



*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



Welcome back to school for a fantastic journey ahead. We used to meet our parents in-person, have coffee together, and hand out welcome package in-person at about this time. For safety, we will be doing this virtually. Please visit our [PTSA Website](#) for the Welcome Packet:

[2020-2021 School Year Welcome Letter from PTSA President](#)

[Calendar 2020-2021](#)

[Somerset PTSA Membership Flyer](#)

[Traffic FAQ](#)

[5th Grade Request Letter](#)

[PTSA Introduction Video](#)

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## Join Somerset Superstar PTSA

A PTSA membership is an investment in your child's future. The more members we have, the louder our PTSA voice will be in advocating for our children with local and state legislature. Our kids are worth the investment and a strong PTSA illustrates our community support to our school and children. Additionally your Memberships ensures that you will receive our PTSA eNews weekly. Certain PTSA activities, such as Chess Club requires a PTSA membership. We are an award winning PTSA and

have earned the 100% membership award from WSPTA three years in a row. Your participation is vital to retain this award. *Join us now!* Please click [here](#) to join or renew your membership!

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## Pictures wanted

We hope everyone got off to a good school start. We miss seeing our students in person. Building a strong community is our goal and we kindly ask you to send us your student's first day of school picture with first name and grade and/or teacher name. We would love to share these photos on our Somerset Facebook page.

Please email photos to [communications.somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:communications.somersetpta@gmail.com)

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**We are looking for Arts & Crafts Club Chair**

**Club Introduction:** We plan to open the club this year to carry out art and craft activities for kids from K-2nd grade after school online.

**Chair's responsibility :**

1. Recruit volunteers hosting classes.
2. Manage spots on [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) for student registration.

**Contact PTSA :**  
[somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpta@gmail.com) to sign yourself up!

**Somerset PTSA**

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# SPIRIT WEAR

Show your pride as a Somerset Superstar and wear your Somerset spirit wear to school! Our online store opens August 30th and will stay open for your purchase until October. Order online at [www.somersetpta.org](http://www.somersetpta.org).

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Remote Learning

As we launch into a new school year, all students and staff will experience the full remote learning model. Our teachers are working in close collaboration to ensure students learn the essential standards for each content area and do so in an age appropriate and engaging way. The finalized schedule for Elementary Full Remote can be found on the BSD website: [Elementary Full Remote Learning](#)

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### Technology Support for Student & Families

The Technology Department is expanding their in-person technology support for the start of remote learning. Tech support will be provided for students and families at Newport High School and Sammamish High School, starting on Monday, August 31. The primary focus will be on issues that are difficult to resolve via email or phone. More details are available at: [TechSupport](#)

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### Free Immunization clinic

This information is from our school nurse Ruby: Please click on the links below for information on a free immunization clinic open to all BSD students on 9/17/2020 (by appointment) at Eastgate Public Health. The fliers are in Chinese, English, and Spanish.

[English\\_Eastgate Immunization Clinic\\_9-17-20.pdf](#)

[Chinese\\_Eastgate Immunization Clinic\\_9-17-20.pdf](#)

[SPANISH\\_Eastgate Immunization Clinic\\_9-17-20.pdf](#)

## BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



### **Bellevue School District's After Laptop Monitoring App for Parents**

Bellevue School District has worked with AssistX Education to make the mobile app, apParent Online, available to you at no cost. The app will allow you to monitor and manage your child's district issued laptop outside of school hours. The mobile app, apParent Online, is available for Windows devices, iPhones and Android phones. The app enables you to:

- View screen images of your child's device
- Lock your child's device with a custom message
- View 24 hours of your child's web browsing history

To view a 90 second video on how apParent Online works, please click the link below:

<https://vimeo.com/202303936>

You do not need to install anything on your child's Bellevue School District-issued laptop to get started. Simply opt-in and your apParent Online account will be automatically activated.

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When the Bellevue School District opens the 2020-21 school year in a remote learning model, we want to ensure that students continue to have access to the nutrition they need. The Meals2Go program, offered by our Nutrition Services team, is designed to provide grab-and-go breakfast and lunch options for families to access for their students. Meals2Go will begin on Wednesday, September 2. More information is available on our school district website.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*(All News in this section are NOT sponsored by the Somerset PTSA. As a service to the community, the PTSA helps to publicize these programs in the eNews.)*



## Free Pass for 4th Graders and Families

Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free. You and your families get free access to hundreds of parks, lands and waters for an entire

year. Get and print fourth-grade passes to our national lands and waters. More details, please see <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>

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## THE ABC'S OF BACK TO SCHOOL A CNN/SESAME STREET TOWN HALL FOR FAMILIES

*Hosted by CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta and Erica Hill*

PARENTS, CHILDREN AND TEACHERS: CNN and Sesame Street will join together for a very special town hall to help children and families deal with issues of going back to school in the era of coronavirus. The special will air Saturday, September 12th, at 10amET on CNN. Children, parents, families and teachers are encouraged to submit questions for the town hall [here](#).

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## Current and Timely WSPTA Benefits Savings. Powered by PTA.

Take advantage of these benefit offers:

\*new\* Great Wolf Lodge - 30% off. Learn about the health and safety policy.

TrophyCentral.com - 10% off.

Silverwood Theme Park - newly reduced pricing.

The Real Leather Company - save \$15 off any bag.

Tickets at Work - new discounts for staying at home or working from home.

LEGO® Bag - 20% discount on LEGO® Bag products.

FedEx Office - special rates for printing.

CanvasDiscount.com - save up to 15% on your order.

Office Depot/Office Max - savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print.

Keep checking the [benefits and discounts page](#) as more opportunities continue to be added. Member benefits and discounts are available to all WSPTA members. To access them, log in to [Benefits & Discount Codes](#). Check the promotion codes listed for each provider in the main body of the page and the file list for time-sensitive

offers. *Please share information about benefits with members, but do not share the codes with non-members.*

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## National PTA Quick Links

- [Increasing Family Engagement in Diverse Schools](#)
  - [Use Healthy Habits All Year Long](#)
  - [Learning Heroes - Back to School Webinar](#)
  - [Notes from the Backpack Podcast Episodes](#)
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## COVID-19 Information

### King County is now in Phase 2

Working together, our community has slowed the spread of COVID-19. Now, King County is working to gradually and carefully reopen the local economy and other aspects of daily living.

Free testing is available in King County regardless of immigration status.

[Free COVID-19 testing locations](#)

<https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/covid-response/safe-start.aspx>

### COVID-19 Information Compile by BSD

<https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-information/>

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#### Executive Committee

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