

# CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter from the Somerville Public Schools – December 7, 2018

## News & Notes

### NEXT WAVE/FULL CIRCLE TREE LOT FUNDRAISER UNDER WAY

The Next Wave/Full Circle (NWFC) Tree Lot is open! Managed by students and staff, all proceeds from tree sales go to fund off-site learning experiences such as trips to Pat's Peak, Roller World, and Curious Creatures. It also helps to defray the cost of the NWFC's Early Risers Cafe, where staff make breakfast for students who consistently arrive to school on time. Located at the Cross Street garden between Otis and Bonair streets, the NWFC tree lot hours are: 4-8pm Mondays to Fridays, 10am-8pm Saturdays, 10am-5pm Sundays. The last day for sales will be Wednesday, December 19, unless they sell out before that.



### SOMERVILLE ICAN PROGRAM CONNECTS STUDENTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Students from Full Circle and Somerville High School have been learning about career opportunities in a variety of industries through a pilot program called Somerville ICAN (Institute for Careers and Networking). The program is a joint effort between the Somerville Public Schools, Massachusetts Advocates for Children, and Work Without Limits. Somerville ICAN offers students a chance to visit industry sites, meet with employees and managers from each partner site, and learn a little bit about the types of job opportunities that each site offers and the skills needed to enter and succeed in that field. Five area partners – Cambridge Health Alliance, CVS Health Boston, Vinfen, PwC, and Partners Healthcare – are making sure that SPS students are gaining the knowledge, skills, and connections they need as they prepare for post-secondary life. Learn more about the Somerville ICAN program in [this blog post](#).



# What's Happening

## Somerville Child Care Center Open for Enrollment

Somerville Child Care Center is celebrating 25 years of quality service to the Somerville community. The Center, located at 8 Bonair Street in east Somerville, serves children between the ages of 2 years/9months and 5 years old, with priority given to children of Somerville Public Schools teachers and other staff members, City of Somerville employees, and local residents. The Center currently has space available for additional enrollment. Visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/childcare-center](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/childcare-center) to learn more about the Somerville Child Care Center or to enroll your child in the program.

## Somerville Learning 2030 – A Community-wide Vision for Learning

You still have time to lend your voice to an important conversation about the future of learning and youth development in Somerville. Share your thoughts and ideas by completing a short survey, available at <http://bit.ly/sl2030survey>. Find out more about this city-wide initiative and ways in which you can get involved in this process, from this recent blog post: <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/blog/somerville-learning-2030>.

## Music is in the Air this Winter Season

Music is in the air this winter season, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the work of our music students and teachers across the district. On Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, El Sistema Somerville presents their Winter Concert, “Bach to Batman” starting at 5:45pm at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium. On Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the All City Middle School Concert takes place at the ESCS Auditorium from 6:30-8:30pm. Check our website calendar of events for a list of additional upcoming winter concerts across the district.

## Upcoming School & District Events:

Visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us) and click on the “calendar” link at the top of the page for a list of upcoming activities in our schools and in our District this month.

**Friday, December 7, 6:00-7:30pm: Brown School Craft Fair** at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (115 Sycamore)

**Friday, December 7, 7:00pm: Highlander Theatre Company presents the musical RENT** at the Somerville High School Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

**Saturday, December 8, 2:00pm: Highlander Theatre Company presents the musical RENT** at the Somerville High School Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

**Saturday, December 8, 7:00pm: Highlander Theatre Company presents the musical RENT** at the Somerville High School Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

**Monday, December 10, 6:30-8:30pm: Somerville SEPAC ASD Training** at the Somerville Public Library Auditorium, Central Branch (79 Highland Ave.)

**Tuesday, December 11, 9:00-11:00am: ESCS Winter Concert** at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium (50 Cross St.)

**Tuesday, December 11, 5:30-6:30pm: Unidos Information Night** at the East Somerville Community School Library (50 Cross St.)

