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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 4: Breakfast Pilot Program

Somerset is taking part in a 1-month pilot program for Breakfast Service. Breakfast times will be from 8:25 - 8:55 am. The price is \$2:00. Milk is \$.50. Parents are welcome to have breakfast with your children. Free and Reduced breakfasts are FREE.

Note: Please remember to replenish your child's lunch fund, if he/she come to school for Breakfast!

FEBRUARY 11th - 17th: Food Drive to Benefit the Somerset Community

We will be collecting non-perishable food and consumables in the school foyer to be distributed to those in need within our Somerset Community. We will be collecting the following:

- Snacks like granola bars, fruit cups, fruit leather, and crackers
- Meal items like Mac N Cheese, spaghetti noodles & sauce, canned pasta, chili, tuna and chicken
- Hygiene items like toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, shampoo, Q-tips, Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors

- Household items like plastic wrap, foil, food storage bags, hand soap, dish soap, garbage bags

Please consider participating in this drive. Your generosity makes a big difference for Somerset students! Questions?

Please contact Care & Share co-chairs Melissa Slater (slaterm@bsd405.org) or Traci Grouws (thegrouws@aol.com)

FEBRUARY 21: Legislative Focus Day

We need you again this year to help shape 2011 legislative priorities in what will again be a very difficult economic climate. Join us for Focus Day as we march and rally on the Capitol steps and meet with legislators and staff, leave notes, receive updates from policy-makers on key issues and network with other PTA advocates. PTA volunteer advocates can make a difference when they come to the Capitol in large numbers. Bring your kids! There will be button making, face painting, and more! For more information including the free chartered bus, [FIND OUT MORE](#) or contact Ruth Raskind, Legislative Affairs Chair at ruthraskind@yahoo.com.

MARCH 1: Young Scientist Week Project Proposals Due

It's time to start thinking about and preparing for Young Scientist Week, held this year the week of April 18-22. Sure, that seems far enough off but there's plenty to do! For more information, [FIND OUR MORE](#) or contact Michael Ketchum, YSW Chair @ ketch18@gmail.com.

MARDI GRAS AUCTION NEWS

Fabulous Donations More fabulous donations have rolled in! Here are just some of the items available: beautiful jewelry, restaurant gift cards, chess camp, birthday party packages, a catered Bunco Party, a King 5 TV Tour, snow sport lessons, martial arts lessons, toys, performing arts tickets, and extraordinary vacations to such destinations as: Victoria, BC; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Hawaii; the Washington Coast; and Palm Springs!

The Procurement Raffle Contest is Underway! We are at a critical juncture in our procurement of items for the Auction. Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to donate or procure 2 - 3 items per Somerset family. Our school needs

your contributions, whether they are personal donations or solicitations from businesses. Great ideas include consumer electronics, restaurant gift certificates, a catered Chinese dinner or party, professional services, personalized experiences, vacation homes, house cleaning, web design, etc.! The classroom with the highest percentage of donations will earn an Ice Cream Party and the teacher of the winning classroom will receive a \$75 Amazon gift card. Three winning students will be chosen from a random drawing and will each receive an iPod Shuffle. Just [click here for the special Raffle Procurement Form](#) and fill out your child's information on the raffle ticket portion. Then bring your form and donation item to the school office and place in the auction donation box. Hurry - the contest ends February 17th!

Businesses who donate receive in exchange a cost-effective way of direct advertising to the families of our students, as well as a tax benefit. There are also sponsorship and advertising opportunities available to promote your business or services. For more information, contact Mechelle Cheng at auction2011@somersetpts.org

Look for Tuesday's Auction Newsletter with more exciting Auction News! **Don't forget to return your RSVPs before February 28th!** Seating is limited. If you have lost your RSVP [click here](#). To pay for your tickets online [click here](#).

For more information, visit the Auction Page at the [Somerset Auction webpage](#)

Other News

SOMERSET YEARBOOK

Yearbook ordering has been extended. Please turn in your order form as soon as possible. Please remember it is \$20.00 per book, \$16.00 for siblings. [CLICK HERE](#) for your order form.

EDUCATION UPDATES

WHAT MAKES POWERFUL LEARNING? You are invited to the 5th Annual Education Showcase - "What Makes Powerful Learning" on March 23rd. Formerly known as the Education Roadshow, this free annual event provides an opportunity for Bellevue parents, teachers, and the community to learn more about district schools,

trends in K-12 education, and concepts related to student learning. This year's event will be at Sammamish High School. The Resource Fair starts at 5:30pm, followed by a keynote presentation and breakout sessions. The Education Showcase is brought to you by the Bellevue School District, Bellevue PTSA Council, BSF, and Bellevue Quality Schools.

SPRING FOR SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE!

BSF's annual Spring for Schools benefit luncheon is Thursday, **May 26, 2011**. This event raises over \$500,000 to support Bellevue public schools this year. If you'd like to put together a table or know a company with a passion for education who might like to help sponsor this event, please contact the BSF office at 425-456-4199.

COMMUNITY CORNER

RAIN CITY WATER POLO - SPRING SESSION

- * March 10 - May 12
- * Sundays 3:30-4:30
- * Thursdays 6:30-7:30
- * Parents meeting Feb 16th at Mercer Island Country Club 6-7pm
- * Questions? RainCityWaterpolo@gmail.com
- * www.raincitypolo.com

CHEER CLINIC - Did you ever want to learn how to cheer? Has the thrill of cheering on your favorite team ever interested you? Sammamish Cheerleaders are holding a Cheer Clinic in the wrestling room, Saturday February 19 from 10am-1pm. Kindergarten through high school seniors, Boys and girls, are welcome to attend. Only \$25 if you preregister and by the way, if you preregister you get a free t-shirt! If you choose to register at the door it is \$30. Please see the office for more information! If you have any questions please e-mail Tara Jones: ionesta@bsd405.org

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.

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