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Principal/PTA Coffee Update: Our School Improvement Plan (SIP)



Next Coffee: Wed., Nov. 28, 9:15-10:15 am in the Library

The 2nd Principal/PTA coffee was held on Wednesday, Oct. 24th from 9:15-10:15 am in the library. About 40 parents were in attendance to hear Sra. Nestor present the schools SIP (School Improvement Plan.) The Puesta del Sol SIP includes 4 sections: Data Analysis Highlights, Detailed Plan for Reading and Math, Parent, Family and Community Involvement, and School Professional Development. For more information on what was presented at the Principal/PTA coffee, please visit the PTA website at www.puestadelsolpta.org.

Upcoming Events

- 11/4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 11/5 Global Reading Sign-up Due
- 11/6 Election Day
- 11/7 Gifted Program Parent Meeting
- 11/8 Education Connections
- 11/9 Conference Day-NO SCHOOL
- 11/12 Veterans Day-NO SCHOOL
- 11/13-15 BSF Phonathon
- 11/16 RAD Ends
- 11/16 Gifted Application Due
- 11/21-22 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 11/29 Passport Check

Gifted Program Evaluations

Parent Meeting: Wednesday, Nov 7 at 7 pm
 WISC Rainier Room, 12241 Main Street Bellevue

The Gifted Programs Office of the Bellevue School District will be evaluating students for gifted services January 12, 26, and February 2, 2013. Gifted services are available at the elementary, middle and high school levels. If you would like to have your child evaluated for gifted services, please provide evidence that your child has met one of the following screening criteria within the past 12 months:

Performance in the 85th percentile or above on a standardized ability or achievement test
 OR

Rating of "4" in any area of the state MSP (or the top rating on any other state assessment)
 OR

A rating of "Above Proficiency" on the Total Reading Comprehension (TRC) assessment

Applicants meeting this requirement will be scheduled for further gifted assessment in January or February. If you believe your child is in need of gifted services, and you currently live within the Bellevue School District boundaries, applications and additional information can be found at our website: www.bsd405.org/gifted. **The application deadline is November 16, 2012.**

Election Day is Nov 6

Remember to mail in your ballots
 Free drop box at crossroads mall



Email RAD Minutes!

It's the end of the fourth week of RAD. Please email your classroom volunteer with the number of minutes your child read in Spanish and English.

Save the Date! International Festival: March 2, 2013

The 2013 International Festival will be held at Newport H.S on Saturday, March 2. If you would like to be part of planning this year's festival, we would love to have YOU. Please contact Mary Fredericksen at maryandjohn4@comcast.net or Jessi Bixby at jessibixby@comcast.net.

Also, be looking for information on how to sign your child up for one of the offerings that will be taught by our Spanish Interns. Let's make this the best festival yet!!



Congratulations to Srta. Jenny!

Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers (WAFALT) recently named Srta. Jenny Teacher of the Year! This honor is awarded to a teacher who promotes the learning of language and culture in innovative ways in the school and community.

Check out the full story at <http://tinyurl.com/9yhzkcw>.

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Mark Your Calendars—Spring for Schools is May 17, 2013

Join over 1,000 fellow parents, businesses, and community leaders for Bellevue Schools Foundation's annual fundraising luncheon! More information, including table captain sign-ups and registration, will be available in early 2013. Know a business that may be interested in sponsoring the luncheon? Contact Marian McDermott at marian@bsfdn.org or 425.456.4199.

Library News

VERY IMPORTANT! Global Reading Challenge forms **must be turned in to the library by Monday, November 5th**. Any forms coming in after the November 5th date will be held for next year's teams.

Did you Receive your Directory?

Directories went home Friday, October 26. If your family did not receive one, please email webmaster@puestadelsolpta.org. Extra copies available for \$5 while supplies last.

Bring Back Volunteer ID Badges!

We love it when you volunteer, but please bring or send any non-photo ID volunteer badges back to the office.



Daylight Savings Time ends Nov 4. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Protect Your Family from the Flu Get vaccinated today!

Influenza is an illness that spreads easily by coughing and sneezing. Flu most often causes fever, cough, sore throat, body aches and headache. Stop the spread and protect your family by getting vaccinated today. For up to date information, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To find an immunization clinic, call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

Our Virtue for the Month of November is
Gratitude

Dress for the Weather!

The **weather** has finally turned to fall—please be sure to send your student to school with appropriate outerwear, and footwear, for the weather.



Phonathon Volunteers Needed!

Over 200 volunteers are needed to make calls during Bellevue Schools Foundation's annual Phonathon, part of the *All in for Kids* campaign. The Phonathon raises money that will make a difference for every student in Bellevue's public schools. Training will be provided and food will be available for all volunteers. Share the opportunity with HS students as well. It's a great way to obtain community service hours!

Interested? Contact Pam Rauch at rauchpam@hotmail.com or Megan Elmer at megan@bsfdn.org.

Calls: Nov. 13-15 (Tue-Thu), 5:00-8:30 pm (volunteer for one day or for all, but please plan on staying for the full shift)

Mailing Party: Nov. 16 (Fri), start time 10:00 am (may go until 3:00 pm, drop-ins starting later than 10:00 am welcome)

BSF Education Connections Series: Education for 21st Century Careers

Thursday, Nov 8 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

WISC Rainier Room, 12241 Main Street Bellevue

Did you know that students in Bellevue can take Cisco networking courses? Engineering? Culinary arts? Bellevue schools are on the leading edge of preparing students for success through career and technical education. Join Bellevue School District's CTE Director Estelle Collins to learn about the innovative offerings. She'll also share examples of the impact these real-world programs have on students and give an update on the efforts underway to reach more students and reach them earlier by expanding CTE offerings to middle schools.

Complimentary lunch will be provided by the Bellevue Schools Foundation and the students in Newport High School's Culinary Arts Program.

Please register in advance at www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org.

This event is part of Bellevue Schools Foundation's Education Connections, a series featuring speakers on education-related topics.

Attention Art Appreciation Volunteers!

For ideas on running art lessons and craft project ideas, please visit the PTA website at www.puestadelsolpta.org/activities/artappreciation.html. Though under construction, we want art volunteers to be aware there is a place to start finding resources! Got any cool lesson plans and willing to share? Send them to Emmy Park at emmerlee@me.com.

Interested in getting some art appreciation training? Contact Emmy at emmerlee@me.com or Huei huei@nveden.com.

Dining for Dineros: NEW Ooba Toobas Mex Grill Fundraiser



Mention Puesta del Sol when you visit the Mexican grill Ooba Toobas (Factoria only), and they'll donate 10% of your purchase to our PTA until January 6. Valid Mon.-Fri. after 3 pm and all day on weekends. Valid on dine in, take out, and party pack orders.

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Make Tracks this Winter: Ski/Board

Registration for 2nd-12th grade students is open for 6 week, 8 week, and Transportation only programs through December 15th. To register, visit www.bellevueskischool.com.