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## Holiday Shopping, Charitable Giving, and Supporting Your PTSA

This year, you can support your PTSA and the valuable programs it provides with little to no effort! How is it done, you ask?

- 1. AMAZON SCHOOL REWARDS:** [CLICK HERE](#) or on the link below before you shop on Amazon.com and up to 7% of your purchase will support valuable PTSA programs!
- 2. CHARITABLE GIVING:** Somerset Elementary is a charitable organization so as you consider your charity giving as the year comes to a close, think of us!
- 3. GIFT CARDS:** You might receive gift cards this year that you won't use or perhaps not permitted to use by your employer. Consider donating them to the Somerset PTSA where we promise, they will be put to great use enhancing the many valuable programs we provide!

Again, we thank all of our Somerset families for your continued support. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

### Calendar

**DEC 5, 9-11AM**

Coffee Hour & Talk Time

**DEC 19-JAN 2**

Winter Break

**JAN 3**

Back to School

**FEB 10**

Talent Show



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### Coffee Hour & Chat Time (CHATT)

Come join us for CHATT (Coffee Hour & Talk Time) on Monday, December 5th from 9-11AM in the cafeteria. We will be doing some fun crafts and decorating holiday candy canes for our teachers and staff members. As always, there will be plenty of room to play so feel free to bring younger siblings. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Aya Ishihara at [alecava\\_ishihara@mac.com](mailto:alecava_ishihara@mac.com) or Elissa Chen at [elissa\\_chen@yahoo.com](mailto:elissa_chen@yahoo.com).

### Winter Wish Drive

Beginning Monday, November 14th, you and your child will be able to select a wish tag located in the Somerset foyer. Wish tags are made on behalf of local families living in poverty. More than 20% of Bellevue School District families are living at or below the poverty level. That's more than 4000 Bellevue students living in families that are struggling to make ends meet, to put food on the table, to pay their utility bills, to provide adequate clothing for their children and for some, struggling to find and maintain shelter. Working together, we



### 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](#).

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### Links

- [Somerset PTSA](#)
- [Become a Member](#)
- [Bellevue School District](#)
- [Bellevue Schools Foundation](#)
- [WA State PTSA](#)
- [Reflections](#)

### 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](mailto: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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can make this winter brighter and warmer for families struggling right here, in our own Somerset community. If it's financially feasible for you, please consider taking a tag. Items purchased can be returned to the Somerset office on or before Friday, December 9th. Thank you for your consideration! Questions can be directed to PTSA's Care & Share co-chairs, Melissa Slater @ [slaterm@bsd405.org](mailto:slaterm@bsd405.org) and/or Traci Grouws @ [thegrouws@aol.com](mailto:thegrouws@aol.com).

### Variety / Talent Show

Somerset Elementary is excited to announce our First Annual School Variety / Talent show to be held Friday, February 10 at 7PM. This is a show, not a competition, so come prepared for a great evening of fun! Auditions, rehearsals, and a dress rehearsal are all in the works. Stay tuned next week for all the details including the entry form. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more!

### School Board Community Conversations

The Bellevue School Board wants to hear your voice. In an effort to create multiple ways for parents and community to connect and access their school board, members of the Bellevue School Board will be holding several forums. The goal is to provide an opportunity for parents, community and educators to interact with school board members directly about education in our schools. Two forums are scheduled, one for parents and the general community and one for educators. Board members will take questions and engage in conversation about issues and opportunities.

#### Community Forum

Monday, December 5, Sammamish High School Library  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

#### Educator Forum

Monday, December 12, Interlake High School Library  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

### Ski School Opportunities

#### Wednesday Ski Bus

Snow Sports 2012, AKA *The Wednesday Ski Bus*, runs from Jan 11-February 15, with Wednesday pickups right after school at Somerset Elementary. Please contact Ruth Raskind at [ruthraskind@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthraskind@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

### **Bellevue Ski School**

The Bellevue Ski School program, departs Saturdays from Phantom Lake Elementary. Registration ends December 15th. For program details, visit [www.bellevueskischool.com](http://www.bellevueskischool.com).

## **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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