question please email to somersetpsa@gmail.com



AGES 4 TO 16!
T-Ball
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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.

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.



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 [Srivali Garimella](#). [Srivali Garimella](#) completed her undergrad in Indian classical music-carnatic music vocal, and is currently perusing her Master degree. She also teaches music online.

Time: **Tuesday, 3/9 at 5:30 pm-6:30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84351626203?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84351626203?pwd=OWt4aFVkOG9Vc3hkM1YxMmdLYlphZz09)

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Meeting ID: 843 5162 6203

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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**.



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

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 with any questions.



Jubilee Reach Donation Drive

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused untold suffering for millions of families across America. Right here in our own Bellevue community, many families have struggled to make ends meet. The financial toll of the pandemic shutdown has made securing food and essential hygiene items increasingly difficult for many families in Bellevue. As a result, more families face food insecurity and a lack of needed household items each day. We can make a difference here at Somerset. All through the month of March (**March 3rd- 30th**), the Somerset Student Council will sponsor a drive to collect donations of groceries and hygiene items to help Jubilee REACH assist Bellevue families in need. Please consider donating the following items to help needy families in our community.

- *Baby wipes*
- *Diapers, size newborn & size 1 to 6*
- *Paper Towels*
- *Cooking oil (large size only)*
- *Bulk rice*
- *Bulk pinto beans*
- *Quart size zip-lock bags & Gallon size zip-lock bags*
- *Laundry soap, pods*
- *Dish soap*
- *Cat food & Cat litter*
- *Dog food*

You can bring your donation in to the Somerset office during school hours on Wednesday or Friday. You can also drop donations from 9:30 – 11:00 or 1:30 – 3:00 on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Thank you so much for your support!

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Back to Buildings Update

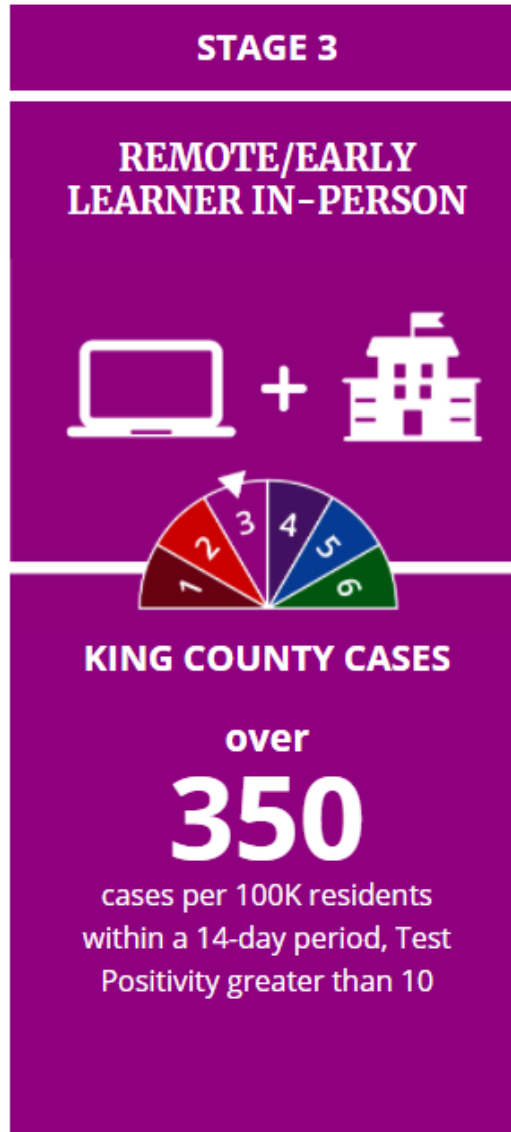
The Bellevue School District is currently in: [STAGE 3 REMOTE/EARLY LEARNER IN-PERSON](#)

Bellevue School District has welcomed all k-2 in-person learners back to school and continued to serve our virtual learners.

We expect that as soon as next week, school safety teams will review next recommendations for broadly bringing back grades 3, 4 and 5 beginning as early as March 15.

As of February 25, there are [99 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.



2021-2022 BSD Enrollment Information

New Student Enrollment

BSD will begin new student enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year on March 1 and will enroll new students through the spring and summer. If you have a student who will be new to the district, please visit our [enrollment webpage](#) after March 1.

For more information about kindergarten, please visit our [kindergarten webpage](#).

Change of Addresses

All families are required to update the District of a new address within 5 days of moving. It is important that the district have correct addresses for all students so that families receive mailings from the district and in the event of an emergency. To update your address, please download and complete a [Change of Address form](#) and send it, along with

residency documents, to SPResidency@bsd405.org.

For students currently enrolled in a BSD school, they will be automatically enrolled in the next grade level and no action is needed.



Family Engagement Survey

The Bellevue School District is conducting a [survey on family engagement](#) in order to strengthen relationships between schools and families.

