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## Science Fair Countdown! March 27<sup>th</sup> is only 8 weeks away

It is time to start thinking about and researching a topic. So what interests you? Anything can be a science topic; rocks, stars, fish, your friends, noodles, feathers, bread, plants, leaves, your dog, exercise, laughing, the beach, anything!

Now go out and learn about it; go to the library, check your computer, read books and magazines, ask an expert. Sra. Brody has lots of great science books out right now and there is a great online database you can access from the school library called SIRS Discoverer, which is full of fantastic science ideas. To access this database from home go to [discoverer.sirs.com](http://discoverer.sirs.com) login: puestadelsol, password: cgrams. The PTA website has new updated information about the science fair including science resources at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org) under Activities/Science Fair.

### Registration will be open from February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>

You can register online by following the link provided at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org) under Activities/Science Fair.

### Science Fair Workshop

A workshop will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the library. Grades K-2 will be covered from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Grades 3-5 will be covered from 7:15pm-8:15pm.

This workshop is an optional event for both parents and children, aimed to assist first time participants. Anyone is welcome.



### Photographers-We Need You!

Volunteers are needed to photograph the event and participants. If you have a camera and would like to help out please contact Amy at [amyfrieden@yahoo.com](mailto:amyfrieden@yahoo.com)

### Kindergarten Lottery Deadline March 1

To enroll and be eligible for kindergarten 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, 3:30pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!

### News from the Spanish Immersion Through the Arts Committee

The SITA Committee would like to thank the Puesta del Sol Community for their support during the December Book Fair. We raised just over \$1,000 thanks to your participation and commitment to language enrichment and the arts! The money raised will be put to great use in this year's ambitious programming!

On the week of January 14-18, we welcomed the Mexican graphic artist Isis Eglé at school. Students had fun playing with words and making prints using a tortilla maker!

During the first three weeks of March we will host our most ambitious project in our three-year history: Our community will welcome two Puerto Rican musicians, Angel and Otoquí Reyes, along with our Bomba teachers Dr. Sharon Cronin and Maestro Ricardo Güity, in an artists-in-residence program that will bring the world of Afro-Caribbean music to life through percussion, song and dance. All grade levels will have hands-on Spanish-only time with our musical guests. We will circulate the details of our Ethnomusicology program as we refine the itinerary. Stay tuned!

February 1, 2013

### Upcoming Events

- Today Register for Science Fair
- 2/4 Bus Fees Due
- 2/4,2/5 Science on Wheels
- 2/6 Health Fair Planning Meeting
- 2/11 IF Tickets for Sale
- 2/12 Science Fair Workshop
- 2/18-22 Mid-Winter Break
- 2/27 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 2/28 Passport Check
- 3/1 Kindy Lottery Deadline
- 3/2 International Night



### Bus Riders Second Semester Fee Due February 4<sup>th</sup>

Second semester payment for the school bus transportation service fee for OIP buses is due February 4, 2013.

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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org">newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org</a>	

### Your PTA @Work

K/5: SITA Sponsors visiting Mexican artist Isis Eglé

Reflections Awards from District

Parent Education: Guest Speaker at General Meeting

Principal Coffee Hour and Library Training Passport

Skate King

Workroom clean-up

### 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@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:AcademicChallenge@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)

### Invite our Amity Interns Along!

If your family is planning a fun outing this winter, consider inviting an Amity Intern. Each of them would love to experience as much as possible while they're here. Another way to make our interns feel part of our community is to invite them over for dinner. It's a great way for your family to learn about their culture. Contact them today:

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### 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 8:00am 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/bsdvdday](http://tinyurl.com/bsdvdday) !

### Health Fair Committee Planning Meeting

February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Eastgate Way Starbucks

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 [miaec@hotmail.com](mailto:miaec@hotmail.com).

### International Festival: Saturday, March 2

Newport H.S. at 5pm and 7pm

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).



### International Night: Calling all Bakers and Treat Makers!

Individually packaged, tasty treats needed for this year's International Festival. If you can contribute to the bake sale, please email Koan Maurer [koan\\_davis@yahoo.com](mailto:koan_davis@yahoo.com). Treats can be dropped off in the office on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> or brought to the event on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Muchas gracias for your help!

### Passport Club Check Day: Thursday, Feb. 28

Special Itinerary: Libya

Journey to Libya! Check the bulletin board in the gym for worksheets and answers. Print a worksheet at [puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html](http://puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html).



### Sharpen your Parenting Skills

Attend a class through Y.E.S.

Wednesdays (February 4, 11, 25 and March 4) from 6:30-8:30pm, 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 [info@youtheastideserviceccs.org](mailto:info@youtheastideserviceccs.org). Both classes held at 999 164th Ave NE, Bellevue.