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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**

- Wednesday, Oct 6 - Walk to School Day
- Thursday, Oct 7 - October Principal Parent Connect Meeting
- Friday, Oct 8 - Professional Development Day /No School
- Monday, Tue, Wednesday, Oct 11, 12, 13 - Parent Teacher Conference /Early Release
- Tuesday, Oct 19 - Birthday Fun Run for October Birthday
- Wednesday, Oct 20 - PTSA General Membership Meeting 9am-9:45am
- Wednesday, Oct 20 - Unity Day/ Wear Orange

**Common Links / Resources:**

- [Somerset PTSA Website](#)
- [Somerset PTSA Facebook Page](#)
- [Somerset Elementary School Website](#)
- [BSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

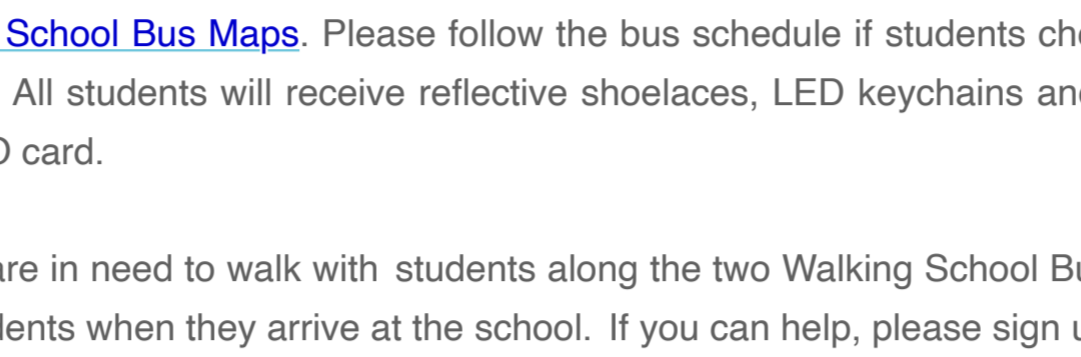
**PTSA NEWS**



**Open Registration for Chess Club 2021-2022**

Chess Club priority registration for families whose child(ren) were enrolled in the Chess Club during the 2020-2021 school year is open on **Monday, October 4th 10am to 10pm**. The priority link will be sent to families on October 3rd. General Registration for all families is open on **Tuesday, October 5th 10am** until spaces fill up. Registration link will be accessed via [PTSA Chess Club Webpage](#).

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 of City of Bellevue, Walk to School Day 2021 is on **Wednesday Oct 6th**.

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. All students will receive reflective shoelaces, LED keychains and a Walk and Roll BONGO card.

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](#).



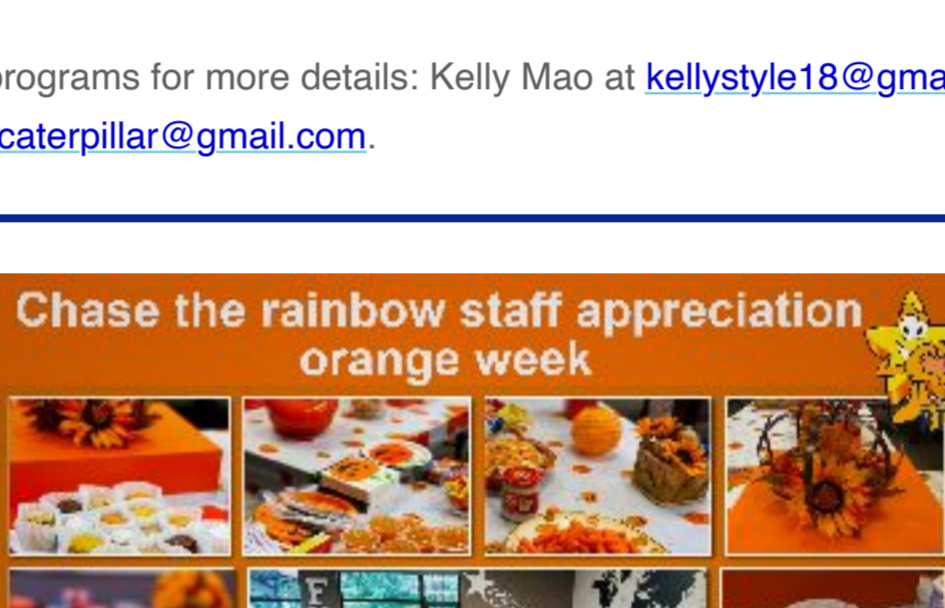
**Reading Club**

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](#).



