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Seeking PTA Board Nominees

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### Join the PTA Board for 2010-2011

The PTA Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to fill nine PTA positions. We have openings for Co-President-Elect, Co-Treasurer, Secretary, two Co-VPs of Administrative Support, Co-VP of Educational Enhancement, and three Nominating Committee Members. Descriptions of each position are available at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org). Elections are held at the last PTA General Meeting of the year. It's a great way to make a difference in your child's education! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact LeiMomi ([leimomi@q.com](mailto:leimomi@q.com)).

Get ready, get set, go!...To Puesta del Sol's

### Science Fair NEXT Wednesday, March 10, 6:30-8 pm

All students/families welcome! Visit your classmates' displays, learn about interesting projects, and go on a super science scavenger hunt.



- 5:30 pm Doors open for students to set up posters and displays.
- 6:00 pm Snack sales begin: Pizza, popcorn, baked goods! (eat before judges arrive)
- 6:30 pm Science Fair and judging officially begin



**Bake sale info:** Please e-mail Claudia ([claudiack@comcast.net](mailto:claudiack@comcast.net)) if you can donate something for the bake sale. You can bring your contributions to the office anytime Wed. or to the sale table.

**Registered fair participants:** If you registered for the fair, check your e-mail for TWO messages: one about your child's project and one about parent-volunteer duties. The "project" message includes your poster number, room location, and details for poster set-up, judging times, etc. (General info also available at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org) under [Activities/Science](#)). If you are missing info by Monday, please contact Ashley at [eas\\_1@earthlink.net](mailto:eas_1@earthlink.net).

**Take it to the State Fair!** The Washington State Science and Engineering Fair is March 26/27 in Bremerton. Any child can register (\$15 reg. fee, must be postmarked by Mar. 13.)

### Readers Are Do-ers (RAD) Parent Meeting

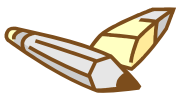
Please attend the volunteer meeting on Tues, Mar. 9 in the Band Room at 9 am. If you're in charge of your class's program or are interested in helping out, join us for all the info you need and to ask questions (and free coffee). This is a great opportunity to get involved in the classroom, especially if you don't speak Spanish! For more info, or if you can't attend, please contact Monique Niven ([kmniven@msn.com](mailto:kmniven@msn.com)).



Teachers are running low on pencils, erasers, paper, and more

### School Supply Drive March 15-19

With the massive budget cuts, Puesta del Sol is running out of basic school supplies. Please join the PTA School Supply Drive to ensure that our teachers and staff have the materials they need. We ask all families to donate what they can during the week of March 15-19. Please consider donating items to your child's teacher or into the collection boxes at the main office. **Most needed: pencils, erasers, and reams of paper (white or color).** Please see the wish lists at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org). For more info, please contact your child's teacher or a PTA Board Member. Thanks!



### Fitness Fair

Volunteers Needed—Join the fun on Mar. 29

Back by popular demand – the Puesta del Sol Fitness Fair! Join in the fun on March 29 in the gym! Volunteers are needed – please contact Maria Pruitt or Shawn Hanson ([mariatpruitt@gmail.com](mailto:mariatpruitt@gmail.com) or [smhpdc@comcast.net](mailto:smhpdc@comcast.net)) for more info.



### Upcoming Events

- NOW Auction Tickets on Sale
- TODAY Yearbook Art Due
- 3/9 RAD Parent Meeting 9 am
- 3/10 [Science Fair](#)
- 3/11 Donate to Classroom Baskets
- 3/11, 18, 24 [BSD Budget Meetings](#)
- 3/12 NO SCHOOL
- 3/15-19 [School Supply Drive](#)
- 3/18 PTA Member Meeting
- 3/19 Lost & Found Clear-Out
- 3/25 [Passport Club Check Day](#)
- 3/29 Fitness Fair
- 3/30 Auction Volunteer Meeting

### RSVP for Auction ASAP

Go online to buy tickets now at [puestadelsol.maestroweb.com](http://puestadelsol.maestroweb.com) for our April 23 auction—and see the growing list of items. Buy tickets before Mar. 22 and you may win a FREE auction-night stay at the Hyatt. Hurry—seats sold out in 10 days last year! Questions? E-mail [lesliedejaen@comcast.net](mailto:lesliedejaen@comcast.net).



