



Enjoy Your Summer!

Quick Calendar:

Upcoming Important Dates:

Summer Break Begins Today!

School Resumes: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Information from Somerset Elementary



The Somerset Family-From a Distance

What an amazing showing at our Goodbye Parade last night! Our Somerset Staff certainly felt the love. It was heart warming and energizing to see our Somerset Stars in person.

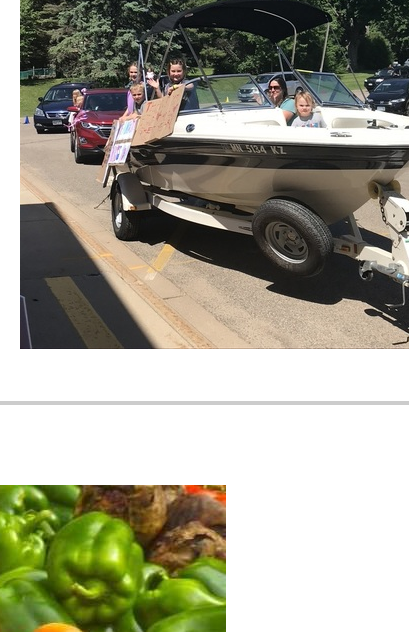
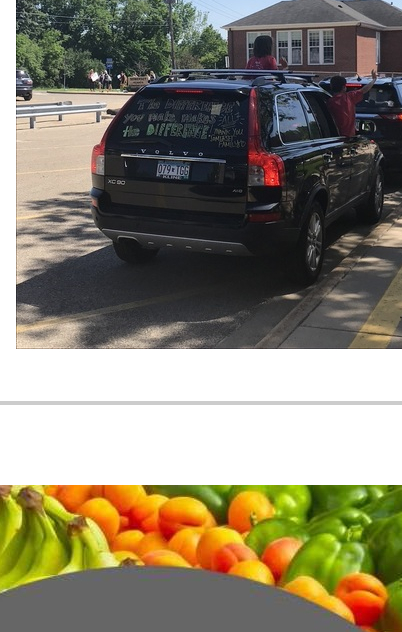
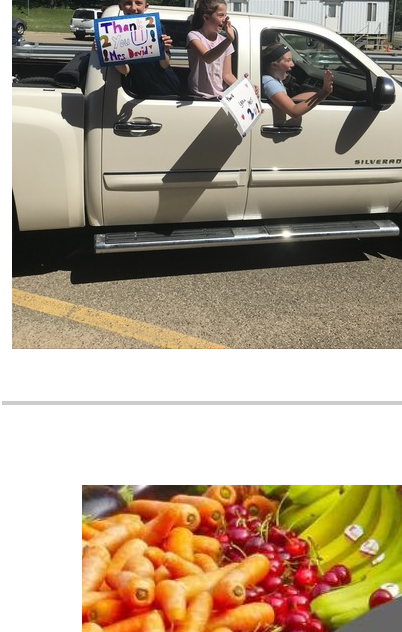
The end of this year was not what we had expected. Regardless of the changes we all experienced, I have to say, I have so proud of how our Somerset community came together to make Distance Learning a success. The Distance Learning process was a team effort and we made it through together! It has been made very clear that the Somerset Family does not just live within the walls of our building, rather our Somerset Family is a part of each of us. We are a family, we support one another, we come together when times are hard, we cry together, and we celebrate together. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to lead this amazing family!

We are already thinking about next fall and at this point, we are unsure about what the start of the school year will look like. We would like to collect your feedback on distance learning this spring to help us with our planning going forward. The link below will take you to the parent feedback survey on distance learning.

I am filled with gratitude for each and everyone of you and the role you played in your child's education this school year. Take time this summer to unplug, relax, soak up some sun, and enjoy a good book! We can't wait to be back together in September- whatever that may look like.

Love,
Mrs. Huettl

[Distance Learning Survey](#)



Starting Wednesday, June 10, the school district will start its summer lunch program. We will be offering breakfast and lunch (packaged as a unit) for curbside pick up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Garlough Environmental Magnet School (1740 Charlton Street in West St. Paul) and Moreland Arts & Health Sciences Magnet (217 West Moreland Avenue in West St. Paul) from June 10 to August 21, Monday-Friday (except for Friday, July 3).



Summer iPad Options

Over the summer months, School District 197 will continue to provide students in kindergarten through grade 8 with access to technology. Our high school students have always retained their devices over the summer. The

purpose for having students keep devices is to:

- Allow them to stay connected to their schools, friends, family, and the community.
- Provide an opportunity for continued independent learning (if they choose) over the summer.
- Please refer to the email sent out by the school magnet for more information.

