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It's Not Too Late! Spaces still available for International Festival

International Festival is March 2. If your child would like to perform at the festival, please see below for all opportunities. There is something for all grade levels. The choices are as follows:

Grade	Teacher	Performance	Practice Day/Time	Begins
K/1	Sra. Rose	Spanish Song/ Dance from Israel	Tuesdays 3:30-4:00 pm	Dec. 11
K/1	Eli	Spanish Dance	Tuesdays 8-9 am	Dec. 11
2/3	Sra. Rose	Spanish Song/ German Dance	Fridays 3:30-4:15 pm	Dec. 14
2/3	Maria	Spanish Dance	Tuesdays 8-9 am	Dec. 11
2/3	Alba	Spanish Dance	Thursdays 8-9 am	Dec. 13
4/5	Pablo	Spanish Dance	Thursdays 8-9 am	Dec. 13
3/4/5	Janet Delgado	Columbian Dance	Email Janet janet_comex1@yahoo.com	

- **To register, email Mary Fredericksen at maryandjohn4@comcast.net. 20 spots available in each group and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.**
- Classes will meet weekly with the exception of the week of winter and mid-winter break.
- Practices are free of charge (tickets for the performance on March 2nd will be \$5.00).
- Costume Fees may apply
- Dress rehearsal will be one hour, held on 2-27 at Newport H.S. More information to follow.

We know this school has talent! If you would like your performance group to be a part of the International Festival, please contact Mary at maryandjohn4@comcast.net or Jessi at jessibixby@comcast.net.

Math Olympiad: Register by December 10

5th grade parents! Math Olympiad application paperwork is now available. If your 5th grade student would like to apply, he or she can pick up the paperwork from Srta. Sidoine. All application paperwork is **due back to Srta. Sidoine by December 10**. Late applications will not be accepted. Math Olympiad practice sessions start on January 9 and will be Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:50-8:50 am through May. Mandatory competition to be held on May 4th. Cost is \$100 and due upon entry to Math Olympiad team.

Upcoming Events

TODAY PTA Board Meeting
 TODAY Art Appreciation Training
 12/8 Winter Book Fair
 12/9 Robotics Competition
 12/10 Crazy Hair Day
 12/10 Math Olympiad Reg. Due
 12/11 Talent Day
 12/12 Green Day (lights out)
 12/13 No Homework
 12/13 BSF Primer
 12/14 Teachers Change Classes
 12/14 Running T-Shirt Orders Due
 12/14 Yearbook Cover Entry Due
 12/15 Bellevue Ski School Reg. Due
 12/20 Passport Club Check
 12/24-1/4 Winter Break

Spirit Week: Dec. 10-14

Mon. Crazy Hair Day
 Tue. Talent Day
 Wed. Green Day (lights out)
 Thur. No Homework
 Fri. Teachers Change Classes

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

Passport Club Check Day: Thursday, Dec. 20

Special Itinerary: Japan

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



Clothing & Toy Drive

Collecting donations now through December for foster kids in need of warm clothes and gifts this winter. Collection barrel is located in the office. To learn more or make an online donation, visit www.treehouseforkids.org.



Yearbook cover entries due Dec. 14.

Forms available in the office.

Are you "All In" for Schools?

It's not too late! Bellevue Schools Foundation's annual fall campaign continues until the end of the year. Funds raised support every child and classroom across the district. If you've already donated or volunteered as a Phonathon caller - Thank you! If not, visit bellevueschoolsfoundation.org

to learn about the Foundation and make your gift today.

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When you're doing your holiday shopping this season, don't forget to click through our website

www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org and Amazon will donate 8% of every purchase you make to support Bellevue students! Share the link and spread the word to family and friends anywhere.

Amity Intern Maria Perez

Spanish Reading Comprehension

Amity Intern Maria Perez would like to start some Spanish Reading and Comprehension groups. These groups will be setup based on fluency and skill level. You might consider getting your child's friends together to make a group. Meetings would need to take place at the public library or student homes. Contact Maria maria.pema@hotmail.com for more information.

Bellevue Schools Foundation Grant Awards

BSF recently announced 71 Enrichment & Innovation grant awards. Grants were awarded to every school in the district To view the full list, got to tinyurl.com/bsfgrants



Puesta del Sol Holiday Bookfair: Dec. 8, 10-4 pm

Downtown Bellevue University Bookstore 990 102nd Ave NE, Bellevue

Our teachers have made a wide selection of grade appropriate books in Spanish. All purchases made using the code **PDS** from December 8 & 9 will benefit the Spanish Immersion through the Arts Program and will get more titles into our classrooms and library.

Saturday Activities from 10 am-4 pm

- 10-11 am Principal Nestor will be reading to Kindergarteners and 1st graders
- 11-12 pm Tambores del Sol, Puesta del Sol's Afro-Caribbean Drumming Club will be playing and teaching
- 12-1 pm Poetry in Motion with Omar Escobar (Amity Intern 2011-12)
- 1-2 pm Face Painting with Amity Interns
- 2-3 pm Games, Songs, and Stories with Srta. Maya and Sra. Toni
- Face Painting with Amity Interns
- 3-4 pm Face Painting with Amity Interns



Go to puestadelsolpta.org/fundraising/winterbookfair.pdf for more info.

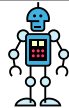


Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to shop for Puesta del Sol!

Order Your PdS Running Team T-Shirts by Friday, Dec. 14

217 kids participated in the Running Team this fall during lunch recess! Was one of them yours? T-shirts are now available. Order deadline is Friday, 12/14 at noon for backpack delivery by 12/21. Cost is \$10/shirt. To see a picture of the shirts, get more info and to order, go to puestadelsolpta.org/rc.pdf. Questions? Email Laura Dooley dooley101@msn.com.

A huge THANK YOU to Katherine Snead and all the volunteers who counted laps and a congratulations to the 20+ kids who ran the Seattle Kids' Marathon!



PdS Robotics Team Competition

Dec. 9, 12:45-4:30 pm at Bellevue College

Support your school this Sunday at the Bellevue Regional Robotics Competition. Both teams have put in more than 60 hours of work since the first week of school on programming an autonomous robot to perform a series of missions, as well as determining a solution to a real-life problem affecting senior citizens. Good luck!

A Primer on Problem-Based Learning

Thursday, December 13th, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the WISC - Rainier Room

What is problem-based learning and how do teachers use it in the classroom? Sammamish High School Social Studies Teacher and i3 Grant Project Leader Adrienne Curtis Dickinson will share how Sammamish teachers and others across the country are expanding their use of problem-based learning and how it's engaging students in remarkable ways.

Complimentary lunch will be provided by the Foundation and the students in Newport High School's Culinary Arts Program. Please register in advance at bellevueschoolsfoundation.org. All are welcome!

This event is part of Bellevue Schools Foundation's Education Connections series.



New Passport Presentation Resource Site

Presentations are now available on the PTA Website! Feel free to download and use or modify these PowerPoint presentations to present countries in your own child's classroom! Go to <http://tinyurl.com/passpresent>. Thank you to all the Puesta parents who created and shared these and other resources!

Help grow this site! Send presentations and other resources to passport@puestadelsolpta.org.