



Somerset Happenings!

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To keep you updated . . .

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day (jeans and spirit shirts)	10/3
Fire Safety Week	10/6 - 10/10
Elementary Book	10/6
Student of the Month	10/8
No School - Yom Kippur	10/9
Chick-fil-a night	10/8
Spirit Day (jeans & spirit shirts)	10/10
Book Fair Family Fun Night	10/10
2nd grade Spelling Bee	10/13
3rd grade Spelling Bee	10/14
PTSO Meeting - 7pm	10/14
4th grade Spelling Bee	10/15
5th grade Spelling Bee	10/16
School Pictures Pk -2	
School Pictures 3rd - 5th grade	10/17
Sweet Tomato Night	10/21
Early Release Day	10/23
No School - Employee	10/24
Red Ribbon Week	10/27
Storybook Parade - Pk	10/31

This is not an easy time for anyone and unfortunately the economic hardships facing our families, we are not immune to through the schools.

With the state cutting monies that come to the schools, and people leaving the area, we are lower in enrollment than we projected for this school year.

For this reason, we need to restructure our staff to accommodate these financial changes.

In the elementary, we had to say goodbye to some of our assistants. We were all saddened by this but were able to keep many of them in the Somerset family with positions as substitutes and LEAP staff.

As always, our amazing group of teachers have already pitched in to make this a seamless transition for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

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Elementary Clubs

We wanted more extra curricular activities for our students, so we asked what they would like to see and came up with our new elementary clubs.

- Chorus: On Monday afternoons at 2:15 - 3:15 (we switched the time) our budding K-5 singers meet in the elem cafeteria where they have already begun working on their first performance!

- Spanish: This club meets in room 16 on Wednesday afternoons and caters to those 2nd - 5th graders that want to delve deeper into Hispanic heritage and conversational

Spanish. This club will be run entirely in Spanish from 2:15 - 3:15.

- Environmental: For our 3rd - 5th graders who want to make our Earth a better place, our club will meet in room 112 at 2:15-3:15 on Wednesdays. Here our students will be working on a recycling program as well as ways for our school to Go Green!

- Origami: This was an informal club last year but had such a huge following we had to offer it to our 4th and 5th graders on Thursday afternoon! They meet at

2:15-3:15 in room 18.

- Gentlemen's/Ladies: This is exactly what it sounds like, a club for our 4th and 4th grade pre-teens to help them with hygiene, etiquette, and peer pressures that they face. Both clubs meet at 2:15-3:15 in room 111. The girls meet on Thursdays and the boys meet on Tuesdays.

- To be part of our clubs, all students and parents must sign and return the Club Contract that will expect positive behavior and grades from our students!



Drop Off

Unless your child is enrolled in morning care or sibling care they may not be on campus before 7:40pm. Also **NO CHILD** may be on campus before 7:00am, the school is closed and there is no supervision on campus.

One of the biggest safety hazards we had last year was the amount of students that were dropped off and left unsupervised around our campus. If you drop your child off early, and they are not enrolled in morning care or sibling care, your child will be asked to wait in the office, you will be notified, and you will be charged \$25 for the first 15 minutes that they are there early and \$2 for every additional minute until school begins. Please know this is not meant to be harsh, but we need to protect our children and the amount of accidents that can occur while they are unsupervised is numerous. With all the traffic that comes in and out of our campus, it is imperative that students are never left without adult supervision.

Reminders for our new year

- Ask your child to show you his/her agenda each day. Along with the yearly calendar, it is our most direct form of communication with your child's teacher.
- Call into the school attendance hotline each day that your child is absent from school and please make sure to send in a note when they return to school.
- Please remember students are only allowed to miss 5 days of school per quarter, excused or unexcused.
- Sign-In at the office and obtain a visitor's badge every time you are in school. Please make sure to bring your license with you, it will need to be scanned through our security system each time.
- All school staff wear ID's. Visitors and Volunteers must have a pass from the office that is visible or you will be stopped by security. Under no circumstances are parents permitted to enter classroom buildings without proper identification.
- Early dismissal must be done through the Elementary Office. School staff will escort students to the office. Students may not be picked up for early dismissal after 1:30pm.
- Please write your child's name on your hanging car tag and make sure to have it in your car for dismissal. This will ensure our carpool running smoothly. If you need an additional tag, please just ask!!
- Immunization Records must be up to date as of August 31st. Please see Mrs. Maggie Oharriz in the main office or call extension 332. If we do not have updated records by this date, your child cannot remain in school.
- Free/Reduced lunch applications must be turned in to Mrs. Sanchez (ext. 331) in the Elementary Office no later than September 29th.