**Tuesday, December 11, 5:30-7:00pm: Argenziano School Council Meeting** at the Argenziano Conference Room (290 Washington St.)

**Tuesday, December 11, 5:45pm: El Sistema Somerville Winter Concert, “Bach to Batman”** at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium (50 Cross St.)

**Wednesday, December 12, 8:20-9:20am: Ms. Lrette Family Author Breakfast** at the West Somerville Neighborhood School (177 Powder House Blvd.)

**Wednesday, December 12, 9:00-9:30am: Argenziano PreK and K Tufts Enchanted Show** at the Argenziano Cafeteria (290 Washington St.)

**Wednesday, December 12: Half-day Wednesday for PK-8** (PK dismissal at 11:30am; K-8 dismissal at noon)

**Wednesday, December 12, 5:00-6:30pm: WSNS School Council Meeting** (177 Powder House Blvd.)

**Thursday, December 13, 9:30-11:15am: Winter Hill Community Innovation School Winter Concert** at the Somerville High School Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

**Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:30pm: All-City Middle School Concert** at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium (50 Cross St.)

### Upcoming School Committee Meetings:

Find the complete School Committee schedule, agendas and meeting minutes (as approved) online at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school-committee](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school-committee).

**Monday, December 17, 6:00-7:00pm: Education Programs and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting** at the Board of Aldermen Chambers, City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)

**Monday, December 17, 7:00-9:00pm: Regular School Committee Meeting** at the Board of Aldermen Chambers, City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)

### Upcoming Somerville Family Learning Collaborative Workshops and Events:

Find a complete list of SFLC events and workshops at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/families](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/families).

**SSEPAC Autism Spectrum Parent Training.** Join the Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council on Monday, December 10, 6:30-8:30pm, for a training by the Massachusetts Advocates for Children about the Autism spectrum. Meet and connect with parents/guardians and others involved with the special education process. The training takes place at the Somerville Public Library Central branch, located at 79 Highland Ave.

**Sharing Our Stories Support Group.** Join SFLC staff and fellow Somerville parents on Thursday, December 13, 7:00-8:30pm at the Cummings School building (42 Prescott St.) for a support group for families with young children who have special needs. Raising a child who does not always fit in can be challenging. This free, open-ended group will offer adults the opportunity to share joys, concerns, frustrations, questions and resources about their experiences. Facilitated by Amy Bamforth, LICSW.

**SFLC Community Resource, Jobs and Legal Services Clinic.** Do you have questions about community resources? Looking for childcare? On Thursday, December 20, 5:00-7:00pm at the Cummings School building (42 Prescott St., room 12), meet representatives from the SFLC, City of Somerville Health and Human Services, and SomerViva for information, resources and referrals. The SFLC Community Clothing Closet, a resource for free clothing for families in need, and the Beautiful Stuff art-making space will be open. For more information, contact Francia Reyes at (617) 625-6600, x6994 or email [freyes@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:freyes@k12.somerville.ma.us).

**Serve and Inspire: Volunteer Orientation.** New to volunteering with the Somerville Public Schools? Join us on Thursday, December 20, 6:00-8:00pm for an orientation to learn about district schools and how SPS volunteers serve, inspire and support student learning. Orientation takes place at the Cummings School building on 42 Prescott St. For more information, contact your school-based Volunteer Coordinator or Jen Capuano at [jcapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:jcapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us) or (617) 629-5475.

**IMPACT: Arts and Conversation.** Join the Immigrant Multilingual Parent Action Team (IMPACT) for Arts and Conversation every Friday morning, 9:00-11:00am at the Cummings School building (42 Prescott St.). Immigrant parents/guardians are invited to create art and connect with each other. Arts and Conversation sessions are hosted by the Beautiful Stuff Project in partnership with the SFLC. For more information, contact Maura Mendoza Quiroz at (617) 625-6600, x6958 or [mquiroz@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:mquiroz@k12.somerville.ma.us).