**Passport Club**

Do you know that in middle school, the students will get tested on over 100 countries? Let's get them prepared by familiarizing them with some of these countries early! You can help your child by having them participate in Passport Club. If you and/or your child are interested, please have them stop by the front office for a study packet. Each month they will get tested on the countries listed on the provided monthly maps. For now all testing will be done virtually. Please visit [PTSA website](#) for materials and get online test.



**New Club Chair Wanted**

Somerset PTSA is planning to open a new club called "Future Problem Solving". It is an excellent fit for 4th and 5th grade students to learn problem-solving skills to solve hypothetical future scenarios. Since last year, Mrs. Toning has been in touch with two Interlake High School students to make this plan happen. These two Interlake students have a strong background with a profound knowledge of STEM-related field. They achieved several national and international awards. Now, we are shouting to recruit a parent to run this program. Please see program [Flyer](#) for more details.

What is needed to run this program? Passion, passion, passion! willingness to contribute your spare time to PTSA, having PTSA active membership, coordinate with Interlake 2 students to run the club.

Please ask VP programs for more details: Kelly Mao at [kellystyle18@gmail.com](mailto:kellystyle18@gmail.com) and Beibei Yang at [growingcaterpillar@gmail.com](mailto:growingcaterpillar@gmail.com).



**Staff Appreciation Orange Week**

On Wednesday 9/29, we were having Chase the Rainbow staff appreciation. Orange is the theme color of the week. Thank our chairs Heidi, Jin and volunteers Yun Han, Chunya, Lin Zhang and Peggy for making this event so amazing. It is dedicated to our Somerset Superstar staff. They are really appreciated for everything they do for our community and our kids. Looking forward to our following yellow themed week.



**Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629 Clean Up**

Somerset's Cub Scout Pack recently noticed a lot of litter around Somerset's playground and field. They decided last Sunday to have their scouts walk around during a pack meeting and collect any garbage they found. Thank-you to Cub Scouts for keeping our school and community clean. What a great service project to benefit our school!

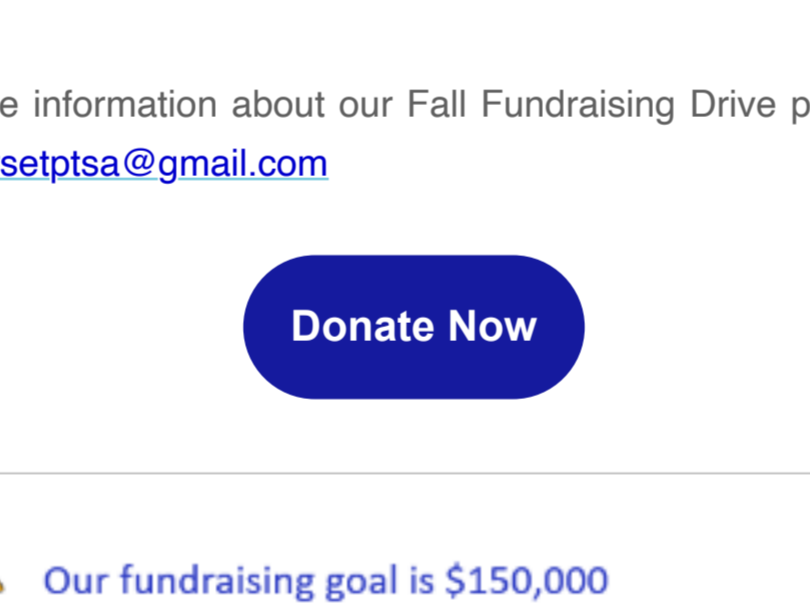


**Spirit Wear Sale**

Last call for our spirit wear sale. Our online store will be closed for your purchase on **October 9th**. Both youth and adult sizes are available. Order your spirit wear online at [www.somersetpta.org](http://www.somersetpta.org).

**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 photos 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 [somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpta@gmail.com). And make sure to let your kids know and tell the PTSA volunteers not to take any photos of your kids.



