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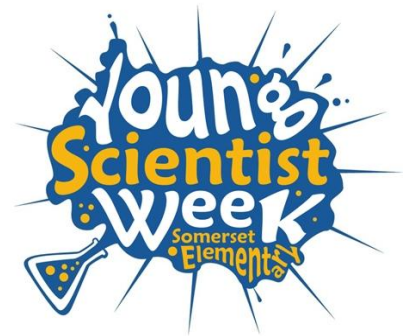
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## YOUNG SCIENTIST WEEK & SCIENCE FAIR

Young Scientist Week is an annual event provided by the Somerset Elementary PTSA. This program encourages all Somerset students to get excited about learning and actively participating in science and engineering activities. Activities leading up to and during Young Scientist Week include a Pacific Science Center demonstration, student science projects, in-class science activities, and culminating in the Family Science Night Carnival. This year we've got some great surprises so GET YOUR SCIENCE ON!

- 13 February Decide on your question and project
- 13-24 February Research your project
- 27 February Complete your project proposal and submit to your teacher
- 27-29 February Proposals reviewed by teacher
- 2 March Proposals reviewed by YSW Committee (5th grade only)
- 5 March Proposals returned to students
- 5-13 March Plan & work your project
- 14-20 March Finish up project and create project board
- 22 March Bring project to your class and gymnasium (scheduled)
- 23 March View projects by class
- 23 March Science Carnival, 5:30 - 8 PM



For more details, dates, proposals, and Science Fair Guidebook, visit the [Somerset PTSA website](#) or contact Michael Ketchum @ [VPCommunications@SomersetPTSA.org](mailto:VPCommunications@SomersetPTSA.org). If you're interested in volunteering, please let Michael know!

### Calendar

#### FEB 15

6:15 PM: Movie Night - *Dolphin Tale*  
6:30 PM: PTSA BOD Meeting  
7PM: "Tepp Talk" & PTSA General Meeting

#### MAR 16

Snow Make-up Day

#### MAR 19-23

Young Scientist Week & Carnival

[More events >>>](#)

### Movie Night, "Tepp Talk" & PTSA BOD/General Meeting, Feb 15

Join us for a full night of activities on Wednesday, February 15th. Come see Warner Brother's Studios' *Dolphin Tale* (rated PG for some mild thematic elements) starting at 6:15 PM with a runtime of 113 minutes. 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! Childcare will be provided by Ms. O'Dore to watch school-aged children. The PTSA BOD meeting starts at 6:30 followed by a "Tepp Talk" and PTSA General at 7PM. At this meeting we plan to elect new officers for the next school year and discuss whether to fund a writing lab to prepare students for MAP testing. The agenda can be found [HERE](#). We need your participation and input! We will also review the



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### 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

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### Submit

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**BUDGET** and provide information on what's happening at the school and district. Childcare provided in conjunction with MOVIE NIGHT!

### Somerset Snack Drive

We will be collecting snacks from Tuesday, Feb. 14th through Thursday, Feb. 16th in the school foyer. Snacks collected will be distributed to families who need extra food items to get through mid-winter break. Any extra snacks collected will be used to replenish the office supply of snacks - this supply is used to feed hungry students during the school day. Please consider sending in non-perishable snacks like granola bars, fruit leather, popcorn, fruit cups, and applesauce if feasible. Thanks for your consideration! Questions? Please contact Melissa Slater ( [slaterm@bsd405.org](mailto:slaterm@bsd405.org)) or Traci Grouws ([thegrouws@aol.com](mailto:thegrouws@aol.com)).

### State PTA Legislative Focus Day, Feb 20

February 20, 2012 is the annual State PTA Legislative Focus Day. Join with PTSA members from across the State in Olympia on February 20th to rally on the Capitol steps and meet with your legislators to speak on behalf of Somerset students. Take advantage of this non-school day (Presidents' Day) to show your kids how much you support them. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Nominate Outstanding Volunteers & Educators!

Recognize those Somerset Superstars who go above and beyond. Now accepting nominations for all awards, including Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate, Golden Acorn, Crystal Apple, and new this year Somerset "Unsung Heroes." For complete descriptions, [CLICK HERE](#). Not sure in which category your nominee should be but you know for sure that s/he deserves an award? Just write up your reasons and send them in. You can nominate as many people as you want. Don't delay. Now is a good time to do this -- quick, easy, and from the heart. Send to [President@SomersetPTSA.org](mailto:President@SomersetPTSA.org) or put it in the PTSA dropbox in the main office.

### Book Giveaway

By registering at

[www.wegivebooks.org/readformyschool](http://www.wegivebooks.org/readformyschool) starting February 14th children can read books online and designate a specific elementary school as a potential beneficiary. Once at least 50 online books have been read for an individual school, the school will be eligible to receive up to 500 printed books (not online). The contest will last until March 14th, or until 150,000 books have been given away, whichever comes first. At other times of the year the Foundation operates a similar program benefitting schools in poor areas of other countries, so keep on reading!

### **Math Adventures, Mar 2, 5:30-9PM**

Has your team registered for the March 2nd event? From 5:30-9pm, teams of 3-5 students with their parent coaches will avert disaster as they solve sets of puzzles and race throughout the school to use their clues to unlock next steps. A party awaits everyone to celebrate their victory. The events are not competitive, and no winners are declared. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to access forms, visit the [WEBSITE](#). If you have any questions, email [SomersetMath@gmail.com](mailto:SomersetMath@gmail.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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