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PTSA SUPERSTAR eNEWS

Our mission is to support the education, health, and welfare of each and every child and to be the strongest advocacy group for every child. Beginning with PTSA, we will work in partnership with our community and our organizations' ongoing together for home, school, and community on behalf of our children.

PTSA/ School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday, May 31 - Block Party Fundraising in Tribeca
Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31 - Vision Screening
Thursday, June 3 - Virtual Curriculum Night
Saturday, May 29 - Pizza Day
Friday, June 11 - Picture Day

View PTSA/ SVS Calendar

PTSA NEWS

Please Join the 2021-2022 PTSA Fall Fundraising

2021-2022 Somerset PTSA's Fall Fundraising Drive has officially started and runs through September 30th. We invite all families to participate in this campaign. Beyond your participation in our Fall Fundraising Drive, we also need your support in other ways. **We have a fundraising goal of $100,000 this school year. We have already raised $20,000 through our Block Party Fundraising Drive.** We invite everyone to the PTSA Fall Fundraising Drive through June 30, 2021.

Your donations help to continue providing Somerset Elementary a highly certified, people friendly place to learn and volunteer, and opportunities teaching environment for all students.

Thank you for supporting your Somerset PTSA!

Questions? For more information about our Fall Fundraising Drive please check out here. Contact us at somersetptsa@gmail.com

Donate Now

Our Fundraising goal is $100,000

Current	$20,000
Goal	$100,000

Covergirl SWIPES

MOD Pizza Fundraising for Somerset PTSA

Save the Date - Thursday, September 16th - 2021 Tribeca Block Party. Somerset PTSA Will Provide 50% of collected entries to Somerset Elementary School PTSA! Make a night of it and bring your family to MOD Pizza, Block Party, Tribeca, Friday, September 16th, 2021 from 5-9 pm. Dine in, carry out or order online at https://www.modpizza.com/ using the promo code SOMERSET. Mention the Somerset Block Party when you place your order in the MOD App or in person at check-out. https://pizza.co/ccl.2022.0001 The Somerset team will ship fresh dough, sauce, toppings, cheese and more!

Welcome Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Walk-by

Please come to our PTSA Welcome Back-to-School Ice Cream Social walk-by on Friday, May 28th. Grade levels will rotate by at their scheduled time. Ice cream will be served from a safe distance. Bring your own ice cream cone and the Fun Times Guide to Somerset for a fun-filled evening of seeing familiar faces and meeting your teacher in person for the first time! Bring your family friends & neighbors and celebrate the start of a fun-filled school year!

4:15-5:00 - 1st grade
5:15-6:00 - 2nd grade
6:15-7:00 - 3rd grade

Join Cub Scouts and Give Back to Somerset PTSA

Join Scout Pack 444 in a great opportunity to work with the Somerset and Virtual Pack! Somerset PTSA will receive a grant back for each registered scout, or returning scout, or Somerset Alumni. Our Somerset scouts are the most popular!

Join for every new Kindergarten - 4th grade student (grade in fall 2021)
Pack 444 Kindergarten - 4th grade Scouts will receive a $25 grant back
Pack 444 registration is free (the only scouts pack with no dues)

To learn more, please see our Flyer or visit our website: https://pack444.scoutbook.com/

Is your child interested in learning about Cub Scouts? We have two upcoming scouts Meet & Greets, one for Somerset and one for Virtual. Please contact Somerset Cub Scout Leader Jillian Jacobs, your Pack Committee Chairperson, Kim Kaufman, or Pack Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Jacobs, for a fun, informative program that's ran for the whole family!

Virtual Cub Scout Information Night - Kim, Jennifer and Jillian will host a Virtual Cub Scout Meet & Greet.

When: Wednesday 05/05/2021 7:30 - 8:00 PM
Where: Zoom
Meeting ID: 869 2 9999 2540 Passcode: somersetpack444 (all caps) or register on Pack Website calendar with the same pass code.

Somerset Cub Scout Scavenger Hunt - Come join us for our first scavenger hunt. Learn about nature, friendship, and fun! Everyone is participating.

When: Sunday 05/09/2021 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Where: Meet at Somerset Playground, 1 Rector Place (Corner of Rector Pl. Bethesda Terr.)
Registration: Please register by emailing Jillian Jacobs, Jillian's email is jillianjacobs@gmail.com. Please let her know if you are a Somerset Cub Scout or Alumni. Please remember that you need to register to attend.