**Reflection Program**

**Reflections** is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school, but in life. Somerset PTSA is proud to hold this reflection program for our Somerset students.

Students in pre-K through grade 12 create original works of art in response to a theme. The theme for the 2021-2022 program year is *I Will Change The World By...* Students submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

The deadline for turning in artwork is **November 15th**.

More information please visit [Somerset PTSA Website Reflection Page](#)  
Any questions please contact Reflections Program at [somersetreflections2021@gmail.com](mailto:somersetreflections2021@gmail.com).

**Join the 2021-2022 PTSA Fall Fundraising**

Thanks to all the families who have contributed to our fall fundraising, we have already raised **\$73,935** which is **49%** 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 [somersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpta@gmail.com)



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**October Principal Parent Connect**

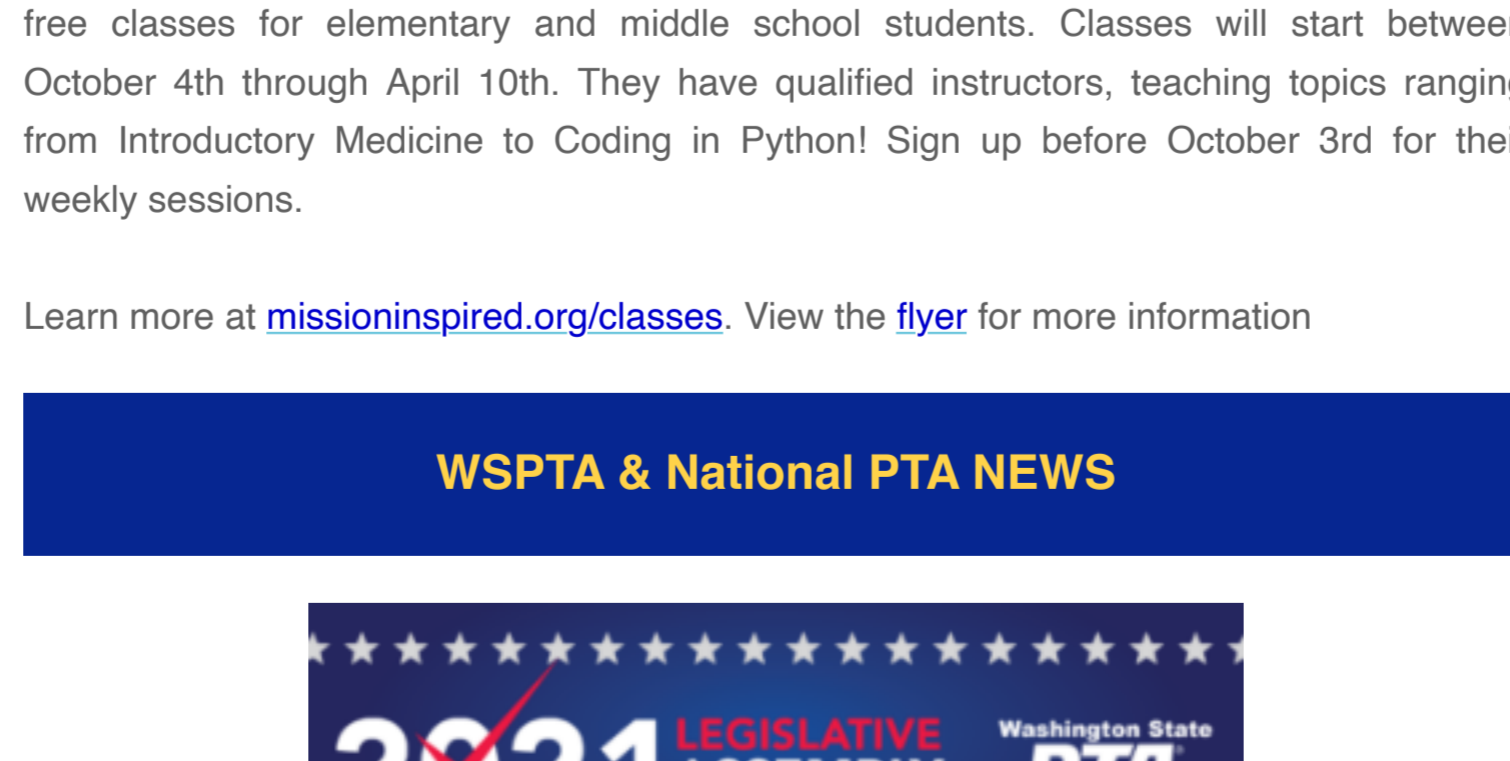
Join Mrs. Elder, Ms. Naish and Ms. Scott on Microsoft Teams **Thursday, October 7th** to learn about our new math curriculum! The session will be recorded and shared for those unable to attend live.

