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SUPERSTAR eNEWS

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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.

PTSA / School Calendar - Important Dates and Events

Monday, Sep 27 - September Birthday Fun Run
Thursday, Sep 30 - Picture Day
Friday, Oct 1 - Picture Day
Wednesday, Oct 6 - Walk to School Day
Friday, Oct 8 - Professional Development Day /No School
Mon, Tue, Wed, Oct 11,12,13 - Parent Teacher Conference /Early Release

Common Links / Resources:

Somerset PTSA Website
Somerset PTSA Facebook Page
Somerset Elementary School Website
BSD COVID-19 Dashboard

PTSA NEWS

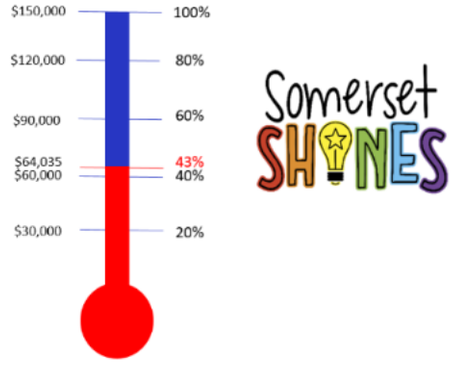
Please Join the 2021-2022 PTSA Fall Fundraising

Thanks to all the families who have contributed to our fall fundraising, we have already raised $64,035 which is 43% of our fundraising goal $150,000 as of today. If you have not donated yet, please Donate now. All the money raised by PTSA goes straight back to EVERY student.

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

Donate Now

Our fundraising goal is $150,000



Fall Fundraising Drive Donor List

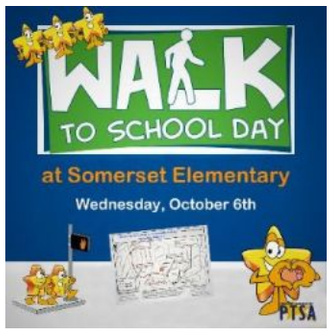
We are collecting information of all families who participated our 2021 Annual Fall Fundraising Drive. We would like to publicize a full donor list (adult names only) shortly. If you have donated and wish to remain anonymous, please let us know. If you donated through your employer's internal donation link and wish to include your name in the list, please also let us know. Please send your request to somersetptsa@gmail.com.

Chess Club 2021-2022

Somerset Chess Club is open for K to 5th grade students. **We are planning on an in-person Chess Club for the 2021-2022 School Year**. Class will start on Oct 18th Monday Session/Oct 19th Tuesday Session. Tuition is $370 for 25 sessions. Please note that our tuition is non-refundable.

Priority Registration for families whose child(ren) were enrolled in the Chess Club during the 2020-2021 school year – Monday, October 4th 10am to 10pm. The priority link will be sent to families on October 3rd. General Registration for all families – Tuesday, October 5th 10am until spaces fill up.

Families must have an active PTSA membership to enroll their child(ren). Please visit the PTSA Chess Club Webpage for class schedule, coaches and more.



Walk to School Day

With great support from City of Bellevue, Walk to School Day will be back on Oct 6th 2021. Last Walk to School Day was in 2019.

Students can walk to school directly or can be sent to our Walking School Bus Stops. A Walking School Bus is essentially a group of students who are going to walk to school with volunteers. We are going to designate two Walking School Bus Routes. Here is the Walking School Bus Maps. Please follow the bus schedule if students choose Walking School Bus. The students who walk to school on that day will earn a small prize when they get to school.

Volunteers are in need to walk with students along the two Walking School Bus routes and to greet students when they arrive at the school. If you can help, please sign up HERE.

Volunteer Wanted by Staff Appreciation Committee

Somerset Principle Cathy Elder initiated fall staff appreciation with special treats to recognize the hard work of all teachers and staff members. Starting from the week of September 24th, one day in each of the following six weeks will feature treats, snacks and beverages with a single-color theme. The day of the week will be a surprise and announced with an email in the morning highlighting the beauty of the fall colors and a color fun!