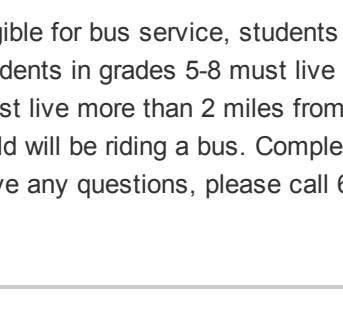
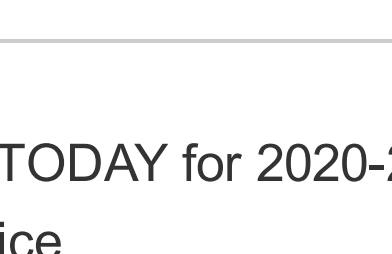
If you are choosing to NOT keep your student's iPad over the summer, or you are leaving District 197, you can find drop-off information below:

- Somerset Elementary School**
Drop off is at Moreland (217 W. Moreland Ave. in West St. Paul)
Thursday, June 4 between 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Friday, June 5 between 8-10 a.m.

[Student iPad Summer Resources](#)

Yearbook Orders

Lifetouch has informed us that yearbook production has been delayed due to plant shutdowns and COVID-19. Please rest assured that we will be receiving 2020-21 yearbooks and as soon as they are in our hands, we will get them mailed out to homes over the summer. Thank you for your understanding as we all navigate these small disappointments.



Register TODAY for 2020-21 Bus Service

All students entering grades K-12 who plan to ride a bus next school year MUST register for bus service each year. Click here to register your student TODAY. To be eligible for bus service, students in grades K-4 must live more than 0.75 of a mile from school, students in grades 5-8 must live more than 1 mile from school, and students in grades 9-12 must live more than 2 miles from school. Please only register for service when you are sure your child will be riding a bus. Complete one form per child. Forms are due August 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please call 651-403-8320.

Community Resources

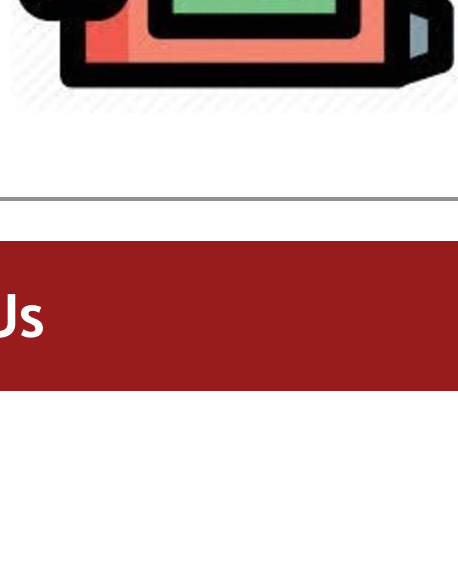
Please check out this list of Community Resources that was compiled by Somerset Elementary's 360 Community Worker, Emily Thompson:

- Neighbors Inc:** Social Service Agency including Food Shelf
222 Grand Ave W.
South St. Paul, MN
651-455-5000
neighborsmn.org
- The Open Door:** Food Pantry (Eagan)
3904 Cedar Grove Parkway
Eagan, MN
651-686-0787
theopendoorpantry.org
- Dakota County Public Assistance**
Online applications at ApplyMN
651-554-5611
- Unemployment Assistance and Applications**
uimn.org
- 360Communities:** Social Service Agency (food support in southern Dakota County)
360communities.org
952-985-5300
Domestic Violence outreach services and safe housing
Lewis House: 651-452-7288
- CareerForce:** Minnesota's Career Resource for job seekers
Careerforcemn.org

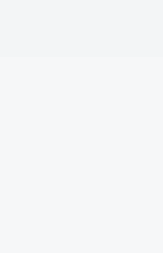
Want to Connect with a Somerset Family?

The [Somerset Family Directory](#) is here! We will be updating the directory daily throughout the school closure.

[Click here](#) to provide your information for the directory.

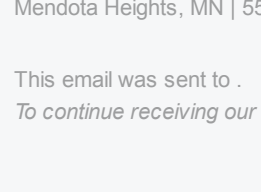


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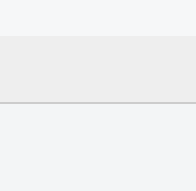
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