9:30-10:15 K-2 connect: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

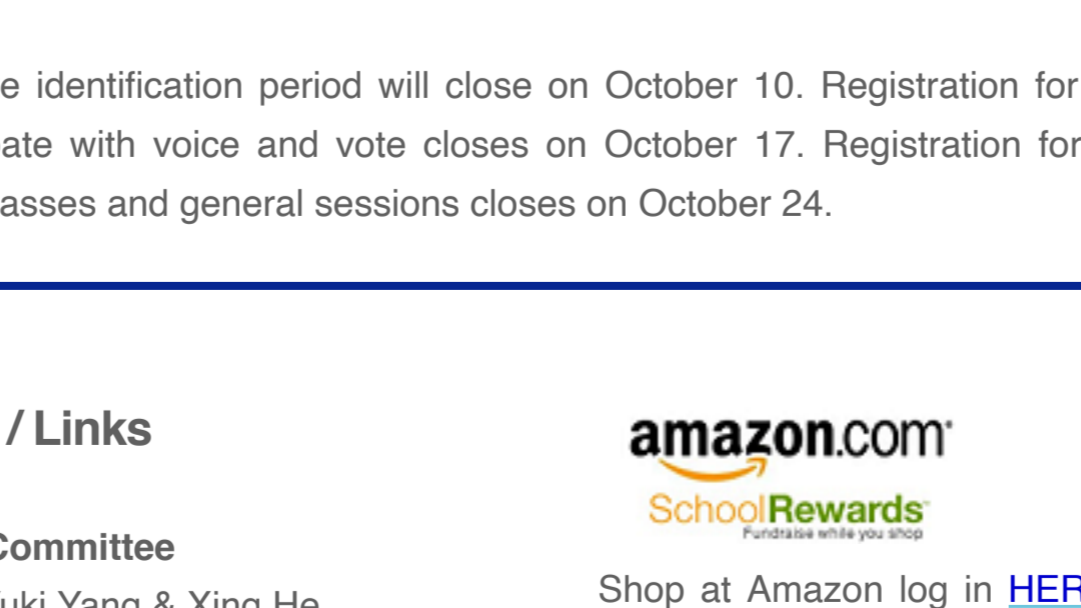
10:30-11:15 Grades 3-5 connect: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**September Birthday Fun Run with Principals**

Our September Birthday Fun Run with Principals was held on Sep 27th and it was so much fun. Over 50 September Birthday kids and our Principal Cathy joined this fun run. Thank you, our principals, GSA teachers, chair Lu Zhang and PTSA volunteers (Yim, Yana and Lina) for making this fun run happen. Happy birthday to all September student and staff superstars.



**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**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](https://425kidschess.com)  
Feel free to contact us at: [425kidschess@gmail.com](mailto:425kidschess@gmail.com)



**Free Fall Classes from Mission InspiEd**

Hurry! Fall classes for Mission InspiEd are coming to you! Mission InspiEd 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](https://missioninspired.org/classes). View the [flyer](#) for more information

**WSPTA & National PTA NEWS**



**43rd Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly**

This yearly event is just around the corner and registration is now open. All registrants will receive the event-specific newsletter that is sent each Wednesday.

The delegate identification period will close on October 10. Registration for delegates to fully participate with voice and vote closes on October 17. Registration for members to engage in classes and general sessions closes on October 24.

**Directory / Links**

- Executive Committee**
- President: Yuki Yang & Xing He
  - Secretary: Yim Cheng
  - VP Programs: Kelly Mao & Beibei Yang
  - Ways&Means: Lancia Guo & Catherine Qu
  - VP Communications: Demi Wang & Peggy Wang
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- [Somerset PTSA Email](mailto:Somersetpta@gmail.com)
- [Bellevue PTSA Council](#)
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- [Somerset PTSA BOD Meeting Minutes](#)

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