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| **Somerville School**  **Ridgewood Public Schools**  **Dr. Lorna Oates-Santos, Principal** |
| **January 23, 2018 E-News**  *"True kindness is when you do something for someone who can never repay you" ~ Anonymous*  **The Great Kindness Challenge is underway this week at Somerville!  Don't forget to participate and be kind!**  **Monday (January 22) – Team Kindness:  Wear your favorite sports gear!**  **Tuesday (January 23) – Crazy about Kindness:  Wear mismatched clothes!**  **Wednesday (January 24) – Ride the Kindness Wave:  Wear beach attire!**  **Thursday (January 25) - Dream of Kindness:  Wear your PJ’s!**  **Friday (January 26) – Choose to be Nice:  Wear your Somerville/Ridgewood attire!**  **INTERNATIONAL DAY KICKOFF MEETING (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)** – International Day will be held this year on Thursday Evening 4/5 and Friday 4/6.  International Day is an event  that celebrates the heritages of all of our students at Somerville through special performances, informative tables, and other special outlets.  As always, we are looking for parent [VOLUNTEERS](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/DK1e-Exy8HNhl49PwmOTqw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly9nb28uZ2wvZm9ybXMvSEtSMUNSdU81NzB6d1dTRTJXB3NjaG9vbG1YBAAAAABCCgADXntnWuOWYxQ~) for the event.  Please join us at our kickoff meeting on Tuesday February 6th at 8:00 pm in the Somerville library.  You can also sign up now by [clicking here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/DK1e-Exy8HNhl49PwmOTqw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly9nb28uZ2wvZm9ybXMvSEtSMUNSdU81NzB6d1dTRTJXB3NjaG9vbG1YBAAAAABCCgADXntnWuOWYxQ~).  Questions, please email us at [somervilleintlday@gmail.com](mailto:somervilleintlday@gmail.com). - Co-Chairs Mayumi Bresciaand Anthony Fasano.  You can watch a video detailing the event [here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/bO4C5_g7izYugI2PZ1q7Zw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0Q8aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cueW91dHViZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g_dj1VcHhtMWRnR3pZUSZmZWF0dXJlPXlvdXR1LmJlVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAA157Z1rjlmMU).  **CLUB UPDATE**  **iCode Club** **Attention: Grade 2 and 3 students**  Would you like to learn more about how your favorite games are made?  Then the iCode Club is the club for you!  No coding experience is necessary, just a willingness to give it a try *and a parent*  *or adult helper who is willing to explore with you.*  Somerville's iCode Club is not a coding class, but a coding workshop.  Working together, students and parent helpers will figure things out and make projects.  **iCode2: Grade 2 and Grade 3 students with adult partners**  **Advisor: Kerry Calaman Location: Room 109** **Time: 3:05-4:00 pm**  **Session Dates: Selected Wednesdays in JAN, FEB, and MAR.**  **Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7 (No class Feb 14.)**  **Click or paste the following link to sign up for iCode #2** **(2nd and 3rd grade students only):**  [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLddxGkDxskJ5RIY429IpbdYGRyeCP3a8MJxYOOsH1vY0eIA/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail\_form\_link](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/UWqfa6tqGMLugbFdxHWlrQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0R-aHR0cHM6Ly9kb2NzLmdvb2dsZS5jb20vZm9ybXMvZC9lLzFGQUlwUUxTY0xkZHhHa0R4c2tKNVJJWTQyOUlwYmRZR1J5ZUNQM2E4TUp4WU9Pc0gxdlkwZUlBL3ZpZXdmb3JtP2M9MCZ3PTEmdXNwPW1haWxfZm9ybV9saW5rVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAA157Z1rjlmMU)  **\*\*A new link will be uploaded for iCode #3  in early APRIL.  The link above is only to sign up for the current session, iCode #2, for second and third grade students.**  **Thanks!  Happy coding!**  *Mrs. Calaman*  **DADS NIGHT ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE:** Thursday, January 25th is the DN Blood Drive in the parking lot behind Somerville 4-8:30 pm. The flyer is attached [here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/JUuEnKpRDYk-zcmLuGum1Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPVdQZU50TV91eVJ3Jm1hbD0zMmE5NzE3OWUwMmVlZWRmZDIzODljNTVkZmMxMzlmNWY5NTE5NmU1OTkwNjNjNzVhMTcwN2RhMTdhM2Q0NzBlVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAA157Z1rjlmMU) .  The link to our schedule is [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/46907](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/CVO_beN4WeWvLR55X1HRsw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcSK7eP0Q_aHR0cHM6Ly9kb25vci5jYnNibG9vZC5vcmcvZG9ub3Ivc2NoZWR1bGVzL2RyaXZlX3NjaGVkdWxlLzQ2OTA3VwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAA157Z1rjlmMU)  **2017-2018 Wellbeing Speaker Series continues.**..Wednesday, January 24 @ GWMS 7-9 pm.  Katie Hurley presents **Tackling Childhood Stress:  How to Raise Happy Kids in a Stressful World**  **January Food Donation:  Last week to send in your oatmeal and get a high five from Dr. Oates!  All donations will be picked up on January 25th!**  **HOME AND SCHOOL**  **HSA E-NEWS**  **FROM THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION**  What a great turnout we had for our annual Bingo Night! Can you believe 108 kids attended?? Our caller and Co-Chair **Bill Karins** led the crowd through BINGO variations including “4 corners”, “Horizontal”, “Postage Stamp”, “Railroad Tracks”, and a custom-created Somerville special, the “Doc. Oates” – all around the outside for an O shape! Thank you for an excellently executed event, Bill and **Doug Shafer**! You guys were great! And special thanks to **Gina Rivera** for selling the cards!  Let your kid channel their inner Bruno Mars! **Lip Sync 2018** is Friday, February 9th, at 7pm. Performers must attend one rehearsal date: either Monday, 2/5 or Wednesday, 2/7. One adult per group must attend rehearsal. Sign up using the form on the Somerville website and return it to the main office no later than Thursday, 2/1.Questions? E-mail chairs **Kelly Gazzini** ([kgazzini@verizon.net](mailto:kgazzini@verizon.net)) or **Elizabeth Hall** ([lizhall@optonline.net](mailto:lizhall@optonline.net))  Have a great week, everyone!  Alexa Wagschal |