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## Ask Not What the PTSA Can Do For You...

Yes, it's that time of year again when the Nominating Committee asks for your recommendations for next year's Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. We are currently collecting names to put together a slate of officers for presentation in the next couple of weeks. Do you know of someone who wants to get more involved? Or someone who is organized, enthusiastic and capable whom we should approach to be included on our Board? Are you interested yourself in joining us? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, please contact a member of our Committee (listed below) and let us know. We always need more help, and someone with a fresh perspective is always welcome. Thank you in advance for your help! Diane Fern (dianefern@hotmail.com), Lindsay Wilme (linwilme@yahoo.com), Sangeeta Gogri (sangeetagogri@yahoo.com) or Audrey Scallon (ascallon@comcast.net)

### Calendar



**JAN 9**

CHATT, 9 AM



**JAN 13**

LEGO Build & Learn, 3:30 PM

Reflections Ceremony, 6 PM



**JAN 16**

No School

WA Junior Open and Reserve  
Chess  
Tournament



**JAN 20**

PTSA BOD Meeting 9:15 AM

Pizza & Bingo Night 6 PM



**FEB 3**

Family Juggling Night 6:30 PM



**FEB 10**

Variety / Talent Show 7 PM

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### CHATT, Jan 9, 9AM

Make some time for some morning CHATT. Join us January 9th at 9AM for a great opportunity to connect, make new friends and meet other Somerset parents. Younger children are welcome.

### Reflections Celebration, Jan 13, 6PM

Come celebrate our young artists at Somerset Elementary School! Reflections artwork will be on display and refreshments served on the mezzanine level, with the award ceremony to follow in the library. Vote for your favorite art piece, relax to beautiful music and be enchanted by descriptive narratives. Everyone is welcome!

### WA Junior Open and Reserve Chess Tournament, January 16

Somerset Elementary Chess proudly hosts the WA Junior Open and Reserve Chess Tournament on Mon Jan 16, 2012 (MLK Day) in the cafeteria. Somerset students have traditionally taken first place in this competition. Even if your child is not signed up in one of the chess programs, take advantage of this convenient opportunity to play in a great tournament. Early bird registration (\$20) through January 9th online at: <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration>. Questions? [425-868-](tel:425-868-)



Simply by clicking here, up to 10% of what you purchase on Amazon.com goes to support valuable programs at Somerset Elementary!

### 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](#).

 [Join Our Mailing List](#)

### 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.

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

[3881](#) or Somerset chess coach and tournament director [DavidCHendricks@comcast.net](mailto:DavidCHendricks@comcast.net). Need based scholarships available through the Somerset main office.

### Pizza & Bingo Night, January 20, 6PM

Somerset Families, are you looking for a fun-filled evening to break up the dark and wet winter? Please bring the whole family and join us at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 20th in the Somerset gym for this event that is fun for all ages. Your pre-purchased dinner will include pizza, salad and a cookie, or you can just come for the bingo at \$1 a card (includes three games). We will have great prizes for players of any age! Look for dinner order forms to be coming home with your kids. Hope to see you there!! Click here for the [ORDER FORM](#).

### PASS IT ON!

Is your New Year's resolution to clear out the clutter from your house and start fresh? We can help you! The PTSA is looking for some additional prizes to be used for Pizza & Bingo Night on January 20th. This is your opportunity to get rid of those items you've held in your gift box for years or those holiday toys from Great Aunt Martha which were never quite right for your kids! If you can help, please bring your (new) items to the box in the office marked "PRIZES" no later than Wednesday, January 18. Thank you!

### 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. We are looking for acts NOW! Singing, dancing, skits, piano, violin, jokes and more! Apply now before January 20th! You must submit an application to participate in the variety show - no late entries will be accepted. [CLICK HERE](#) for the application. Fill it out completely and leave in the PTSA box in the main office. Visit the [website](#) for all the details. If you have any questions, contact Michael Ketchum at [ketch18@gmail.com](mailto:ketch18@gmail.com).

### Box Tops for Education Contest

Thanks to everyone for their Box Tops and Labels. Due to everyone's hard work we are half way to this year's goal. Keep up the great work and the class that contributes the most box tops and labels between January 3- March 31 will earn their class a prize. Please be sure to place your labels and unexpired box tops in an envelope marked with your teacher's name and turn into the PTSA box in the main office.

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### **Lego Lego Lego OVERBOOKED!**

Lego Lego Lego is overbooked! If your child was not able to attend the January sessions but is interested in more Lego programs in the future, please send preferred days of the week and times, plus student grade level for future program planning to [SomersetGames@gmail.com](mailto:SomersetGames@gmail.com) .

### **Winter Wish Drive Appreciation**

Thanks for making the Winter Wish Drive a huge success! A special thanks goes out to Donna Lee and her Girl Scout Troop for organizing food and gift items received, to Muriel Mittelstrass for donating wrapping paper to family recipients, to Somerset's Student Council for creating and displaying posters advertising the drive, and to Somerset community members who contributed food and gift items. Working together we were able to make a big difference in the lives of many Somerset students. Questions or comments about PTSA's Care & Share? Please contact co-chairs Melissa Slater ( [slaterr@bsd405.org](mailto:slaterr@bsd405.org)) and Traci Grouws ( [thegrouws@aol.com](mailto:thegrouws@aol.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.