Be sure to donate to your **Classroom Theme Basket** by Thurs., Mar. 11. Contact your Room Parent for details!

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Please submit articles by 10 am Mon to <a href="mailto:newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org">newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org</a>	

## Global Reading Challenge

### Puesta del Sol Wins East Bellevue

Puesta del Sol's Global Reading Challenge winner, "To Be Continued," won the East Bellevue Schools' Challenge on Wed., Feb. 23. "To Be Continued" went on to represent Puesta del Sol at yesterday's next Challenge level against the West Bellevue winning team. Congratulations to Camila K, Sarah L, Kyle C, Ian D, Holden A, Niamh C, and Hanna J. To be continued...



## Calling all Photographers—Yearbook Photos Needed

- Check with your teacher to set up a time to visit the class.
- Ask the teacher if any students are on the "no photography" list.
- Sign in at the office and request a RED photographer's badge.

Drop off a CD labeled with your contact info & teacher's name in the main office. Or e-mail jpegs to Carol Leick ([ckleick@yahoo.com](mailto:ckleick@yahoo.com)) or Armineh Rosenwald ([arminehrosie@comcast.net](mailto:arminehrosie@comcast.net)). Please set resolution to 300dpi or more, in jpeg format.



## Compost at Home

Puesta del Sol began collecting food and food-soiled paper for composting. Thanks to the parents who helped set up the program that's already recycled lots of lunch waste. Compost at home!—just put food scraps and food-soiled paper in yard waste carts. For more info, visit [City of Bellevue](http://City of Bellevue)



## Free, Live Mexican/Latin American Music Concert TONIGHT by Los Flacos

Market Stage, Crossroads Shopping Center  
Friday, March 5, 5 pm

## Passport Club Special Itinerary

Explore Costa Rica! Worksheet available at on the [PTA website \(Activities\)](#).  
Passport Check Day is Mar. 25.



## Family Event: Vote for Bingo, Luau, or ?

### Let's Get Together For Fun

Would you like a PTA Family Bingo Night, Luau, or another event? E-mail [m.mahlman@verizon.net](mailto:m.mahlman@verizon.net) with your vote on the Subject line.



## Drama Club!

Fourth and fifth graders are welcome to participate in this year's Drama Club production, "The Emperor's New Clothes."

### Mark your calendar:

Registration materials sent home: Mar. 15  
Registration deadline: Mar. 19  
Auditions: April 12, 13, 15  
Rehearsals: April 16-May 20 (M,T,Th,F)  
Performances: May 21, 22  
Full details in the registration materials. If you have questions, please contact Heather Rivas at: [rivas@rivaswolf.com](mailto:rivas@rivaswolf.com).

## Puesta Chess Club Places in Tournament

Twelve Puesta del Sol students participated in the Feb. 27 Lakeridge chess tournament. Jim F. won 2nd place for 5th graders, while Alex K. took 3rd for 6th graders. Our 4-6 graders won 3rd place for the combined age group. Logan D. won three points, qualifying for the state tournament. Zachary R. won a sportsmanship prize, while Jivana A. and Franco V. earned Sportsmanship acknowledgement & participation trophies. Owen P., Ian D., Max K., Keila F., Nick R., and Gillian D. also played.



## Kudos to all who made International Festival a HUGE success!

More than 500 students, parents, teachers, and friends came together for Puesta del Sol's International Festival last week. They enjoyed the artistic talents of more than 200 students from all grades in 19 lively performances from around the globe and 10 cultural display booths. Thanks to all the children and parents who performed and the parents and friends who supported the event.

We're grateful to Principal Mark Migliore for co-sponsoring the event with the PTA. And we thank the 13 restaurants (list at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org)) the many Puesta del Sol families who contributed to our delicious international food buffet and bake sale.

Muchas gracias to the teachers and interns who donated their time to teach students the songs, dances, poems, and skits that showcased our school talent: Sra Gange, Sra Rose, Sra Monica, Sra Brody, Sra Toni, Srta Maya, and our wonderful interns Carlos, Laura, Fabián, Mariela, and Violeta.



Special thanks to the International Festival Committee who worked so hard to bring back the Festival: Jessi Bixby, Catherine Boysen, Kathleen Callahan, Angela Delahoz, Anne Douglas, Luly Feliciano, Paula Francoeur, Mary Fredericksen, Pam Halverson, Michelle Mahlman, Liza Martin, Jane McKinstry, Martha Nalebuff, Maria Pruitt, Noel Rees, Melissa Richardson, and Noel Whatley.

