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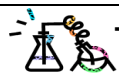
Presidents' Message

As we close out the month of March and look back at the past month, we once again find we are full of gratitude for being part of this Puesta del Sol Community. From the incredible International Festival; to three weeks of our Artists in Residence ethnomusicology; to concluding with Science Fair this week, we *steamed* through and kept on track bringing the PTA Mission full circle: Educating the mind, body and spirits of our children with emphasis on Spanish language and culture!

We remember back to the Parent Education lecture last year and the **importance of these primary years** for students' abilities in acquiring second language and we feel grateful to our hard-working volunteers who first raised the money (Auction committee 2011-12 and Walk a thon 2012-13), then jumped in to work on bringing the PTA programs to fruition (International Festival, SITA, Resident Artists, and Science Fair). These are all programs that exist solely because our community steps up and literally rolls up their sleeves to make it happen. And that was just the month of March!

A huge thank you to the Spanish Immersion through the Arts Committee (**Luly Feliciano, Chairwoman**). Our children were literally moved by the rhythms of the Puerto Rican heritage musicians and visiting artists **Angel and Otooqui Reyes**. The curriculum was custom-designed and completely in Spanish language. Every child in the school participated in singing and dancing history lessons and received inspirational ideas for creating their own history in music and dance.

Another giant thank you to the Science Fair Committee (**Amy Frieden, Chairwoman**) who gave countless hours organizing student entries, judges and other logistics that would make your head spin. And how about those amazing students: the creative energy was certainly evident as we walked through the displays and heard confident students talking about the experiments they conducted. Truly a wonderful learning experience for those who participated in any way.



The 2013 PdS Science Fair was a Success!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the young scientists who participated and a giant THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this a great event! This was the biggest science fair to date and all of it was made possible by our amazing volunteers. Lastly but not least, a very special thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this awesome event.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year, please let me know. I would love to hear from you!
Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com

4 More Host Families Needed for the 2013-14 School Year

Thank you to the following families for hosting an intern for the last 3 1/2 months:

The Appleby family, The Tampa family, The Faulk family, The Peck family

- Hosting is a great way for your family to get exposed to a different culture
- It's a great opportunity for your child to use their Spanish outside of school.
- By hosting an intern, it helps our school tremendously. Interns help our teacher's significantly and our kids benefit from having them at school in so many ways.

Please feel free to contact Mary Fredericksen maryandjohn4@comcast.net or Stacy Weigel hauserweigel@comcast.net if you have any hosting questions. Applications can be found on the PTA website. We hope that you and your family consider hosting!

March 29, 2013

Upcoming Events

- TODAY Wear School Colors
 4/4 Robotics Parent Meeting
 4/8-12 Spring Break
 4/17 Art Appreciation Gallery Night
 4/19 Register for Drama
 4/19 PdS Sock Hop
 4/24 Principal/PTA Coffee
 4/24 Academic Challenge Work Due
 4/24 Health Fair
 4/30 PTA General Meeting
 5/1 Kindy Reg. Due

Leukemia & Lymphoma Coin Drive

The Coin Drive ended this Friday. Many thanks to all of Puesta del Sol community for helping in the battle against leukemia and lymphoma in children. The winning class will be announced soon.

Gracias-Sra. Toni



Save the Date!
 Sock Hop at PdS April 19
 Details to follow

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Submit articles by Monday at 9 pm to
newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org

Your PTA @ Work in March

International Festival

4th Grade Field Trip to Laura Ingall's Play

5th Grade Pacific Marine Field Trip

Artists in Residence

Auction 2013-14 Committee Formation

Science Fair

Bomba Concert

Passport

Budget Process Begins: Committees Review and Submit Proposals

Art Appreciation Gallery Night

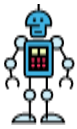
Wednesday, April 17th

6- 8 pm in the PdS Gym

Volunteers Needed: Contact Emmy Park at 206-218-7136/
emmerlee@me.com or Hwei Huang
hwei@nweden.com. Thank you!

