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Kindergarten Information Night: January 23, 2013

Spanish Immersion Kindergarten information night at Puesta del Sol @ 6:30 pm in gym.
ADULTS ONLY

Kindergarten Lottery Deadline: March 1, 2013

To enroll and be eligible for kindergarten (siblings included) at Puesta del Sol in September 2013, you must submit a lottery card, a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, and residency documents to the Puesta del Sol office no later than March 1st, 2013, 3:30 pm.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Lottery cards will be available at the January 23rd info night or in the office on January 24th.

Reflections Awards Recognition Ceremony

Sunday, January 13 from 1:00-2:30 pm at Factoria Mall

Congratulations to all of the 25 Reflections finalists! Twelve of our students have been selected to receive an Excellence or Outstanding Award! Students who received an Outstanding Award will move up to state level for further judging! Congratulations to the following 12 students:

- Bennett B – Award of Excellence, photography, kindergarten
- Braxton B – Outstanding, photography, 2nd grade
- Cedric B – Outstanding, music, kindergarten
- Emi H – Award of Excellence, literature, 2nd grade
- Braden K – Award of Excellence, visual arts, 1st grade
- Noa P – Outstanding, photography, 3rd grade
- Shaleigh S – Award of Excellence, visual arts, 4th grade
- TaylaAnn S – Outstanding, visual arts, 1st grade
- Wyatt S – Outstanding, visual arts, 4th grade
- Mimi S – Award of Excellence, photography, 3rd grade
- Chloe T – Award of Excellence, visual arts, kindergarten
- Saffi W – Outstanding, dance, 5th grade

The above entries, along with all of Puesta del Sol's 25 Reflections finalists, will be displayed among all Bellevue School District K-12 finalists from Wednesday, Jan. 9th through Sunday, Jan. 13th at Factoria Mall. We encourage everyone to check out all of the fantastic art work. All are welcome to attend the award ceremony program on Sunday, Jan. 13th beginning at 1:00 pm.



Science Fair Planning Meeting: Jan. 17

A planning meeting for the 2013 Science Fair will be held Thursday January 17th at 7:30 pm at Ricardo's restaurant in Factoria. Please contact Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com if you would like to join us. Thank you!

Help Plan the 2013 International Festival!

January 17 at 9:15 am

The International Festival committee needs your help in planning this year's festival. Please come to the meeting on Thursday, Jan. 17th in the old band room.

Any questions? Please contact Mary Fredericksen maryandjohn4@comcast.net

January 11, 2013

Upcoming Events

- 1/13 Reflections Award Ceremony
- 1/15 Parent Tillicum Open House
- 1/17 IF Planning Meeting
- 1/21 MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/23 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 1/23 Kindy Info. Night
- 1/23 Immersion Kindy Reg. Begins
- 1/24 Skate King Night
- 1/29 PTA General Meeting
- 1/31 Passport Club Check

5th grade Parents' Open House at Tillicum

Jan. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

Parents of 5th graders are invited to a fun evening at Tillicum Middle School. Begin with a performance by the music dept. followed by a typical student day of 7 periods (10 min. each), with Q&A with 6th grade teachers. Also visit the library, art studio, tech shop, computer lab, music wing and gym.

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

Thursday, Jan 31

Passport Check Day



Special Itinerary: China

Journey to China! Check the bulletin board in the gym for worksheets and answers.

Print a worksheet at

puestadelsolpta.org/Sl.html

Skate King Night

Thursday, January 24



PdS Orchestra and Band Concert

January 22nd at 7:00 pm



PDS Gymnasium

Messages from the School Nurse

Influenza is HERE early and it's not too late to get your flu shot! Last year we were "hit" in April/May. Seattle Children's already has 40 confirmed cases.

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.

Last Chance! Ice Skate in Bellevue

Simply mention Puesta del Sol Elementary when you go ice skating at the rink in the Downtown Bellevue Park and our PTA will earn \$3 for each visit through Jan. 13th, 2013. More information on this fun holiday event at www.magicseason.com

After-School Art Classes

Where: Puesta del Sol

When: Tuesdays, Jan. 22-April 2

Time: 3:30 – 4:15 pm

Location: Art Room, **Cost:** \$160.00

Reduce, Reuse, Re-Art!

Register online at www.smartwithart.net

Questions? Contact Carrie at

carrie@smartwithart.net. Want **free tuition?**

Register to be a room parent.



Save the date! Next Principal/PTA Coffee Jan. 23

9:15-10:15 am in the library

Please join us to hear about all that the Puesta del Sol library has to offer. Sra. Brody will be holding an information session about the databases and other opportunities for our students and families available at our library.

Science on Wheels: Volunteers Needed!

Pacific Science Center Science on Wheels will be coming to school February 4th and 5th with a Blood and Guts extravaganza. Volunteers are needed to help monitor the exhibit space. Please contact Amy Frieden amyfrieden@yahoo.com if you would like to help out. Thank you!



4th and 5th Graders Mark your Calendars!

Aesop! Funtastic Fables coming this June

The Drama Club will be producing Aesop! Funtastic Fables for 2013. This is a musical with roles for 50 students! Auditions will be May 6 - 9. Rehearsals will be after school May 10 - June 13. The big show will happen June 14 and 15 at 7 pm at Newport High School. Please note that the rehearsals (June 10 - 13) will be mandatory with no exceptions. More details to come at the end of March.



Drop in for Lunch

Please help out during lunch and recess and enjoy a special time with your child. Drop in or sign up at tinyurl.com/pdslunch12

Attend a Parent Education Presentation

The Bellevue Council will host 3 presentations this year, one specifically chosen for every age level we serve.

- Topic: "Internet Safety" Tuesday, January 15th at 7 pm at Tyee Middle School.
- Topic: "Talking to Kids about Marijuana in this Age of Legalization" Monday, March 4th at 7 pm at Bellevue High School.
- Topic: TBD. Thursday, May 9th at Lake Hills Elementary School

Please mark your calendar for January 15th if you have children in 5th Grade or higher. Stefanie Thomas is a detective in the Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Her talk on Internet Safety is excellent. It is well worth an hour of your time. Her presentation is intended for parents, however if you would like to bring your teenager*, feel free to do so. (*Note that some of the content of her presentation is not suitable for elementary school students.)

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Natasha Nimmo at mamanimmo@comcast.net.

Parent Ed. Resource Spotlight: Y.E.S.

Since 1968, YES (Youth Eastside Services) has been a lifeline for kids and families, offering parent education classes throughout the year, counseling, treatment and prevention services. A list or bureau of speakers is available for a nominal fee on many different topics.

Jennifer Wantabee is the resident Parent Coach on staff. She is knowledgeable, respectful, and cares about ALL kids in Bellevue. Her area of expertise is in supporting, educating, and coaching parents. Feel free to contact her at 425-747-4937 or email JenniferW@YouthEastsideServices.org. Be sure to check out the website at www.YouthEastsideServices.org for the latest list of class offerings. Many of their offerings are free.