## Mark Your Calendar for May Music Performances (20-30 minutes each)

Tues., May 4: 1st grade at 6 pm, 2nd grade: 7 pm  
Thurs, May 6: 3rd grade at 6 pm, 4th grade at 7 pm

## Bellevue School District 2010-11 Funding Meetings

The Superintendent and School Board want your input to plan district budget cuts. For more info, please visit [www.bsd405.org/2010-11Budget](http://www.bsd405.org/2010-11Budget).

Please come to a community meeting, which will include a presentation on basic school funding and an activity to help set funding priorities. Meetings to be held **March 11 (6-8 pm) at Newport HS Library**, **March 18 (5-7 pm) at Sammamish HS Library**, and **March 24 (6-8 pm) Interlake HS Library**.



## BSD Elementary Literacy Materials Adoption Committee

BSD invites parents of elementary students to apply to join the Elementary Literacy Materials Adoption Committee. It will review/recommend a core K-5 literacy curriculum for the Bellevue School District. Applications due Wed. Mar. 10 by 4:30 pm. To learn more or apply, please visit [bsd405.org](http://bsd405.org).

## BSD's Preschool and After School Programs for 2010-11



Bellevue School District programs offer quality learning opportunities for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children. Programs are located at Puesta del Sol and other schools throughout the district. For more info, visit the BSD Early Learning Program page at [bsd405.org](http://bsd405.org).

**Lost & Found Clear-out: Please check the racks in the gym before Fri, Mar. 19.**

# Extra Extra

Items in this section, may have been included in the paper edition or may be extra goodies for the online readers. Inclusion does not necessitate an endorsement by the Puesta del Sol PTA, nor is there any responsibility by the PTA for the accuracy of the posting.

## This Week's Attachments

- [March Lunch Menu](#)
- [Auction Forms](#)
- [Supply Drive List](#)

## Advocacy News

The WA State PTA supports ESSHB 6696 (combination of Race To The Top AND Basic Ed. legislation) that seems to be stalled. In order to obtain federal funds for our children's education, it is necessary that this legislation passes ASAP. In order to push this through quickly, contact must be made with representatives in Olympia. Here are the contact addresses for some key senate leaders, [Senator Lisa Brown](#), [Senator Rosemary McAuliffe](#) and [Senator Eric Oemig](#) .

Thank you for your support.

## Puesta del Sol Festival Internacional – Gracias

The following restaurants, caterers and grocery stores have either generously donated food or provided discounts in order the buffet to be a success. Please be sure to say thank you and mention that you tasted their wonderful food for the Puesta del Sol International Festival next time you visit them.

Best Wok Chinese Restaurant 19 - 148th Ave NE. Bellevue <http://bestwokchineserestaurant.com/>

Costco—Issaquah

Garlic Crush 102 Bellevue Way NE <http://garliccrush.com/> - *Shawarma and kabobs, etc.*

Guerrero's 15015 Main Street, Bellevue

La Isla Puerto Rican Cuisine 2320 NW Market Street Seattle <http://laislaseattle.com/> - *Pastelón*

Mandarin Buffet and Grill 14850 NE 24th St. Redmond, WA (Overlake)

Paladar Cubano [www.peditovargas.com](http://www.peditovargas.com) - *Ropa Vieja (stewed shredded beef) with rice & black beans*

Pampeana Empanada — Home of the Baked Empanada [www.pampeanaempanadas.com](http://www.pampeanaempanadas.com)

Safeway Factoria

Tagine Catering—Yale and Miri Cohen

El Tapatio Factoria Blvd. [www.tapatiofactoria.com](http://www.tapatiofactoria.com)

Toreros Mexican Grill Crossroads Mall <http://www.toreros-mexicanrestaurants.com/>

Toy's Café 131—106th Ave SE Bellevue [www.toyscafebellevue.com](http://www.toyscafebellevue.com)

A huge thank you goes out to all the Puesta del Sol families who donated a delicious dish for the buffet or baked goods for the Bake Sale.

Special thanks for all the hard work and effort goes out to the Food Committee:

Anne Douglas, Luly Feliciano, Paula Francoeur, Michelle Mahlman, Martha Nalebuff, and Noel Rees