



2012 Puesta del Sol International Festival Saturday, May 5th

Please join us for the 2012 Puesta del Sol International Festival! This is an evening of delicious food, spectacular student performances and artistic, diverse displays to highlight cultures within our school as well as within our community.

This amazing PTA sponsored school event will take place on **Saturday May 5th, 2012** at Newport High School Performing Arts Center with two performances at **3:30pm AND 6:45pm**. A feast from around the world will be offered again this year with 2 seatings in between the performances.

Performances



Last year over 200 of Puesta del Sol's children presented cultures from around the world in 18 unique performances highlighting not only our diverse community but our very talented student body. Puesta del Sol amity interns, Spanish aide, teachers and parents will be offering before and after school practices **starting the week of March 5th**. To prepare for the performance, the kids choosing to participate in the performance will practice 1x per week, for the 8 weeks leading up to the Festival. Past performances have included dances, skits, songs and other cultural performances. Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday May 2nd, 1:30 at NHS. We're encouraging groups this year over individual performers.

If your child is in a group or wants to gather a group to perform a dance, song, poem or skit that highlights another culture, please contact Mary Fredericksen, maryandjohn4@comcast.net. While we want as many children to participate as possible, every talent may not fit the criteria for the event and space is limited. Your understanding is appreciated!

Cultural Displays



The Global Village cultural displays are a fantastic way to demonstrate your own family's ethnic heritage and to teach others about a culture of which you have extensive knowledge. This could be a trifold display with photos and pictures, a table with samples of a traditional food, writing names/words in a different language/alphabet, traditional games etc... Share your dynamic heritage! Contact Melissa Richardson for more information, sam_mel@yahoo.com.



Food

When speaking of cultural heritage, food is top on the list of ways to demonstrate diversity. At the 2011 International Festival over 12 different countries were represented at the bountiful buffet. Children and adults alike found a delectable array of unique, varied international fare. If you are interested in procuring food or have a special cultural family dish you would like to share with the community please contact Anne Douglas, anneandbob@me.com.

Volunteers Needed

Other ways to join in the fun:

The International Festival Committee is looking for energetic, hard working parents to make this event another massive success. The next IF Committee meeting will take place Wednesday February 15th at 6:30 at the home of Mary Fredericksen. Don't miss out on being a part of this wonderful production.

Do you want to help out but not sure what your time commitments will allow? Contact Mary Fredericksen at maryandjohn4@comcast.net for 'day of' opportunities and other behind the scenes fun.

Q&A

Can I sign my child up for more than one performance?

Yes, sign up for any performance within your child's age group.

Will there be enough seats for my family and friends to attend the performances?

Yes! We have split the show into an early performance, starting at 3:30 and a later performance starting at 6:45pm allowing twice as many seats for this heavily attended event. Performances will be identical.

Can my child choose to only participate in one of the performances?

The intention is that all children will do both performances. However, with Math Olympiad the same day and other one-of-a-kind conflicts, some exceptions can be made with advance notice.

Will there be a charge for tickets and when do they go on sale?

Yes, there will be an admission fee for performances and dinner tickets will be purchased separately. Keep your eye on the El Sol for the date tickets will be available.

Are there any other ways to help besides being on the committee?

YES! We will need a PTA member parent at every practice and will need lots of chaperones the day of the event. Please consider if you are signing up your child that we will need you to help out in some way. It's a huge undertaking and it definitely takes a village!

Who watches my child during the performance I am not attending?

We will have chaperones for every performance group (this is a great way to attend both performances if you were hoping to do that.). We will also have the NHS gym set up as a childcare area during the time between performances to aid with the transition to dinner and back to performances.

Can I go to both performances?

We are requesting that families pick either the early or late show to maximize the number of seats available to our entire school population.

Is there a fee for the practices?

No, all performances through the school are free to anyone but do have a maximum student capacity so sign up quick.

When are performance offerings available?

Look for listings in El Sol on Friday February 10th.