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Unit # 020516

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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.

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PTSA NEWS

PTSA / School Calendar - Upcoming Dates and Events

THIS WEEK

- Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day - No School
- Wednesday, November 13th - School Picture Retake Day
- Friday, November 15th - 6:30 - 7:30pm - Reflections Art Show - Library foyer

UPCOMING

- Monday, November 25th - 6:30 - 8:15pm - Movie Night showing "The Grinch"
- Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving - No School
- Friday, November 29th - No School
- Wednesday, December, 4th - 1:25 pm - 8:00pm - Book Fair and Family Night
- Thursday, December 5th - 9:00am - 8:00pm - Book Fair and Family Night
- Friday, December 6th - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Last Day of Book Fair

LOOKING AHEAD

- Thursday, December 12th - 6:30pm - Somerset Maker Mall
- Wednesday, December 18th - Staff Appreciation - Cookie Blizzard
- Friday, December 20th - Passport Check Day
- Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd - No School - Winter Break

VIEW THE COMPLETE SOMERSET PTSA CALENDAR

Family STEM Night Wrap Up

Thank you volunteers, families, students, and teachers for participating in Family STEM Night 2019! Over 100 students participated in hands-on activities throughout the school, learning about the density of liquids, aviation, optics, and machine learning. We also had great demos from outside groups including Code Ninjas, a working 3D printer, Humane Society models, and robotics projects from Tye, Newport, and Interlake.

We hope to see you in March for the STEM Poster Fair!





Reflections - Look Within - Art Show

Friday, November 15th from 6:30 - 7:30pm - Library Foyer

Thank you, students, for participating in the 2019 Reflections program. All entries moving forward to council will be announced in the coming weeks.

The PTA Reflections Celebration is a powerful tool for encouraging students to explore and be involved in the arts.

Parents and community leaders are welcomed to the Reflection Art Show, held in the library foyer, to discover the rich culture and artistic skills presented by student artists. An art exhibit and awards will showcase the importance of arts education at Somerset Elementary School.





FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT SOMERSET

Showing:

THE GRINCH

**Friday Nov. 22th, 6:30-8:15
in the Cafeteria**

Somerset students, family and friends are invited to attend the first PTSA'S first movie night this school year.

Bring a blanket, a folding chair, or a pillow—whatever makes you feel comfortable.

Admission is free, Doors open at 6:15pm.

Popcorn and other concessions will be available for Purchase.

Adults must stay with their children-this is not a drop-off event.

Questions? Please contact cvivianw@yahoo.com



The BOOK FAIR is coming

The Somerset Library Book Fair is coming up the week of December 2nd - 6th. Please plan to join us to shop for wonderful titles from Scholastic Books for your family and our school. The Book Fair is sponsored by the PTSA for the benefit of our library, which supports all of our Somerset students.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to make the book fair a success, and you are invited to sign up to help via the link [HERE](#).

- Wednesday, November 27th – Volunteer team sets up fair from 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Monday, December 2nd -Wednesday, Dec 4th – Class and teacher preview visits to the fair
- Wednesday, December 4th – Book Fair sales begin immediately after school (1:15pm dismissal on Weds), evening event until 8:00pm
- Thursday, December 5th – Book Fair Sales before/during/after school, Family Night 4:00 - 8:00pm
- Friday, December 6th – Book Fair Sales conclude (8:00am - 1:00pm ONLY), takedown of fair

begins at 1:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bravenec at bravenecs@bsd405.org. See you at the fair!

Somerset Maker Mall

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm

The popular Somerset Maker Mall is coming back! It will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. If you like do-it-yourself projects and you want to let your children get a taste of a real market experience -- then our Somerset Maker Mall is for you!

The Somerset Maker Mall is a marketplace evening where Somerset students and families can sell handmade items to the community. Your children will get a taste of a real business experience including product manufacturing, pricing strategy, inventory management, and marketing. The Maker Mall is also a great place to shop for the holidays. Come find authentic handmade items made by Somerset children and families!

If you have something to sell, please use this online [form](#) to register and submit a mini business case by Monday, December 2nd to reserve your table. There is limited space! Vendor registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The Yearbook volunteers need your photos!

Room parents and classroom volunteers - if you have photos of class events and parties, please send photos or a link to shared class photos.

We are also looking for:

- First day of school photos
- Fifth grader baby pictures
- PTSA events like STEM night, Noodle night, etc.
- Photos from school events, clubs and classroom activities throughout the school year

Please send photos to yearbooks.somerset@gmail.com.

2020 Math Kangaroo Registration

2020 Math Kangaroo Competition will be held on Thursday, March 19th, 2020. This year we have a private center to participate at our school. We welcome all the students from 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade in Somerset to participate.

