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Somerset Adopt-A-Family
Winter Drive

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Dear Michael & Marrie,

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone, but it's important to continue to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. We want you to know that we're particularly thankful to have the opportunity to work with such committed volunteers who work so hard on behalf of our children. Please take a moment and give yourself a well-deserved thanks for the contribution you've made and continue to make to our school and our community. We hope you had an incredible Thanksgiving holiday and welcome back to school!

Michael and Marrie Ketchum
Presidents, Somerset Elementary PTSA

Additionally, please provide your feedback on the state's education reform plan by taking the [survey](#) from the Governor's Office; the voice of parents is critical to this important effort.

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SOMERSET BOOK FAIR

THE UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: Student Preview Days
Wednesday, Dec. 1st - Sales begin at 1:00pm - 7:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 2nd - Sales open 9am - 7:30pm
Friday, Dec. 3rd - Sales open until 12pm & then pack up
Friday, Dec. 3rd - Sunday, Dec. 5th - shop at the University Book Store location in downtown Bellevue and mention you are with Somerset Elementary and a percentage of your sale will go back to Somerset!

This is a GREAT way to get some holiday shopping done while at the same time supporting our fantastic Somerset Elementary library and its wonderful librarian, Kathy Franzel. Bring your Alumni, Husky & Readers Card to the Fair.

Want to volunteer at the Fair?! please contact Keri Cable at

keri.s.cable@comcast.net or (425)444-7819. We need some help during sale hours on Wednesday, after school Thursday & pack up! Thanks for your help!

WINTER DRIVE - ADOPT-A-FAMILY

NOW til December 10th

- Wish tags are made on behalf of the local families (Bellevue School District) living in poverty.
- 202 Bellevue Students are homeless.
- 6% Somerset families qualified for reduced/free lunches.

Questions? Please contact slaterm@bsd405.org

Thank you,
Care and Share Committee

WINTER BREAK CHILDCARE

[Winter Break Registration](#) is available. Please check out the opportunities provided by the Bellevue School District - Early Learning Programs. Any question, please contact Wendy Gianini at Bellevue School District - Early Learning Programs
(425) 456-4030 - Phone
(425) 456-4176 - Fax
<http://www.bsd405.org/childcare>

REFLECTIONS - "TOGETHER WE CAN"

Arts Walk and Award Night - January 20, 2011 - 6:30PM -8:00PM

Thank you to ALL Somerset Reflections participants, Staff, Teachers and Parents!

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 or call her at 425-818-4922 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 us for ideas and suggestions @ auction2011@somersetpts.org. Get involved!

Here are some useful links:

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



COMMUNITY CORNER

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If you believe your heat is going to be turned off, you can call the Emergency Energy Assistance program at 1-800-348-7144. 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. 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. 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

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

PARENT FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON STATE'S EDUCATION REFORM PLAN

Last summer the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education collaborated to develop an education reform plan to be submitted in connection with the state's application for a grant under the federal Race to the Top program. Although the state was not selected for one of the grants, the Governor's Office is seeking feedback from parents and other stakeholders to determine which parts of the program should go forward. You can give your feedback via a survey available at this link:

<http://ospi.a03ddf506d29.sgizmo.com/s3/>. The survey will be available through Thanksgiving.

RAIN CITY WATER POLO

Introducing the Puget Sound's newest water polo club - Rain City Water Polo!
Why water polo?

- Perfect outlet for strong multi-talented athletes - shoot, defend, swim and tread
- Unique culture that values teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Brought to you by the Bellevue High and Mercer Island High School water polo coaches Evan Kaseguma and Ryan Hall
- High School and Youth Team: 10-14 year old boys and girls
- Winter Session: starts Dec. 6th

Embrace the Rain! Contact RainCityWaterPolo@gmail.com if interested

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

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