Parent volunteers are needed to provide color themed treats and décor for the day. Details will follow after you sign up.

- First week is red: Ms. Elder and Ms. Naish provide red themed treats and décor
- Second week is Orange: call for 1st grade parent volunteers
- Third week is Yellow: call for 2nd grade parent volunteers
- Fourth week is Green: call for 3rd grade parent volunteers
- Fifth week is Blue: call for 4th grade parent volunteers
- Final week is Purple: call for 5th grade parent volunteers

Thank you in advance for signing up and expressing your appreciation to Somerset teachers and staff.

Reading Club

We're starting Reading Club at Somerset! We're encouraging students to read by counting the reading time of the current curriculum and bonus time, sharing their favorite books, swapping books, and mentoring young readers with advanced readers. The more active they are, the more points they earn towards prizes! If your student is interested, you or they can register here .

Students Photo Release Permission

As a number of PTSA events and activities will be running in this school year, PTSA may take event photos. We will share these phots on our social media, such as PTSA website, PTSA Facebook page and PTSA newsletter. If you have any concern about the photo release, please email to Somerset PTSA at somersetptsa@gmail.com. And make sure to let your kids know and tell the PTSA volunteers not to take any photos of your kids.

Spirit Wear Sale

Show your pride as a Somerset Superstar and wear your Somerset spirit wear to school! Our online store will stay open for your purchase until October 9th. Both youth and adult sizes are available. Order your spirit wear online at www.somersetptsa.org.

Join Somerset PTSA

We have surpassed **86%** PTSA membership this year! Help us reach our goal of 100% membership by logging into your PTA account on Somersetptsa.org, updating your Family Information, and completing the membership form. Note that PTSA memberships must be renewed annually.

Join Cub Scouts and Give Back to Somerset PTSA

Cub Scout Pack 629 is a great opportunity to work with the Somerset Cub Scout Pack! Somerset PTSA will receive a give back for each registration, new or returning, from a Somerset student. Cub Scout is open to boys and girls!

$50 for every new Kindergarten – 4th grade student (grade in fall 2021)
$10 for every returning Cub Scout (for school year 2021/2022)
Annual registration fee $175 for new scouts and returning scouts

To learn more, please see our Flyer or visit our website at https://pack629.shutterfly.com/.
Email us for joining information at pack.629@outlook.com.

School Picture Day

Somerset school picture day is around the corner. Teachers will sign up for a date/time that will work for their class and will communicate directly with families on which day your child's class will be taking pictures.

- Thursday, Sept 30th
- Friday, Oct 1st

If you would like to order pictures, please see this Link-MyLifetouch for information through Lifetouch. We encourage families to pre-order pictures online. Please use Somerset Picture Day ID: EVT2FVWBW for your order.

Afterschool Elementary Debate Program

Registration for afterschool debate program is open starting from Sep 14th.
Registration Link: https://www.climbthemountain.us/programs.
Please reach Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us for questions.

Cost is $110 and includes all instruction and materials.
Day - Monday or Wednesday (start in mid-Oct to early Dec)
Time - 4-5:10pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Birthday Fun Run with Principals

Our first Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Sep 23rd and it was so much fun. Over 50 August Birthday kids joined this fun run. Thank you, our principals, GSA teachers, and PTSA volunteers(*Lu Zhang, Jinny Kim, Catherine Qu and Peggy Wang*) for making this fun run happen. If your August birthday kids happened to miss this event, please let the teachers know and he/she will get a chance to join the next celebration.

We will be celebrating September birthdays on Monday 9/27.

The Birthday Fun Run will occur each month on a scheduled day at 9:10 in the morning. Students will be escorted or called to the field for a celebration lap around the track. The birthday students are encouraged to wear their Somerset Shines T-shirt so that we can line them up by grade easily. They are invited to wear a birthday hat, crown or fun headband. We have a special “runner’s bib” and a birthday pencil for each birthday student.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Introduction to PTSA Seminar (Mandarin)

Welcome to Bellevue School District. Bellevue PTSA Council will host "Introduction to PTSA" seminar .The session will be conducted in Mandarin Chinese. The seminar will discuss the role of PTSA at the student's education and the ways to get involved with PTSA.

