

# Somerset PTSA eNews

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### WALK-ABOUT

Somerset Walk-about program was developed a few years ago by members of Somerset PTSA and Staff.

The mission of the Walkabout Program is to "foster and encourage a safe and positive environment for all Somerset Students".

Somerset PTSA members work continuously with Somerset Staff to devise a training program for parents who would provide additional supports to the duties on the playground.

To partake in this program, please visit [somerseptsa.org](http://somerseptsa.org) for contact information.

Somerset Pride Team  
Chris Bradley

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Pilot Program

This is the last week of Somerset's pilot program for

Breakfast Service. If you have not try it out, please do. 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 (adult price is \$3.00). Free and Reduced breakfasts are FREE.

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

### **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](mailto:ketch18@gmail.com).

### **Somerset Food Drive a Success!**

A special thank you goes out to the many families who donated food and household items just before the break.

The collected items were organized into 15 large boxes and distributed to families within our Somerset community. Your thoughtfulness and generosity made a difference for Somerset students over mid-winter break. THANK YOU SOMERSET!

## **MARDI GRAS AUCTION NEWS**

**Look for Tuesday's Auction Newsletter with the latest Mardi Gras Auction News!** Find out the classroom that won the Procurement Raffle Contest by having the most donations, as well as the 3 students who won an iPod Shuffle. [Hear about exciting new items available for you to bid on!](#)

The **RSVP deadline is Friday, March 4th**. Questions about table seating? Contact Audrey Scallon [sascallon@comcast.net](mailto:sascallon@comcast.net). **Procurement Forms** need to be turned in to the office by **3:30pm on Friday, March 4th**, for the item(s) to appear in the Auction Catalog. Questions about donations? Contact Mechelle Cheng, Auction Chair, at [auktion2011@somersetpts.org](mailto:auktion2011@somersetpts.org)

### **Our Children rely on the Auction to receive a First-Rate Education**

Because of inadequate state funding, Somerset Elementary relies upon Auction funds to maintain our level of academic excellence and our reputation as a school of excellence. We want to thank our wonderful parent community for your generous support!

For more information including Procurement and RSVP forms, visit 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

### Somerset Parents - Can you help...

**Lost item!** - Sometimes this Fall, someone has called to office to let us know that they have found a valuable bracelet on the school grounds. The connection was very poor; consequently, the number i've got was incorrect. Later on, a person came to the office to ask me if anyone has turned in a bracelet which is a gift from her mother. I've tried the number and it did not go through. Would you please call the office at **425-456-5800** to speak to Muriel if you have found the bracelet, so that we can connect it to its owner.

This bracelet is a precious keepsake, she will be forever grateful to get it back.

Thank you so much,  
Muriel Mittlestrass, CEOE  
Office Manager  
Somerset Elementary School

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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