### Looking Ahead:

**Monday, December 17, 2:15-2:30pm: ESCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards** at the ESCS Auditorium (50 Cross St.)

**Tuesday, December 17, 8:30-9:00am: ESCS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards** at the ESCS Auditorium (50 Cross St.)

**Tuesday, December 18: Argenziano 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip** to Boston Holocaust Memorial

**Tuesday, December 18: WSNS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip** to Theatre

**Wednesday, December 19, 6:00-8:00pm: SHS School Improvement Council Meeting** at Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.)

**Thursday, December 20, 8:11-9:15am: West Somerville Neighborhood School K STEAM Event** (177 Powder House Blvd.)

**Thursday, December 20, 6:00-8:00pm: Serve and Inspire Volunteer Orientation** at the Cummings School building (42 Prescott St.)

**Thursday, December 20, 6:30-9:00pm: Somerville High School Winter Concert** at the SHS Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

**Friday, December 21, 9:15-10:45am: Argenziano PreK-4 Winter Concert** at the Argenziano Cafetorium (290 Washington St.)

**Monday-Friday, December 24-28: Winter Break – All Schools Closed** (All district offices closed on December 24 and 25, open the remainder of the week)

**Monday-Tuesday, December 31-January 1: Winter Break – All Schools Closed** (All district offices will close at 1:00pm on 12/31 and will be closed all day January 1)

## Community News & Events

**SYHA Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey Clinics.** Clinics begin on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, with rolling registration throughout the Fall / Winter, and run every Saturday through February. Clinic details and registration information can be found at [www.somervilleyouthhockey.org](http://www.somervilleyouthhockey.org).

**Somerville Parks & Recreation.** Visit <http://www.somervillerec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities> to learn all about the Somerville Parks & Recreation Department's current programming.

**City Holiday Events.** On Sunday, December 9, a ceremonial Menorah lighting will be held at City Hall with Rabbi Eliana from Temple B'nai Brith, Mayor Curtatone, and community members. Please note that the Menorah lighting time has changed to 5:30pm. The Menorah will also be lit each night of Hanukkah. On Saturday, December 15, take a tour of Somerville's incredible holiday lights displays with the [Somerville Arts Council's annual Illuminations Tours](#). Tours leave from the SHS field house every 45 minutes starting at 4:30pm. Illuminations Tour tickets go on sale December 2 at Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway (cash or check only).

## City & District Employment Opportunities

Consider joining a winning team! Current city and district opportunities include:

- [Electrician for the Lights and Lines Division](#), DPW – Electrical Lights and Lines, City of Somerville
- [Housing Case Manager and Landlord Outreach Coordinator](#), Office of Housing Stability, City of Somerville
- [Deputy Director of Housing Stability](#), Office of Housing Stability, City of Somerville
- [Capital Projects Director](#), Capital Projects and Planning Dept., City of Somerville

Visit <https://www.somervillema.gov/jobs> for a complete listing of current open positions in the City of Somerville.

- [Principal Clerk – Administrative Assistant](#), Somerville High School, Somerville Public Schools
- [Senior Clerk](#), Albert F. Argenziano School, Somerville Public Schools
- [Substitute Teachers](#), District-wide, Somerville Public Schools
- [Full-Time Lead Teacher](#), Community Schools Afterschool Program, Somerville Public Schools

Visit <https://www.schoolspring.com/jobs/?employer=16902> for a complete listing of current open positions in the Somerville Public Schools.

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Have something to share with the community? Send information to [connections@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:connections@k12.somerville.ma.us) to share an event. Please note that we look for events and programs that support youth development. Include date, time and name of event, along with any additional pertinent information. Or, submit your event to <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/calendar/submit>.

### Our Commitment to the Whole Child

VISION: "We believe in developing the whole child — the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical potential of all students — by providing students with the skills, opportunities, and resources that will nurture innovative ideas, foster pride in diversity, inspire students to become lifelong learners and empower them to enrich their communities."