如果您想多了解学校 PTSA 的运作， 成为一名积极参与孩子教育的家长，或者您是新来社区的家长，希望尽快融入社区大家庭，Bellevue PTSA Council 于10月1日 10:00am-11:30am举办一次中文座谈会，形式轻松，有问必答，期望能帮你更多了解学校和社区. 本次讲座为中文, 欢迎家长参加！

Topic: Introduction to PTSA Seminar (Mandarin)
Time: Oct 1, 2021 10:00 am-11:30am Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Speaker: Lily Yin
Join Zoom Meeting Via this Link
Meeting ID: 894 1941 6739
Passcode: 414412

Advanced Learning Testing

Any parent of a BSD student in grades 2-4 and 6-11 can apply for their child participate in advanced learning testing. District families interested in applying for testing must submit the application before the deadline on October 29, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information on all service models, please visit our Advanced Learning: Services We Provide webpage.

COMMUNITY NEWS

No School Day Camp

What will your children be doing October 8th No School Day for Bellevue School District? Why not have them join us for a fun day of activities? Girl Scout Troop 40333 is babysitting for K-7 students.

Led by 11th grade students who speak Spanish fluently, and who have led various day camps, including Tillicum Choir Camp, Vasa Park Camp and Girl Scout Summer Camps. This event is a fundraiser for the Girl Scout Troop's trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2022.

When: October 8, 2021 9 AM – 3 PM
Where: Backyard of Troop Leader's House, please see Flyer for details
Cost: $50/day per student. Additional siblings are $40
Camp includes: Dino games, crafts, activities, & more!
COVID safety protocols in place. Masks must be worn by all.

To register your children, please complete this online form:
https://forms.gle/exeCdW2ocknwLAeb7

Payment may be made online at: http://my-site-101001.square.site/ Or cash/check mailed to *Troop 40333, 15864 SE 4th St, Bellevue, WA 98008*. Checks made out to *Troop 40333*.

Need Assistance, email: girlscout40333@gmail.com
Stop Date: October 1, 2021

Free Online Chess Lessons - Group and 1-on-1

We are a nonprofit called 425 Kids Chess that is offering free 1-on-1 and group chess lessons to students online! All of our mentors are experienced players, and we have already taught over 60 students.

In addition to our group sessions, we are also offering 1-on-1 lessons for any skill level. Group lessons are at various times on Sunday, and 1-on-1 lessons are available throughout the week.

Learn more or register at: 425kidschess.com
Feel free to contact us at: 425kidschess@gmail.com

MissionInspirEd

Free Fall Classes from Mission InspirEd

Hurry! Fall classes for Mission InspirEd are coming to you! Mission InspirEd will be offering free classes for elementary and middle school students. Classes will start between October 4th through April 10th. They have qualified instructors, teaching topics ranging from Introductory Medicine to Coding in Python! Sign up before October 3rd for their weekly sessions.

Learn more at missioninspired.org/classes. View the flyer for more information

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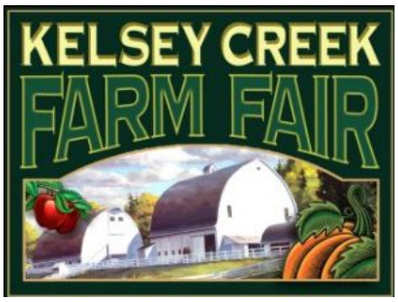

Kelsey Creek Farm Fair

Farm Fair is back! All of the animals at the farm missed this yearly get together. We hope you can join us! Events include tractor-pulled wagon rides, live entertainment, pony rides and so much...

When: Saturday Oct 2 11am-4pm
Where: Kelsey Creek Farm

WSPTA & National PTA NEWS

WSPTA Programs

Have you checked out the new Programs Plug blog post? Learn more about the various programs available for your PTA's participation. We're also excited to announce that all of the student program submissions forms are available in an online format.

- WSPTA Essay Contest - due March 1, 2022
- WSPTA Reflections Theme Search - due November 1, 2021

Directory / Links

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