

# Somerset PTSA Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov. 19 - Dec. 10:**  
Somerset Adopt-A-Family  
Winter Drive

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Please send any and all  
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December 5, 2010

Dear Michael,

Happy December! As the new year approaches, the PTSA would like to express our thanks to the parents, teachers, and students who help to make our jobs a little easier. We are thankful for the many helpful hands (little and big) and the many small tokens of love and appreciation that we receive every day. In this final month of 2010, take some time to look back and linger on the things that made great memories for you and your family. The memories our children are making at Somerset Elementary are more meaningful because of your dedication to a rewarding educational opportunity here. We all look forward to a wonderful holiday and a happy, prosperous, and productive new year!

Thank you for your support and dedication. On behalf of our own family, we wish you safe travels, many blessings and, of course, happy memories in this holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Michael and Marrie Ketchum  
PTSA Presidents

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### WINTER DRIVE - ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Your Help is Needed!

There are still Winter Wish tags remaining in the school foyer. These tags reflect the wishes of families in the Bellevue School District living at or below the poverty level. Many of the tags are for grocery gift cards for our very own Somerset families. The upcoming school break means that parents currently enduring financial hardship will have to provide more food for their children--the reason being that children in need do not receive free and/or reduced priced school lunches when schools are closed. If you decide to take a tag, please return the item wrapped and with the tag attached to the Somerset office by **Friday, Dec. 10th**. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped, but please attach the tags if possible.

Please direct questions to PTSA's Care & Share chair,  
Melissa Slater: [slaterm@bsd405.org](mailto:slaterm@bsd405.org)  
Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

## WINTER BREAK CHILDCARE

[Winter Break Registration](#) is available. Families can "Brighten Winter Break" by having the children attend one of the district's break programs. They will have the opportunities to be in a planetarium with "Pacific Science Center" staff, add Sparkle with crafts from "Kids are Creative" teachers and light up the New Year with special festivities! Classes for preschool age children will be taught by the Bellevue School District Preschool teachers.

Winter break programs will operate at Clyde Hill, Eastgate, Puesta Del Sol, Stevenson and Woodridge for preschool and school age children. Programs are convenient and flexible. Families may register by day and location of their choice. All centers will be open from 6:30 am until 6:00 pm to accommodate the needs of working families.

Families can also find the registration form on the website at [www.bsd405.org/childcare](http://www.bsd405.org/childcare). The completed forms may be completed and submitted online, returned to any Learning Center or to the Early Learning Business Office.

Any question, please contact Wendy Gianini at Bellevue School District - Early Learning Programs

(425) 456-4030 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting (425) 456-4030 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting - Phone

(425) 456-4176 - Fax

<http://www.bsd405.org/childcare>

## REFLECTIONS - "TOGETHER WE CAN"

Salutation to ALL Somerset Reflections participants and judges. We have representations in all six (6) categories at the District level.

Our Visual Arts and Photographies are proudly displayed on the front wall opposite from the library upstairs. Please take a moment to appreciate the beautiful Art works.

Visual Arts and Photography will be displayed at Cross road Mall the week of January 5-9. Somerset Award Night is January 20th. Stay tuned!

## NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT

Thank you for participating in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program In October, many of you joined in the process of selecting your highest priority neighborhood project to receive Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) funds. This cycle of Somerset NEP has brought many neighbors together. The Somerset community has shown tremendous community spirit throughout the whole process. We appreciate your patience and support and are excited to tell you the results of your efforts.

2 out of the 11 candidate NEP projects were funded.

1. **Somerset Elementary School Expanded Playground.** This project would expand the existing playground structures at Somerset Elementary School that would be available to students during school hours and open to the community when school is not in session. This project would include installation of new playground equipment, expand the safety surfacing, benches, and various amenities would also be included in the project. Estimated cost: \$145,000

**2. Right-of-Way Landscape Improvements near Somerset Recreation Club.** Landscape approximately 9,000 square feet at of Right-of-Way adjacent to the Somerset Recreation Club with attractive shrubs and ground covers. Plant selection and design will take into consideration attractiveness, low maintenance, and water conservation. Project includes tree pruning, soil improvement, plants and installation, and mulch. Funding would also provide one year of maintenance and 3 years of watering to establish plants. Estimated Cost: \$31,350

A special thanks to Francine Wiest for her efforts on getting the vote out!

## FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

**February 11, 2011**

We need you to share your talent! We are looking for cultural performances of 5 minutes or less (folk dances, musical instruments, songs, etc.). Somerset students and parents have a wide variety of abilities - please come to perform. We also need volunteers to help set up booths about their native or ancestral countries. They can include displays and information about the country as well as activities such as games or crafts.