PdS Robotics Team

Parent Meeting April 4, 6-6:45 pm



Attention 3rd and 4th grade parents!

Is your child interested in applying for a spot on the PdS Robotics competitive First League teams for fall 2013?

There will be an informative parent meeting on Thursday, April 4 from 6-6:45 pm in the PdS library for parents interested in learning more about the application and team selection process. Questions? Please contact Srta. Jenny at pdsrobotics@gmail.com

PTA Sponsored Summer Camps

Check out our PTA sponsored Summer Camps here at Puesta del Sol:

puestadelcsolpta.org/activities/summercamps.html



You can also download registration forms and print a confidential PTA scholarship form if needed.



Sammamish H.S.

Rummage and Plant Sale!

What: Lots of great clothing items, furniture, jewelry, books, movies, kitchen stuff, kid's items, flower and tomato plants, and more!

When: Friday 4/19 (8am-4pm) and Saturday 4/20 (8am-2pm).

Where: Lake Sammamish Foursquare Church on NE 8th St, between 140th and 148th Avenues

Why: Help us raise money to put on a safe and inclusive grad party for our students!

Academic Challenge: Turn in your work starting April 15!

April 24th is the final day to turn in math logs, reading reviews, and typing (only passport is due on May 30th). **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Get started now to allow yourself enough time to complete all of the challenge requirements. *Work will not be accepted until April 15-no early packets please.* Questions? Email Jessica Heringer: AcademicChallenge@puestadelcsolpta.org

Pre-Order Yearbooks by May 3rd

Only \$15 for a wonderful keepsake of your child's year at Puesta del Sol. Pre-orders are due on May 3rd. Please turn your completed order form and payment into the envelope in the office.

Accept the 5210 Challenge to Get Healthy!

As a way to promote healthy eating and active living, we are challenging the students of Puesta del Sol to participate in the 5210 Challenge. During the month of April students will be asked to track their consumption of fruits and vegetables, reduce screen time, be more physically active, and to restrict their consumption of soda. Classrooms that have the greatest participation will be able to win some fun prizes! PdS staff are also being challenged to participate. Tracking sheets will be provided. We will have a kick-off of the 5210 campaign presented by the 5th grade students at the April 4th assembly. Thank you for your support!



Aesop! Funtastic Fables: Register April 19th

Registration forms will go home with 4th and 5th graders to be turned in before and after school on April 19th.

- Auditions will be May 6 – 9 to give out roles. All 50 students will get a part.
- Rehearsals will be after school until 6pm, M, T, TH, F (May 10 – June 13)
- *Longer rehearsals June 10 – 13 will be mandatory with **no** exceptions*
- Performance June 14th and 15th at 7 pm at Newport High School

Cost is \$70. Contact Michelle Mahlman, m.mahlman@frontier.com, or Molly Schlutzky hemmenm@comcast.net, with questions.

The Artists in Residence Program was a Success!

The Spanish Immersion through the Arts Committee would like to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to our entire school—its teachers, amazing and receptive students, and supportive parents—for making the last three weeks of our Artists-in-Residence Program a success!

Huge thanks are due to our PTA, which funded our program generously. We are also indebted to the Bellevue Schools Foundation for awarding us an Enrichment and Innovation Grant to make our work possible. Special thanks to all teachers, hosts, parent volunteers and lunch providers. An enormous GRACIAS to Maria Feliciano who was instrumental in making this opportunity the bomb (puns intended!!!).

Campo Risa (since 2000)

Hosted by Native Spanish Speakers Srta.Maya and Sra.Toni



Who: K-5th Grade

What: Spanish language summer camp with games, arts & crafts, and lang. activities

When: August 19-23

Time: Morning Session 9 am -12 pm or Afternoon Session: 1- 4 pm

Where: Puesta del Sol, Room 203 **Cost:** \$ 185 per camper (sibling discount of 10%)

Contact: Srta.Maya, info@camporisa.com/425-802-1762/www.camporisa.com

This is a PTA sponsored summer camp. Form and payment due to PTA by June 10th, 2013. Contact Srta.Maya for late registration.