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**PTA General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6:45 pm in the Library**

6:45-7 pm: Social Time  
 7 pm: Call to Order

Agenda: General business, BSF update, Legislative update and Amity host family information.  
 7:30 pm: Parent Education Guest Speaker Robin Wallace Wright of The Wright Conversation  
 8:30 pm: Meeting ends

January 25, 2013

**Upcoming Events**

- 1/29 PTA General Meeting
- 1/31 Global Reading Challenge
- 2/4,2/5 Science on Wheels
- 2/18-22 Mid-Winter Break
- 2/27 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 2/28 Passport Check
- 3/2 International Night
- 3/15 Professional Day/NO SCHOOL
- 3/27 Science Fair
- 3/27 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 3/28 Passport Check

**Become a PTA Board Member for the 2013-14 School Year**

The Walk-a-Thon, our beloved amity interns, Art Appreciation, Science Fair! Do your kids love all these PTA sponsored programs? ***Then we need your help in filling the open positions on the PTA Board for the 2013-2014 academic year.*** Without a strong PTA Board, our kids will join the thousands nationwide who have no clue where Peru is because Passport Club will be no more. They won't have a chance to shine as flamenco dancers at the International Festival or tap their inner Picasso because the Reflections Program has been cancelled. It will be a world without Math Olympiad! Help spare our little ones from this awful, bland and boring future. Contact us immediately if you are interested, no experience necessary. We also need help identifying those brilliant but humble parents who don't think they are qualified but would make fantastic leaders. You know who they are!

**2013-2014 PTA Board Open Positions**

- Co-President
- Member at Large
- Co-Treasurer
- VP of Teacher Relations
- Co-VP of Administrative Support
- Co-VP of Educational Enhancement
- Co-VP of Fundraising
- VP of Special Events

Please contact Lisa Dembo ([ljdem@comcast.net](mailto:ljdem@comcast.net)), Pam Rauch ([rauchpam@hotmail.com](mailto:rauchpam@hotmail.com)), Jen Murphy ([jennifer\\_c\\_murphy@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_c_murphy@hotmail.com)) or Paula Reck ([paulareck@yahoo.com](mailto:paulareck@yahoo.com)) with nominations or for more information.

If you have updated your email address or you are NOT receiving Eco Sol on Fridays, please get on the all parent list by emailing [communications@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:communications@puestadelsolpta.org)

**Puesta del Sol Science Fair**  
**Wednesday, March 27**

It's time to start thinking about your project! Go to [tinyurl.com/pdssfair](http://tinyurl.com/pdssfair) for more information and resource links. **Registration opens online on Feb. 1**

**Bus Riders: Second Semester Fee is Due by February 4**



Second semester payment for the school bus transportation service fee for Optional Instruction Program (OIP) buses is due February 4, 2013.

Payments must be current to ride any OIP school bus. There is no longer a grace period at the start of each semester when students may ride the bus for free. **Students for whom payment has not been received will be sent to the school office for parent pick-up.**

Policy information, Registration and Refund Forms are available on the Transportation page of the BSD web site [www.bsd405.org](http://www.bsd405.org).

Refer questions or concerns to the BSD Transportation Office (425-456-4512).

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Submit articles by Monday at 9 pm to [newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org)

## Report Absence or Lateness

Contact the office before 9:30 am

Call: 425-456-6152

or

Email: [puestaattendance@bsd405.org](mailto:puestaattendance@bsd405.org)

## 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](http://tinyurl.com/pdslunch12)

## Sharpen your Parenting Skills Attend a class through Y.E.S.

*Are you concerned about your teen?*

When: January 24th from 6:30-7:30 pm

In this FREE class, parents will learn:

- What you can do to support your teen
- How to keep the lines of communication open
- Which factors to consider when setting rules
- When to seek outside assistance

*Reduce Parent-Teen Struggles with Positive Discipline*

Wednesdays (February 4, 11, 25 and March 4) from 6:30-8:30 pm, Cost: \$90

In these classes parents will learn to:

- Practice mutual respect to defuse power struggles
- Use genuine encouragement and strengthen the bond with your teen
- Communicate so both you and your teen feel heard

For more information, go to

[tinyurl.com/yesposdis](http://tinyurl.com/yesposdis)

Pre-registration required. Please call Y.E.S.

at 425-747-4937 or email [in-](mailto:info@youtheastideserviceccs.org)

[fo@youtheastideserviceccs.org](mailto:fo@youtheastideserviceccs.org). Both classes held at 999 164th Ave NE, Bellevue.

## Academic Challenge

Turn in your work starting April 15

April 24<sup>th</sup> is the final day to turn in math logs, reading reviews, and typing (only passport is due on May 30<sup>th</sup>). ABSOLUTELY NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED! Get started now to allow yourself enough time to complete all of the challenge requirements.

Questions? Email Jessica Heringer:

[AcademicChallenge@puetadelsolpta.org](mailto:AcademicChallenge@puetadelsolpta.org)

## Health Fair Committee Needs your Help!

The planning committee is requesting your ideas and suggestions for a health fair in late April. The goal is to promote physical activity and nutrition in fun and interactive ways. We are hoping to solicit donations to be used at the event or as door prizes (i.e. gift cards and free classes). If you are interested in joining this planning committee or have a lead on a donation contact Miae Aramori at [mi-  
aec@hotmail.com](mailto:miae@hotmial.com).

Planning meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Eastgate Way Starbucks

## Global Reading Challenge is Jan. 31



The first in-school Global Reading Challenge for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams will take place at Puesta del Sol in the gym on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from approximately 9:30 to 11:00 am. Good luck teams!!

## Surprise a BSD Teacher or Employee on Valentine's Day!



Teachers, principals, counselors, support staff, bus drivers, and all of the district employees do so much for our students. What better way to thank them than with a donation to the Bellevue Schools Foundation and a personalized card?

Make a donation (suggested minimum of \$10) by 8:00 am on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and we'll send up to three Valentine's Day cards to the special people you want to thank.

It's quick, easy, and helps provide the best possible learning opportunities for Bellevue students. Make your gift today at [tinyurl.com/bsdvdlay](http://tinyurl.com/bsdvdlay) !

## International Festival: Saturday, March 2

Newport H.S. at 5 pm and 7 pm

Dress rehearsal for all kids participating in the performances will be held on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> after school at Newport High School.

Tickets can be purchased online beginning Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

WANTED: If your child is interested in greeting the audience in a different language at the beginning of the shows, please contact Mary at [maryandjohn4@comcast.net](mailto:maryandjohn4@comcast.net).

## Save the Date: BSF 2013 Spring for Schools Luncheon is May 17

Hyatt Regency Bellevue from 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Steve Pool, Chief Weathercaster at KOMO-TV: Words can't convey how honored and excited I am to be returning as the emcee of Bellevue Schools Foundation's Spring for Schools luncheon this year.

I'm looking forward to:

- \* Hearing inspiring stories from kids
- \* Seeing the incredible impact our donations have made
- \* Checking out the Education Showcase
- \* Listening to fantastic music from student musicians
- \* Learning what's next for Bellevue schools

I strongly believe education is the foundation for success. It's so encouraging to see the Bellevue community coming together around a mission to help every child succeed and make our schools some of the best in the country. Please save the date to join me for lunch. Together, we make a difference!

Join your BSF Ambassador, Pam Rauch and PTA Presidents, Barbara Mullen and Anne Douglas at the luncheon.

Questions? Contact Linda Dicus at [Linda@bsfdn.org](mailto:Linda@bsfdn.org) or call 425.456.4199



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