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| **Somerville School**  **Ridgewood Public Schools**  **Dr. Lorna Oates-Santos, Principal** |
| December 12, 2017 E-News  *"To shine your brightest light is to be truly who you are"* ~ Roy T. Bennett  **REMINDERS**  **December 13**  5 O'Rourke field trip to The Met  **December 15**  Music Concert - Grades 1 & 2 - 9:15 am  Music Concert - Grades 3&4 - 10:45 am  HSA Meeting @ 1:30 in Dr. Oates's office  **December 21**  5Lupia & 5Menzies field trip to The Met  **December 22**  Minimum Day - Dismissal is at 12:45 PM  **HOME AND SCHOOL**  **FROM THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION**  *“Acknowledging feelings is not the prologue; it’s the main event.”* – Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish, How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk  **THE END (…of the Book Fair for this year!)** Thank you to all who helped set up and break down the Book Fair last week. And let’s not forget everyone who bought books! Most of all, we gratefully acknowledge chairs **Courtney Karam**, **Barbara Caramagno**, **Janine Lanzisera** and **Jill Kelly**‘s commitment of their valuable time. This fundraiser works in a kinda neat way – Somerville will be “paid” in Scholastic books, based on sales.  **Box Tops** As a reminder, please keep sending in your box tops. You can staple them to the submission form or just stick them in a baggie with your child’s and their teacher’s names on it.  Check the due date -- expired box tops aren’t accepted.  **DRY CLEANING** checks due this Friday! Get your dry cleaning credit at Ridgewood Cleaners (on Broad Street opposite Sook and Super Cellars) by mailing or dropping a check to Whitney Klein at [218 South Van Dien Ave](https://maps.google.com/?q=218+South+Van+Dien+Ave&entry=gmail&source=g). (payable to Somerville HSA). 20% of the value goes to the HSA and you get an additional 10% in credit.  **GROCERY CARDS** for cash this Friday at 3:00! Look for **Claudia** in the lime-green vest in front of the school! Checks also accepted. Our traditional envelope-in-the-backpack system, now ably run by **Rich Miller**, remains another way to participate in this important fundraiser… Use grocery cards to pay at **Stop n Shop**, **Kings** and **Shop-Rite**.  **FAIRWAY** **key fob tags** are available at the Somerville office for anyone who wants one! Two percent of unlimited grocery purchases will be credited to the Somerville HSA through Fairway’s Community Partners program. Just get the teller to scan your tag at the cash.  The **December HSA meeting** is this Friday, the 15th, from 1:30 – 2:30 in Dr. Oates’ office. All are welcome!  Would you like to volunteer for the **Harlem Wizards** annual basketball game on January 26th? There are four slots available for Somerville volunteers. Volunteers do not need to purchase a ticket to the event and will receive a "volunteer" lanyard for entry.  Guests/family members of volunteers have to pay for tickets, however. Please e-mail me at [somervilleschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:somervilleschoolhsa@gmail.com) if you’re interested.  Have a great week!  Alexa Wagschal |
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