See Whoopie!
Contact Person: Somerset Pack 444
Pack 444 Website: https://pack444.com/
Email: somersetpack444@gmail.com
Jillian Jacobs: 646-342-0766

2021 Math Circle Orientation

Advancing from the Math Circle, kids in Somerset and elsewhere learn to unleash the pure joy of mathematics! Kick ME is training all this year's activists with the upcoming Somerset Math Circle Orientation. Kick ME is a fun, interactive, and rigorous program that uses math games and puzzles to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills in students. We look forward to seeing you!

Date: Math Circle Orientation
When: Friday, May 7th 2021 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting on the Web
Meeting ID: 886 4996 0600
Passcode: 440763

Visit PTSA website for registration. Registration will be open as Zero DAY 10:00 am.

School Picture Day

Picture day for Somerset is coming up the last week. All Somerset students are required to get their photo taken. Every year we have parents ask for picture day events. Those photos will also be used for the yearbook and student identification cards.

Teachers will sign up for a sessions then will send the flyer out and will communicate directly with parents. Please let your child's class know will be taking pictures.

- Tuesday May 4th
- Friday 28 May

Jeremy, if you would like to write pictures, please send the Flyer to Kim Bednarek for Kindergarten through Lindsey. We need Somerset to provide a provide volunteer.

Somerset Picture Day Flyer: SUPERVISOR

- Kindergarten through 4th grade students the following times:
- All students will get their pictures taken. Instead of the school time line the student schedule the week it takes a picture.
- Physical distancing is required

Room Parents Wanted

PTSA recruits room parents for each classroom every fall. At least one room parent is needed for each classroom. Room parents are responsible for the following: Help with back ground or communication between the PTSA Leader Jeremy, and the parents in their classroom. Room parents are responsible for the following:

- Organize class parties, usually around a specific holiday or theme.
- Collect money from parents and organize class gifts or flowers and chocolate.
- Send out reminders sign up sheets about events, activities, field trips, etc.
- Help with class communication between parents and teachers.

Volunteers will sign up for a specific time slot with the Room Parent Leader Jeremy.

Please contact Jeremy Kaufman at https://www.jeremykaufman.com/pages/rp. Registration will be open as Zero DAY 10:00 am. Jeremy will be sending out a Google form for volunteers to register for specific classes.

Contact Jeremy Kaufman at jeremy@jeremykaufman.com

Afternoon/ Elementary Debate Program

Grant and Green children into the world of debating. This activity program is global for students of all ability in 4th and 5th graders who like to talk, but also are students seeking to improve their public speaking and communication skills. Students will be exposed to high level academic communication skills, critical thinking, teamwork, cross-cultural awareness, and a deep understanding of their community. Our curriculum is text-based, student-led, and fun-loving. We will be using the curriculum from the Climb the Mountain Debate Program. Students will be taught how to debate in a respectful manner, how to disagree with others, how to listen to others, and how to be a good sport.

Lasts 6-10 min/minutes of instruction and materials.
Meeting on Wednesday (start in mid-to-late May)
Cap: 10 to 15pm

More information and Register at: https://www.climbthemountain.com/programs. Registration will be open as Zero DAY 10:00 am. Questions regarding the program can be sent to Jim Kaufman at jim@climbthemountain.com

Yearbook Pick-up and for Sale

Somerset Yearbook, all pre-ordered yearbooks for last school year were delivered to the school. Yearbook pick-up will be on the school yard. If you missed the yearbook pick-up, contact please contact the school office to get one. If you missed the pre-order, contact Jeremy and you will purchase one during the school year. Kim: 718-17-Jeremy 917-[illegible]

Yearbook Committee

Any questions for non-returning students are available to pick up at the school office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Vision Screening Volunteer Needed

The school nurse is going to take vision screening at Somerset on **MONDAY** and looking for volunteers to help with the screening. Please let the school nurse know if you are interested in volunteering to help, and if is also looking for a current contact person to help the scheduled volunteers.

All parent volunteers need to be fully vaccinated and bring a copy of their vaccine card and be prepared to show it to the school staff. Remember, all volunteers must complete a Volunteer check every time.

Volunteers also need to wear a face mask while on campus, it will be helpful if parents can provide their own face mask. Please let the school nurse know if you are interested in volunteering. We would like to have 6 parent volunteers if possible.

Please see the flyer for signing up if you can help with this. Thanks for your help.

Virtual Curriculum Night

Somerset has been cancelling Friday, September 30th at noon, so the virtual curriculum orientation will take place **ON SCHOOL** that day. Principal Jeremy and teacher sessions will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Parents will be able to visit their child's classroom and ask questions. Kick ME is in process and a virtual video orientation that will be shared by principal and teachers. Kick ME will be sharing information about their program and will be providing parents with a presentation information. Kick ME will be also sharing information about their program and will be providing parents with a presentation information. Kick ME will be also sharing information about their program and will be providing parents with a presentation information. Kick ME will be also