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Around the State

Somerset PTSA works to enrich our students' school experience and relies on the generous volunteer and financial support of our community of families. We also recognize the importance of ensuring that support and funding for education are available in our District and at the State level. We recently sent teacher and parent representatives to the WA State PTA Legislative Assembly and will be sending out details about "Focus Day" where families from all over WA State will go to Olympia to advocate for education funding. More information on how to support education can be found on our Advocacy page under About on the somersetptsa.org website..

Calendar

OCTOBER 26, 6PM

Movie Night - *Monsters vs. Aliens*



OCTOBER 26, 6:30-7:30 PM

Our Library: Databases, Websites, & Resources for All

OCTOBER 31

Halloween!

NOVEMBER 2, 8 - 9AM

MAP Parent Information Session & "Tep Talk (Coffee w/ the Principal)

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Movie Night, Wednesday, Oct 26, 6PM



Join us in the Somerset Multipurpose room for another fun movie night! Come see Dreamworks Studios' Monsters Vs. Aliens! (rated PG for crude humor and some language, 94 min.) Bring a picnic and a pillow, we'll be camping out on the floor! There will also be snacks and water at the concessions table. Hope to see you there!

This is not a drop-off event, a parent must remain on the school grounds (Parents with small children are welcome to enjoy the playground outside during the movie!)

Our Library: Databases, Websites, & Resources for All - Wed, Oct 26



Learn about our Library on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30 PM. Databases, websites, resources for all! Kathy Franzel, Somerset's Librarian, will show you the valuable websites, databases, and print materials that are geared toward your children and can be accessed here or at home through the Bellevue School District. Don't miss this opportunity to view reliable, accurate and manageable databases and see just what we have here at Somerset for you

Community Corner

There are many events and activities going in our vibrant community! From sports camps to cheer clinics, there are too many to print here so please check them out on our [COMMUNITY PAGE](#).

Did You Know?

You need to join the PTSA every year to keep your membership active. Your membership dues support the infrastructure we need to maintain our non-profit status and other legal and financial local, state, and federal requirements so we can put on and fund the many programs that benefit each and every student at Somerset! Every family and staff membership counts. Your support and involvement are what makes Somerset a top school. [CLICK HERE](#) for a membership form.

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Submit

The Somerset PTSA eNews is a weekly publication. If you have any news you'd like to see here, please submit to eNews@SomersetPTSA.org by the end of day Friday for that week's publication. We also invite your comments and feedback.

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and your children!

Your child can be dropped off in the gym for the Movie Night. The movie runs from 6-8PM so that you may attend the Library Information session while your children are watching the movie.

Breakfast with the Teachers!

This year, Somerset offers breakfast from 8:25 - 8:55AM every day in the school cafeteria for only \$2.25! Parents can join in too for \$3.25. Now, for a limited engagement, please join us for breakfast with your child's teacher!

- **Tuesday, Oct 25:** Homa Hassan
- **Wednesday, Oct 26:** Judy Brison
- **Thursday, Oct 27:** Jennie Kirschling, Robyn Wells, Shana Bowen and Melissa Slater
- **Friday, Oct 28:** Melinda Schwartz, Anne Williamson
- **Monday, Oct 31:** Jean Lorch and Linda Myrick
- **Tuesday, Nov 1:** Homa Hassan
- **Friday, Nov 4:** Nathaniel Olson and Christine Ayers
- **Wednesday, Nov 9:** Kay Rice

"Tep Talks" (Coffee w/ Principal Teppner)

Parents are cordially invited to the Nov. 2nd MAP Parent Information Session and "Tep Talk" (Coffee with Principal Teppner). The majority of our time will be with Somerset's ITCLs - Randi Peterson and Stephanie Wright, who will provide an overview of the K-5 MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment that all students took in September.

Additionally, Mr. Brian Teppner will be available to hear your thoughts on how to make Somerset an even better school, and to answer questions. (Please note this is not the time to ask specific questions related to your own child.) Coffee/tea and light refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us! Sponsored by the Ph.D. (Parenthood Development) Committee.

Veterans Day

Somerset will be having our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 9th. A part of this event will include a media



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presentation during the program. What we need from all of you, are photos of the Veterans you know and have known. Here are examples of the photos I will be including.

- My great uncle with friends on Iwo Jima from WWII.
- My father in his Marine Dress Uniform.
- My brother and cousin from Iraq
- A former student of mine who is in the Navy.

These will be shown accompanied in song by our students. Our goal this year is to put a face on "who" veterans are for our students.

Please make sure that all pictures are turned in by Wednesday, November 2nd to ensure that they are included in the media presentation. Photos can be brought in digital format, as pictures to be scanned or emailed to peteronr@bsd405.org. Please make sure you indicate your child's name and let us know how your child is related to the person in the picture.

FUNdraising

The Fall Festival & Walk-a-thon raised \$30,000 for the many PTSA programs and activities. Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers, and most especially, our Walk-a-thon Co-Chairs, Danielle Holmes and Sangeeta Gogri who have successfully made the Walk-a-thon a Somerset landmark over the last 3 years. They are ready to pass the torch over to the next chair(s) so now is your chance to step up! Contact dajohn@microsoft.com if you're interested!

On the Cover of the Yearbook

This year we will celebrate Somerset students' REFLECTIONS artwork on the cover of the yearbook.

There are three easy steps:

1. Students create original artwork based on the theme: "Diversity Means..." in any of the following categories: Dance/Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography or Visual Arts (including drawing, painting, print making and collage). Please review the [Program Details](#).
2. Complete and sign the [Student Entry Form](#), and [Consent Form](#) (if applicable)
3. Deliver your creation to a PTSA Reflections Volunteer in the Somerset Office on Friday, November 4th, Thursday, November 17th or Friday, November 18th.

If you have any questions or feedback, contact [Melissa Stephens](#) or [Kate Vanover](#).

About Us

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 Elementary School.

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