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The 2013 International Festival was a Huge Success!

Both shows were nearly sold out! The food was outstanding, and the 202 kids that performed should be commended. There was a large diversity among the acts and it was a thrill to watch each and every child put their heart and soul into their performance. Sra. Rose and our four Spanish Interns, Alba, Eli, Maria and Pablo did an excellent job preparing the kids to perform. We thank them for all their time and effort in making this such a big success.

A huge thank you to this years International Committee: Anne Douglas, Luly Feliciano, Valerie Fritz, Patti McKnight, Lisa Flores, Laura Dooley, Stacy Hauser-Weigel, Deb Justice, Michelle Mahlman, John Fredericksen, Kathleen Callahan and Pam Fong, and to this years Chairs: Mary Fredericksen and Jessi Bixby.

A thank you to all parents that chaperoned the weekly practice groups, Krista Capodanno and Koan Davis for doing an amazing job at organizing the bake sale, and to all of the event day volunteers. Each and everyone of you are necessary and events like this could not happen without you.

To view photos from the night, go to http://bfenstermacher.smugmug.com/Children/PdS-Intl-Festival-2013/28254460_Phqq3t, thanks to Brad Fenstermacher, a talented PdS parent.

March 8, 2013

Upcoming Events

- Today SpiritWear Orders Due
- 3/11 Class Pictures
- 3/13 Skate King Afternoon
- 3/14 Book Donations Due
- 3/15 Professional Day/NO SCHOOL
- 3/27 Science Fair
- 3/27 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 3/28 Passport Check
- 4/8-12 Spring Break
- 4/19 Register for Drama
- 4/24 Principal/PTA Coffee

Science Fair is 3 Weeks Away! Wednesday March 27th

Registration closed on Friday with over 200 students set to participate! This is an overwhelming response. We will not be able to accept any late registrations at this time. If your child is registered but will not be able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Contact Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com.

With this unprecedented number of student scientists participating in the science fair this year we are going to need lots of extra help.

More volunteers are needed to make this event a success!

Bake sale coordinator- if you have experience heading up a Puesta del Sol bake sale we need you! Please contact Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com.

Parent Judges - We need lots of parent judges this year-training will be provided. Please consider being a part of the team! Contact Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com

Science-themed prizes for the scavenger hunt are needed: Please bring new or gently used items to the PTA office. Great ideas are books, models, spinners, puzzles, videos, rocks, magnifying glasses, model dinosaurs, weather stations, etc.-Thank you for your support!

International Festival

Lost & Found

One pair of children's prescription eye glasses and two small girls winter coats were left behind. Please contact Mary if they are yours at Maryandjohn4@comast.net

March 10 is Daylight Savings



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

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Afternoon at Skate King



Wednesday, March 13, 2:00-4:00 pm

2301 140th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

\$5 per person (\$4 additional for in-line skates)

Wear a little green to get a raffle ticket

Email Laura at dooley101@msn.com to volunteer to sell water bottles or hand out raffle tickets.

Oops: NO Outside food or drink allowed

Cash or check only, ATM on-site

Non skaters welcome at no charge. This is NOT a drop-off event

Kindy Lottery Results

Available March 11th

Please stop by the school office to pick up a registration packet for September 2013/14 school year. This packet contains fee forms for full day, medical forms for physicals and immunizations along with other forms for kindergarten enrollment. Packets are due by May 1, 2013.

Passport Club Check Day

Thursday, March 28

Special Itinerary: Ethiopia

Journey to Ethiopia! Check the bulletin board in the gym for worksheets and answers. Print a worksheet at puestadelSolpta.org/SI.html.



Please Donate New & Gently-Used Books by March 15

Spring clean your bookshelves and donate new or gently-used books for Tillicum's Bridge-The-Gap Summer Reading Program which includes some incoming 6th graders (today's 5th graders). Drop books that are late elementary thru middle school level in the collection box at Puesta de Sol's school library through March 15. Or search for the wish list "Tillicum" at Amazon.com. Any questions? Please contact Irene Budlong tillicumreading@gmail.com.

International Festival DVD's for Sale

Order by March 12th

Order Forms are in the office

or call 425-672-8409.

Library News

Volunteers Needed!



Mrs. Brody has a ton of books that need covers. Please stop by the library, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Lunch and Recess Monitors Needed



Want a quick and impactful way to help at school? We really need lunch and recess monitors!

Contact Stacy at hauserweigel@comcast.net or sign up at tinyurl.com/pdslunch12.

Artist in Residence at PdS



Ask your child if their class has worked with Puesta del Sol's Artists in Residence, Angel 'Balacé' Reyes and Otoquí Reyes. The goal of the Artist in

Residence program is to enhance the Spanish Immersion setting for the students and reinforce critical thinking through the arts. The program is funded through the Bellevue Schools Foundation and the Puesta del Sol PTA.

Amity Host Families Needed!



We are in need of 12 families to host next years Amity interns. If you are unaware of what an "Amity Intern" is, let us take a minute to share this great program that has been a part of Puesta del Sol for many years. Every year, Puesta del Sol works with a program out of San Diego, CA called the Amity Institute. The Amity Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building international friendships and cultural understanding. Having Amity Interns at our school provides opportunities to share the participant's native language and culture with the students and our community. It also provides additional help to our teachers. While the interns are here, they are hosted by families of our school community. To maintain this wonderful program, we need 12 families to open their homes and host an intern for three months during the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested in hosting but have questions, please contact one of the members of the Amity committee:

Mary Fredericksen maryandjohn4@comcast.net

Stacy Hauser-Weigel hauserweigel@comcast.net

Kristina Dolan kristinadolan@hotmail.com

Applications to host an Amity intern can be found on the Puesta del Sol website and emailed to Mary Fredericksen.

Maria Perez: Spanish Reading and Comprehension Groups

Amity Intern Maria is creating reading comprehension groups based on the different fluency and skills of the children. Please send her an email at maria.pema@hotmail.com if you are interested or for more information.

Hands On Equations Part 2: Begins Tuesday, March 19th!



If your child took Hands on Equations in the Fall or Spring of last year this class is for you! Nine classes, 3:30-4:30 pm, March 19 through May 21st. The cost is \$67. Please email crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com to register.



Nutrition for Tweens and Teens

A PTSA Sponsored Parent Night

If "You are What You Eat," Why Doesn't Junk Food Make My Teenager Sweet?

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm at Odle Library

Marta DeWulf, a nationally recognized nutritionist, will speak about the challenges we all face setting healthy habits for our teens and tweens. Among the topics covered:

- Establishing healthy habits for the long-term
- Ensuring kids who don't like milk or vegetables get enough calcium
- Avoiding power struggles at mealtime

First Soccer Camp in Spanish at Puesta del Sol

Sponsored by Puesta del Sol PTA

with

Srta. Sidoine and Profe. Montero (Fredy Montero's father)

When? June 24 – 28, 2013

Where? Puesta del Sol lower soccer field

Time? Session 1 – 9:00AM – 11:30AM

OR

Session 2 – 12:00PM – 2:30PM

For who? Current Puesta del Sol's 2nd through 5th graders

For more information please take a flyer from the office or contact Srta. Sidoine via e-mail sidoineb@bsd405.org or bliliana@aol.com

