

Superstar Newsletter



Somerset Elementary School
Mr. Teppner – Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Well, the New Year has come... a perfect time to thank you all for your kind words and generous gifts. The biggest thank you is for sharing your children with us here at Somerset. I just know 2012 is going to be a great year.

Since I made a resolution to exercise more rather than eat healthier... let me share a simple appetizer that I have been making for holiday parties this season... **Bacon wraps...** Simply cut bacon slices into thirds, cut boneless breast of chicken (or duck... or pork tenderloin) into bite size pieces, stem and quarter jalapenos. Place chicken in jalapeno quarter, wrap with the strip of bacon and skewer with a toothpick. Bake at 350 until bacon is crispy and chicken will be done as well. It helps to turn them after about 15 minutes to get all bacon crispy. For the last minute of baking put a few drops of your favorite glaze on top of each wrap. (Maui onion, teriyaki, or that raspberry chipotle glaze from Costco are some of our favorites) Thanks for those that came to meet with me at the Tep Talk on January 5th ... great coffee and conversation.

Welcome Back!

Mr. Teppner



Quote of the Month

“**Tact** is the ability to make a person see lightning without letting him feel the bolt.”

[Orlando A. Battista](#) (1917-1995);

Chemist, Author

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Tutoring Area on the 2nd Floor:

You may have noticed some tables and chairs upstairs at Somerset. We have prepared an area for several programs getting started...

This area will be used for the new reading fluency intervention called the STAR (Somerset Tier2 Accelerated Reading) Program. This coming week we will be training VIBES on the curriculum and process that we will be providing this support.

On Wednesday afternoons this area will be used by students from Newport High School to provide homework support to our ELL (English Language Learner) students. Thus far we will have students speaking Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

We are thankful for all of the support of our community that allow us to provide instruction to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

A Note from the Superintendent

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Parents and Guardians --

As we head into the Winter break, I want to wish each and every one of you a lovely time with your friends and family. I will also be spending time with loved ones. However, this season brings some challenges for me and my family.

My mother in California, who is a stroke victim and has been battling cancer, is in the process of entering hospice care. Many of you have gone through similar experiences and understand how difficult these experiences are. I have a limited number of family members who can help with my mother, and at this time I must respond to her needs. Due to the wide range of medical, legal, financial and emotional issues that accompany such a family issue, I have made the difficult decision to take a leave at this time to support my mother. My leave will begin Monday and I will keep the School Board and my office apprised frequently of my situation.

Assistant Superintendent Eva Collins will assume a temporary role as Interim Superintendent. Eva will be supported in her role by the members of the Cabinet and I have spent time with that team to arrange for additional support to ensure instruction and operations continue seamlessly. I will be in contact with Eva frequently.

The decision to take this leave has been a very difficult one for me because I am committed to the direction and in support of the outstanding work occurring in this district. I am only able to step away for this leave at this time because of the amazing work by each and every colleague in this district. Our direction for children is clear and the team in place in every building is experienced and committed, so I am comfortable to take this temporary leave for my family.

I appreciate your understanding at this time and hope your season is filled with the love and happiness that only family and friends can bring.

Best regards,

Amalia



Parking Lot Update...

I have seen improvement in both drop off and pick up routines. We will be out next week passing out safety reminders.

- Please continue to use our main parking lot for pick up and drop off. This past week I observed people again dropping off and picking up students on the side street and then making u-turns.
- Please use the entire drop off lane. I am aware that in past years parking was permitted in the lane past the pole. This is no longer the case. Parking is limited to parking stalls. Please pull as far forward as possible to allow others access to the lane.
- Patrols are receiving additional training on Monday, January 9th to assure their safety around cars. Please drive safely and slowly around our students.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

January 16th

No School



Our generous PTSA has provided funding for the JUGGLER guy to come back to Somerset on the first week in February. Family Fun night will be Feb 3rd in the gym... more information to come.



**Wednesday,
January 18th
@ 9:45 AM**

Parent Information Nights Coming up...

Please contact these schools for more information.

Tyee Middle School will be hosting Parent Information Night on January 26th @7pm. For more information ...425-456-6800

Big Picture School will be hosting Parent Information Nights in their cafeteria on January 12th, 18th, 31st, and February 8th from 7-8:30pm...the open enrollment period is January 9 to February 10, 2012. Bellevue Big Picture will serve grades 6 – 12 by 2014. For 2012 -2013, grades will be 6, 7, 9, and 10. **Enrollment is determined by a lottery process.** For more information... 425-456-7800

International School will be hosting Parent Information Nights Tuesday January 10th and Wednesday January 11th, both @7pm. Parking is limited around this school so consider carpooling. Please use the following link to find out more information regarding International School.

<http://www.bsd405.org/international/calendar.aspx>

Parent Information Night for students attending the **Odle Prism** program is scheduled for March 5th @ 6pm. For more information... 425-456-6600

The next Bullying Prevention Parent Information Night, co-sponsored by the District and the Bellevue PTSA Council, will be held Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. at the Sammamish High School Library. If you have any questions contact **Sara Schwartz the Communications Manager** from the Bellevue School District. She can be reached at 425-456-4146 or via email at schwartzs@bsd405.org.

Look for more information on **Math Whizz** to come out in the next week. We have to work with the district office to determine the appropriate way to handle the exchange of money needed to allow families to pay for this great value (\$38.43 to extend through August). For pilot students, points and pets will not be lost if there is an interruption of access. We are working hard to resolve this in the coming days. Thanks for your patience. I am glad that students, teachers, and parents agree there is value in this program.

