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What's So Special About These Thirty Bulgarian Schools?



Learning English from a native speaker can make a world of difference for students. Just ask any of the thousands of students at the 30 schools in 25 Bulgarian cities where Americans are working as English-language Teaching Assistants (ETA's). How Do You Really Build The Power Of Community?



ABF hopes to build the power of community by uniting nongovernmental organizations, active citizens, business representatives, and local institutions to identify opportunities to improve the quality the of life. This is the challenge America for Bulgaria Foundation set forth in Gabrovo, Razgrad and Vratsa. Natasha Has A Secret For Passing Tests... What Is It?



Natasha is attending a local kindergarten, passes tests for children her age with ease, and happily shows off by reciting all the rhymes she learns in school. Natasha is just one of the many children that were successfully integrated into mainstream kindergartens.

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ABF Partners With New York City's Columbia University To Present The First Ever "ABF Education Academy"...

America for Bulgaria Foundation presents "ABF Education Academy" in partnership with Columbia University in New York and Bank Street College in New York. "Education in Focus" could have been the slogan of America for Bulgaria Foundation right from its beginning eight years ago. Not only because our investment in Bulgarian education exceeds \$100 million, but also because it reaches every third school, from the biggest cities to the smallest villages in the countryside. Now, it's time for a new step. We are happy to announce ABF is establishing an Academy for School Leadership.



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Who's That Flying Over Sofia In

A Hot-Air Balloon?

Teachers provide students with new ways of looking at things they see every day. But in the case of a classroom of students from Ivan Vazov language school, the students were the ones giving their teacher a new way of looking at the world. All of this because of the Days of Inclusive Education festival on June 16. Who is the winning teacher?

The drumroll, please! The "Teacher Who Loves All of Her Students" is Galina Angelova. Classroom 11B from Smolyan's Ivan Vazov foreign language high school was the winning class in the Center for Inclusive Education's competition.

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Learn How Good Food Can Really Be Good Business...

Are you wondering how to gain knowledge to start and manage your business?... Localfood.BG has something for you! At the center of the good life is good food. The LocalFood.bg Foundation's business workshop about local foods provides the chance to start and develop active micro businesses in agriculture and food. How?





Could July Be Any Hotter?... Events, Festivals, Olympiads, Workshops, Debates, Jazz, Stars And Much More!

June 20 in Rousse, June 22 in Varna, June 24 in Bourgas - Localfood.bg brings its local food workshop to your town in Bulgaria to provide opportunities for business development. Register in advance <u>here</u>.

June 23-25 in Gabrovo: The fifth meeting of the "With the Children" circle, at which the #VMUSEZYME prize will be awarded. <u>For more information.</u>

June 29 - July 3 in Sofia: Summer Workshop on Creative Writing for Students http://ekf.bg/ Attention! The deadline for applications is June 17! If writing is your passion, don't

miss it!

July 6-15: International Chemistry Olympiad in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand. We're keeping our fingers crossed! Expect to read about their successes in our next newsletter. In the meantime, for information and news, <u>check out</u>.

July 7-9 in South Park you will be able to enjoy this year's A to JazZ! An inspirational program, jam sessions and many artists from the world's jazz scene await us in the largest-yet festival. For more information.

July 7-10 in Sofia, the "Sofia Debate Association" is holding the Sofia Open national student debating competition. <u>Details here</u>.

July 13-24, Rousse: The fourth "Allegra" international summer academy. Over 10

days, students and young professionals in classical music from all over the world will improve their skills in six master classes with world-renowned instrumentalists and conductors. For the program, <u>follow the Facebook page of America for Bulgaria</u> <u>Foundation</u>.

July 16, Vidin: The eighth biggest and brightest festival, <u>The Bridge is here</u>. With more than 100 talented young people from all over Bulgaria, with over 20 workshops on visual arts, music and dancing and more than 10 events within a week, this will be an unforgettable summer experience.

July 19 to August 1, Ardino: The 47th summer school in astronomy "Beli Breziis being held at its traditional location, Beli Brezi resort. Don't miss the chance to see a "falling star" from close up. To see the program and learn how to get involved, please <u>click here</u>.

More Optimism Meets Potential At ABF's "Education For The Future" Conference...

The "Education for the Future" conference, organized by America for Bulgaria Foundation with Capital, continues to generate excitement. In the video, we present Andreas Schleicher, **Director for Education** and Skills at the Organisation for **Economic Cooperation** and Development (OECD) and his special address to conference participants.



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