Some key information about the competition:

Date: Thursday, March 19th, 2020

Location: Somerset Elementary school

Registration: October 28th to December 31st, 2019

Registration fee:

- \$21/student (Nonrefundable) Before December 16th (early registration)
- \$35 December 16th– December 31st where space is still offered

Seats limit: 100

How to register:

1. Go to: mathkangaroo.com
2. Log in with your login and password or establish your user account if you are new.
3. Click on the tab By Invitation.
4. Copy and paste the following code in the field Invitation Code: WABELLE0012001 @20MK
5. DO NOT share the code with anyone
6. You are ready to register. Screenshot tutorial: [Registration for Private Center](#).

Due to the limited space, registration will be closed once the number of registered guests reaches the limit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn Li at SomersetMK@gmail.com.

Passport Club

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with the October Passport Club session and the wonderful students who came by to test their knowledge. Our next check will be on **Friday, November 22nd**. [HERE](#) is the link to sign-up or to view the testing dates and times.

Please visit our [website](#) to learn interesting facts about featured countries for the month of November

Thank you for supporting Passport Club!



SCHOOL NEWS

IT'S EASY TO PACK ZERO WASTE SCHOOL LUNCHES!

It's estimated that children generate **67 pounds of lunch waste** per school year! Single use items such as individually bagged chips, tiny yogurts and other disposables go straight to the landfill.

CONSIDER
PACKING A
ZERO WASTE
LUNCH TO
ELIMINATE
GARBAGE AND
SAVE MONEY!

- ◆ Buy snacks in bulk and put small portions in reusable containers when packing lunch.
- ◆ Pack items such as dinner leftovers, for lunch. Include a variety of healthy choices.
- ◆ Ask children to bring home what they did not eat. You will be able to adjust, based on what they finish.
- ◆ Ask children to bring home Ziploc bags to reuse. These are easy to wash and reuse daily.
- ◆ Avoid buying single servings with lots of packaging.
- ◆ Pack lunches together with your child. They're more likely to eat a meal that they've helped prepare.
- ◆ Discuss what is recyclable and compostable with children so they are prepared on how to sort at school. All Bellevue schools have composting and recycling in the cafeteria. Visit www.bellevuefoodcyclevideo.com to find out where each item goes.



Resources:
wastefreelunches.org
bentology.com/reducing-lunch-waste/

Lost & Found Volunteer Needed

The school is in need of one parent volunteer to manage the lost and found at school. If you have time to come in once a week to organize the lost and found please email Shannon Gregory-Lowe directly at gregorys@bsd405.org.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Local Hoops Basketball

All STARS will experience:

- Fun Atmosphere
- Skill Development
- Training Opportunity to win prizes Competitive Games
- And more.....

Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30pm. All levels. Ages 7-11.

Program starts Thursday, October 24th and runs through December, 19th (8 week program).

Registration opens October 14th at 10:00am; places fill on a first come, first serve basis.

Register [HERE](#).

Newport Lacrosse - Spring Registration Now Open



Grades 2–12 Boys and Girls interested in playing Lacrosse, register for the Spring 2019 Season at newportlacrosse.com. First time players registering with Newport Lacrosse will get a \$100.00 discount on registration.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

John Chesney at newporthslax@gmail.com

Coach Nick at coachnick2218@yahoo.com

Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629



Would your 1st Grader be interested in joining the Cub Scouts? Scouting is adventure, family fun, character, leadership, and so much more. Your son and/or daughter will make friends, gain confidence, and - most of all – have fun!

To learn how, visit us at our upcoming Tiger Den Meeting on Thursday, November 14th from 6:30pm to 7:3 pm at Somerset Elementary Gymnasium.

It's a good way for parents and their children to have the opportunity to participate in Scouting and see what it's all about. Learn more about Somerset Cub Scout Pack 629 [HERE](#) and please RSVP at pack.629@outlook.com.

The Tyee Holiday Bazaar

The Tyee Holiday Bazaar is a fundraising event that supports Student Socials at Tyee. If you are interested in being a vendor and selling at the bazaar, register online at tyeptsa.org by November 15th. There will be a limit to the product categories this year so register early to save your spot.

Each vendor space is one six foot table and two chairs. Bellevue School District staff and students pay \$30 to be a vendor. All outside vendors pay \$50.00. You get to keep all your sales profits!



FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2019
6:00-9:00 PM

TYEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
13630 SE ALLEN ROAD BELLEVUE WA 98006

Free Admission

Live Music Food & Fun
Artisans & Crafters Holiday Goods

VENDOR REGISTRATION: STUDENTSOCIALS@TYEEPTSA.ORG

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