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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, 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
Wednesday, Nov 3 - Picture Retake Day

Common Links / Resources:

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

PTSA NEWS

Walk to School Day Recap

A big thank-you to each student for participating in the Walk to School challenge on such a beautiful fall day! About 100 Somerset students walked to school along with parents and volunteers this past Wednesday.

We appreciate all the volunteers who helped making this a successful event:
Anna Han, Yim Cheng, Peggy Wang, Yuki Yang, Kelly Wong, Xiali Zhang, Heather Hsia, Mari Bisson, Shweta Sikroria, Chunya Liu, Yifei Wang.

Thank our school office for helping hand out gifts to students.

Thank you for your time and energy putting this event together. We apologize should we have missed your name. We truly appreciate your support.

Open Registration for Chess Club 2021-2022

Somerset Chess Club has been consistently performing well in Washington State Tournament, tied for the first place in Washington State last year. Students in Grade K to 5 are invited to join chess club conducted by returning coaches, Brad and Tim. This year chess club will go back to classes in person. We will follow social distance guideline and masks are required during classes.

The space will be filled up fast and the class starts from Oct 18th. Register via PTSA Chess Club Webpage to secure your spots.

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.

Math Circle Registration Update

The Math Circle received requests to join after the registration deadline. Unfortunately, all spots have been filled in the grade 2-3 group. There are only a few spots left in the grade 3-5 group. To better serve our students and accommodate our family needs, the Math Circle committee decided to re-open the registration for grade 3-5 group starting from ***10 AM on Monday, October 11th to 10 AM on Tuesday, October 12th, or until all spots are taken.*** To secure a spot, you must join 2021-22 Somerset PTSA. Participation in the PTSA Fall Fundraising Drive is highly encouraged.

Please register via Math Circle Registration for Grade 3-5 . For more Information please visit math circle website.

Walkathon Chair Wanted

Somerset PTSA is bringing back our good and old Walkathon this coming spring! All of our children will participate and walk to help fundraise for our school! It is a great opportunity to promote an active lifestyle and build a strong community, and at the same time, fundraise for our PTSA programs and activities! We hope it will be a fun and memorable event for all of our Somerset families and will become a beloved Somerset tradition.

Are you interested in becoming a Chair for our Walkathon and help organize this exciting event? We are eager to hear from you! Please email our VP Ways and Means for more details: Catherine Qu at catherinequ0307@gmail.com and Lancia Guo at lanciaguo7@gmail.com.

PTSA General Membership Meeting

We are kindly inviting you to our first virtual PTSA General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 20th at 9:30 am. Please use the link or meeting ID & Passcode below to join our meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting via the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 861 8021 3534
Passcode: 617565

Movie Night

Movie night is back to Somerset. We will have in person and online streaming movie night this year. Mark your calendar, the first streaming movie night is Friday, Oct 22nd. We will be watching *Spirit Untamed* or The Addams Family. More details will be in the next issue of newsletter.

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.

Please do not register on the Reflection website. Complete the entry form and email your student work along with the entry form to somersetreflections2021@gmail.com before 15th

November.

More information please visit PTSA Website Reflection Page. Any questions please contact Reflections Program at somersetreflections2021@gmail.com .

Reading Club

Amazing Somerset scholars, please join our Reading Club to show and enhance your power in reading! You will collect superstars on your way toward a secret treasure box of rewards. Save your collected superstars for rewards for yourself or your classroom. Make friends with senior scholars on your journey and boost your power with their assistance to reach your goal. Please click this registration link to sign up.

Staff Appreciation Yellow Week

On Thursday, Oct 7, we were having Chase the Rainbow staff appreciation. Yellow is the theme color of the week. *Thank our chairs, Heidi and Jin, and volunteers, Jieyun Fan, Kathy Loyola, Jinny Kim, Ashwini Gore, Yun Han, Xiaomin Zhou, Kelly Mao 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 green themed week.

Join the 2021-2022 PTSA Fall Fundraising

Thanks to all the families who have contributed to our fall fundraising, we have already raised $78,485 which is 52% 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

SCHOOL NEWS

Small Hands on Art Starting from This Coming Week

The Show must go on! Theater is back at Somerset! Presenting Peter Pan! Small Hands on Art with Howie and Amy McOmber have been providing performing arts instruction at Somerset for 30 years! And now they are back. Come and fly to Neverland! Be a Pirate, Lost Child Mermaid, Native Neverlander, or even Peter Pan! Rehearsals are Thursday mornings in the Music Room from 8am to start of school, October 21, 28, November 4, and 18. The recital will be at 7:30 pm on November 18.

Questions call 425 313-9431. Cost $125.00 Costumes provided. Everyone has an important part to play . Act, Sing, Dance! Go to Small Hands on Art .com for more Information.

Resource form Family Engagement Program

Happy October Somerset Families! Fall has arrived and there are a few community programs on the horizon. Please read the following updates such as free and reduced priced meal, family connections welcome form, winter break time meal etc. via this link and contact Shannon Gregory at gregorys@bsd405.org with any questions.

October Birthday Fun Run with Principals

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Our October Birthday Fun Run will occur on Tuesday Oct 19th 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.

Unity Week-October 18-22

October is both National Bullying Prevention Month, and Disability History Month. We will be celebrating our annual Unity Week the week of October 18th-22nd to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Wednesday October 20th is Unity Day, and all students are encouraged to wear Orange to show unity against bullying. We are excited to celebrate in person this year and have several fun and meaningful activities and programs for our students to participate in during Unity Week.

BSD NEWS

Grading Practice 2021-22

Elementary reporting will return to pre-pandemic practices, using a 1-4 standards-based scale to report, without the P (Progressing) or NP (Not Progressing) designations.

Teachers are encouraged to continue to use grading practices that support students and provide flexibility to demonstrate learning and understanding of standards.

More information: English I Español I 简体中文

Financial Aid Advising Week October 11-15

Live virtual parent and student presentations for BSD families (Presented in Spanish and English), financial aid completion virtual events, financial aid resources, and more.

More information and zoom meeting link.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Veterans Day Carnival

Fall Carnival Camp on Veterans Day

What will your children be doing on Veterans Day, November 11th No School Day? Why not have them join us for a fun day of activities? Girl Scout Troop 40333's kid sitting for K-7 students will be led by 11th grade students, who have led at 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.

Please make sure to provide 2 snacks, sack lunch and a water bottle for your child. For safety, please be sure that all food items are nut-free. Sanitizing and all Covid Safety measures will be taken. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating. Participants should wear close-toed shoes and comfortable clothing.

Where: Westminster Chapel, follow signs from parking lot to lower level entrance
13646 NE 24th St
Bellevue, WA 98005
When: 9 AM – 3 PM November 11th
Cost: $50/day per student. Additional siblings are $40
Camp includes: Carnival games, crafts, win tickets to pie your leaders, & more!
Register: Please complete this online form: https://forms.gle/BxxQbB8d9m5F7dbn7
Payment: Pay online at: http://my-site-101001.square.site/ +$2 process fee Or Venmo *@GIRLSCOUT-TROOP-40333* (no fees, as it runs as a personal account) Or cash/check mailed to *Troop 40333, 15864 SE 4th St, Bellevue, WA 98008*. Checks made out to *Troop 40333.*

If you have questions, please e-mail: girlscout40333@gmail.com

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