Please contact Sonia Misra at [Sonia.Batra@enterworks.com](mailto:Sonia.Batra@enterworks.com) or call her at 425-818-4922 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 425-818-4922 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting to sign up or for more information.

**The deadline for signing up is January 14th, 2011.**

## AUCTION NEWS

**March 12, 2011: The Golf Club at Newcastle**

Please contact [auction2011@somersetpts.org](mailto:auction2011@somersetpts.org) for ideas and suggestions. Get involved! Here are some useful links:

- [www.somersetpts.org](http://www.somersetpts.org)
- [ABC's of Procurement](#)
- [Procurement Form](#)



## COMMUNITY CORNER

**LAST TWO WEEKS TO JOIN THE BELLEVUE SKI SCHOOL**

We are the district sponsored snow-sport program for 2nd through 12th grade. Our program offers Saturday Board and Ski lessons and transportation to the Summit for a 6 week session from January 8th to February 12th OR an 8 week session from January 8th to March

5th (with President's day weekend break). Register ends December 15th. Sign up NOW on our website: [www.bellevueskischool.com](http://www.bellevueskischool.com) for this great Board and Ski program.

### **TYEE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA**

Still looking for some last minute stocking stuffers? Need some fun writing utensils? How about a poster to lighten up your kid's room? Need a cook book for healthy eating? How about writing kit, drawing kit, science kit, survival kit, Star War kit? Or you are still looking for one more good reads for your kid? Better yet, looking for adult best sellers? Tyee Middle School's Scholastic Book Fair is just for you! All Somerset Families are welcome to our Book Fair 12/6 to 12/10. Monday night, we feature Family Night and invite all work late parents to finish up their last minute shopping or get the shopping started at our fair. So, look for the welcome sign and join us at the Library! All families are welcome to join us at our concert night as well, 12/7-12/9. Book Fair opens during concert night.

Book Fair hours available:

Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri 3:15-4:15 except Wed 2-3pm

Mon through Thur 6:30-9:30pm. (Expect big crowds on Wed and Thur but all are welcome)

All proceeds benefit Tyee Middle School Library.

Sponsored by Tyee PTSA

**If you or someone you know is in need, you are not alone. Help is out there. The following organizations help families right in our area:**

- The Overlake Service League connects families to resources and is equipped to deal with emergency situations: 425-451-1175  
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- Community Services in King County can help with many situations. They can be reached by dialing 211 (expect a lengthy wait time).
- The Jubilee Reach Center, a local organization that offers many resources including some medical care, can be reached at 425-452-4240  
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- The South Bellevue Community Center's Bellevue Boys & Girls Club has a childcare program. The Community Center is located on Newport Way and space is still available in their childcare program. A sliding scale can be used to determine what you can afford to pay for care. You can reach the Community Center by calling 425-452-4240  
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- If you believe your heat is going to be turned off, you can call the Emergency Energy Assistance program at 1-800-348-7144  
begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 1-800-348-7144 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting. It's open Mon.-Thurs. and the best time to call is 9am (expect a wait time).
- If your heat has already been disconnected, you can call 425-869-6027  
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6027 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting. Hopelink will work with you to get your heat turned back on.

**BELLEVUE SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

Title: Foundation Assistant at Bellevue Schools Foundation

This full time position has components of Office Manager and Executive Assistant positions. Serves as the communication, scheduling, and project tracking hub for the Bellevue Schools Foundation. Provides administrative support to the BSF Executive Director (ED) and various board-level committees. Specific duties include: friendly service on the phone, email and in person; careful appointment tracking for entire Foundation and ED; prepare for meetings including agendas, printed materials, reminders, and taking minutes; composes and edits correspondence with donors, especially thank you letters; processes bulk mailings; data entry; maintains information in various hard and soft databases/files; assists in grant fulfillment process for Teacher, Music, and Enrichment & Innovation grants; processes mail including accounts payable and receivables. Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, with some flexibility around special events.

Full job description and organization information is available at [www.bsfdn.org](http://www.bsfdn.org). No electronic applications; submit a hard copy cover letter and resume describing how your experiences prepare you for success in this position and why supporting public schools would have meaning to you. P.O. Box 40644, Bellevue WA 98015.

Questions to [Info@bsfdn.org](mailto:Info@bsfdn.org)

Compensation Low \$30s to start, full dental, and 90% medical

Somerset Elementary PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is a self-governing unit of parents and teachers that plans its programs and activities to meet the needs of children and youth at Somerset Elementary School, Bellevue, Washington. Somerset PTSA's focus is to enrich the social, cultural, and academic experience of the students at Somerset. Contact us at [President@somersetptsa.org](mailto:President@somersetptsa.org)

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