The survey opened on February 23, 2021. Families will receive an email and a unique survey link for each school where they have a student enrolled, which means they may receive multiple surveys. The survey is available in multiple languages. To ensure your participation there are only twelve (12) brief questions on the survey. please visit our [frequently asked questions page](#) for your questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Afterschool Elementary Debate Program

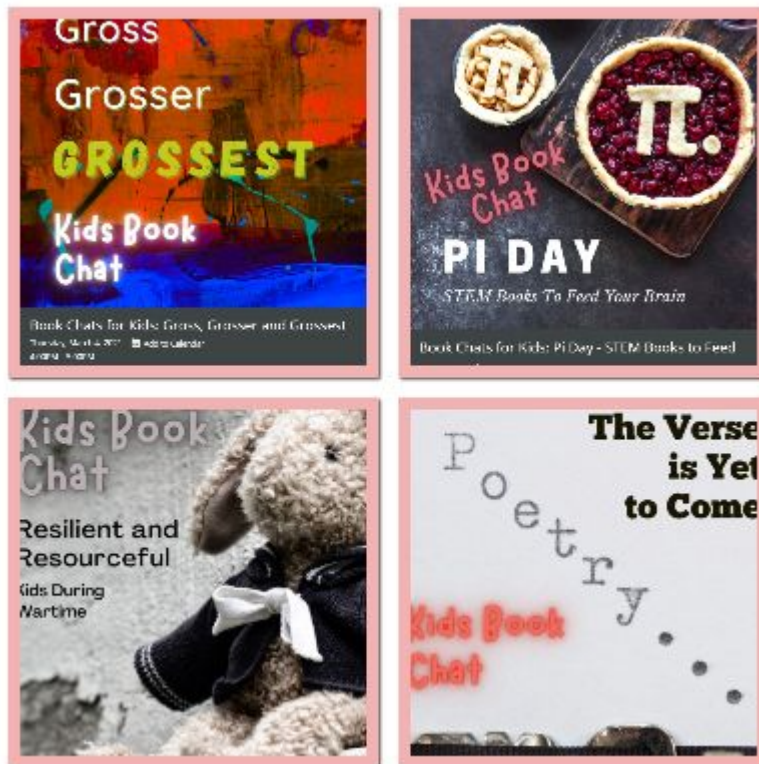
Engage in Debate for 4th and 5th Graders

This program is great for students of all kinds in 4th and 5th graders who like to talk, but also shy students seeking to communicate or gain more self-confidence; students who like to argue, talk, research issues, challenge themselves, want to communicate better, and show interest in bettering their community.

Our curriculum is focus on:

- Express your views
- Interact with other smart, interested students
- Learn about important issues
- Communicate better
- Build for your future

More Information and Register by March 4 for our April-May Debate Session (beginning March 1) at: <https://www.climbthemountain.us/programs>



Book Talks for kids

Free Library online event series for kids. Join Children's librarians from King County to celebrate books! Talk about your favorite books and do fun activities. Leave with a screen-free activity to do after the session. Registration is required. Please use this [Link](#) to sign up.

- *March 4: Gross, Grosser and Grossest*
- *March 11: Pi Day-STEM Books to Feed Your Brain*
- *March 18: Resilient and Resourceful During Wartime*
- *March 25: The Verse is Yet to Come*

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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 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.

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.

Help others + Find out your blood type

Lauren Chen's (Newport student)

BLOOD DRIVE

May 22 to June 6

Bloodworks NW Bellevue | Seattle | Lynnwood
Everett | North Seattle

Questions? Call or text Lauren: 425-749-1415
Mention Lauren during appt check in

Must be 16
Register at bloodworksnw.org
pick your time slot + date
only takes 15 minutes

Donated blood is shipped to and used in Seattle area hospitals within 48 hours. Your gift makes a difference!

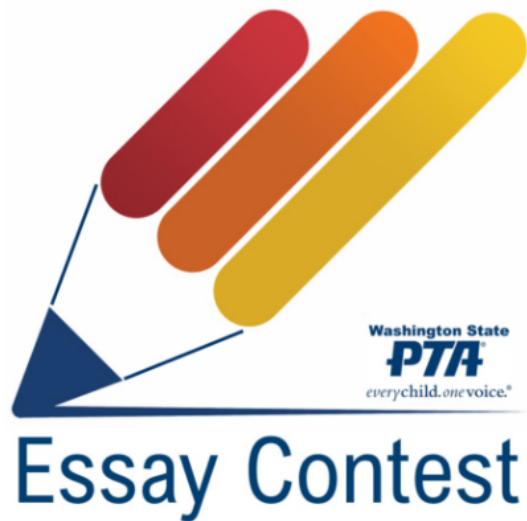
Bloodworks NW's Blood Drive - May 22nd to June 6th

Did you know 1,000 donors are needed a day? Please consider donating. Donated blood is shipped to and used in Seattle area hospitals within 48 hours. Your gift makes a difference.

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](#).



- Participate in this week's [Action Alert](#) (Addressing Firearm Safety Measures to Increase Public Safety) - it's not too late.
- [2021 Focus on Advocacy - February 22 Report blog post](#).
- 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 encapsulating the WSPTA legislative

priorities into one terrific visual.

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