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Welcome Back to a New Year!

We are looking forward to a great year. We welcome back our Principal, Sra. Nestor, our new kindergarten teachers Candace Wright and Martha Tapley, as well as all of our returning staff.

We look forward to working with YOU! There are many ways to be involved in our school, whether you have a lot of time or just a little. The first way to support your child is to become a PTA member: vote on the PTA budget, elect the board and be a voice in support of children throughout the state through our regional and state affiliation. There are many volunteer opportunities as well. Please feel free to contact any PTA Board member, an event chair person or watch for notices in the El Sol newsletter and on our web site www.puestadelsolpta.org.

Your PTA provides a plethora of activities and events for Puesta del Sol students and families. New this year is "Coffee Hour" with the Principal joining us once a month. You can stay informed of this and other important deadlines by receiving a copy of the El Sol Newsletter via email or hardcopy each Friday. We are excited to have a new, dedicated PTA space just off the gym in the old band room. We will organize and prepare the space during the first few weeks of school and it will be a work area as well as a wonderful space to store all things PTA.

We face many challenges as our popular program grows each year—for the first time in our history, we have 4 classes for all 6 grades. When the building was designed as a neighborhood school, there was no need to accommodate student drop offs by car. We ask each of our families to please be patient, respectful and understanding of the new pick-up procedures recently outlined by Principal Nestor.

We hope to see you at the Walk-a-thon, our largest fundraiser of the year and fun for everyone! Bring your sneakers and enjoy some social time, book shopping, volunteering, and walking!

Please remember, we welcome feedback and ideas—it is your PTA—we are happy to listen and do our best to implement ideas and programs that best fit with our mission: *To support, reinforce, enhance, and promote our children's education, health, and well-being.*

-Barbara Mullen & Ann Douglas, PTA Co-Presidents

September 7, 2012

Upcoming Events

Today	First-Day Packet Due
9/10	Hearing Screening
9/12	Ice Cream Social 6-8 pm
9/13	Passport Club Work Party
9/14	Picture Day
9/14	PTA First-Week Packet Due
9/17-21	Book Fair
9/19	Curriculum Night
9/21	Walkathon



Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 12

6-8 pm on the playground

Catch up with old friends and meet new ones at the ice cream social! Bring the whole family—ice cream sundaes are only \$1! (non-dairy option available).

We need scoopers! Short, easy shifts! To volunteer, sign up at tinyurl.com/9ln8oco or contact Deb at djustice@gmail.com.

Parking will be tight! Please, walk, ride a bike or park at Tyee and take the trail!

*This is not a drop off event



11th Annual Puesta del Sol Walkathon

Friday, September 21, 2012

3:30 to 6 pm, Rain or Shine

Build Community. Raise Funds. Launch school Spirit

Register Yes or No at www.puestadelsolpta.org for each child attending Puesta del Sol

Help us help you! RSVP so we can send your kids in the right direction at the bell. Permission is required for participation. **Registration closes Tuesday, September 18.**

Raise funds-kids can get per-lap pledges or flat-rate amounts

We ask each student to strive to raise \$150 (or \$300/family). We appreciate support at any level! To donate online, go to www.puestadelsolpta.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-Volunteers needed before/during/after the event. We can't do this without you! Please contact Stacey Hauser Weigel at hauserweigel@comcast.net.

RAFFLE PRIZES and WATER DONATIONS-To donate kid friendly prizes such as Legos, gift cards, art supplies, video games or stuffed animals, please contact Alicia Filippini at a.filippini@concordmgi.com.

BAKE SALE-Individually packaged tasty treats needed! Please contact Kandi Dodrill at kandi@dodrill.net.

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Submit articles by Sunday evening to newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org

Reflections Co-Chair Needed



Help our kids bring out their artistic side! Consider becoming this year's Reflections Co-Chair.

Contact Julie at jpskaggis@hotmail.com to learn more.

Lunch and Recess Monitors



Want a quick and impactful way to help at school? We really need lunch and recess monitors!

Lunch helpers please come to the cafeteria by 11:15 am for setup the first week of school. *Check in at office.

Contact Stacey at hauserweigel@comcast.net or signup at tinyurl.com/pdslunch12.



Accept the Challenge!

Academic Challenge will return for a second year! Look for informational fliers coming out soon. Requirements can also be found at www.puestadelsolpta.org under the Activities/Clubs section. Deadlines for the 2012/13 school year will be updated soon!



Go Green

Read El Sol Online

To receive El Sol via email each week, follow instructions at www.puestadelsolpta.org/distribution.htm.

To cancel your paper packet, please email editor at newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org. Please include student(s) name and grade.

EScrip: Now through September 11!

Purchase participating products at Safeway and 10% of the price will be donated to Puesta del Sol PTA. Register your Safeway and/or credit cards at www.escrip.com. If you already have an account, don't forget to do the annual renewal.

Please Check Your Child for LICE

Lice are prolific in the Pacific Northwest. Be sure to check your child regularly (we recommend once/week) with a lice comb. For info, help with checking or treatment, or to report finding some critters, please contact school nurse Cori Ponti at 425-456-6105.

Welcome Alba, Elisenda, Maria and Pablo!

Introducing the 2012-2013 Amity Interns

Thanks to the PTA, our school community will have the opportunity to enjoy and benefit from four Spanish assistants this school year. All four interns hail from Spain, three come to us through the Amity Institute of San Diego, CA, and one through University of Washington's Spanish Academy program. The Amity program's belief is: "Language learning and cultural exchange are essential to building international friendship and cultural understanding." Each of the interns are in the process of getting their teaching certificates in Spain. During the school year, the interns will assist teachers in the classroom. The names and e-mail addresses of this year's interns are listed below:

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Elisenda Carrion-elisendacarrion@gmail.com

Maria Perez Martin-maria.pema@hotmail.com

Pablo Robles Garcia-pablorobles1990@hotmail.com

Thanks, Host Families! The PTA would like to acknowledge and thank the 12 families that have opened their homes to host our interns: Appleby, Aramori, Barnes, Bower, Carpenter, Chesney, Douglas, Faulk, Finger, Guidotti, Peck, and Tampa. Without host families, this program would not be possible.

Tutoring Available: If you would like tutoring for your child, please contact the interns directly to discuss.

Invite an Intern: If your family is planning a fun outing, 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.

If you would like to consider hosting in the future, please contact Mary Fredericksen maryandjohn4@comcast.net, Stacy Hauser-Weigel hauserweigel@comcast.net, or Kristina Dolan.

Scholastic Fall Book Fair: September 17-21 in the Library

8:30-9 am each morning

Lunch recess each day

M, T, TH 3:30-4:30 pm

W 1:15-3 pm

Day of Walkathon 3:30-6:30 pm



VOLUNTEERS still needed. Please contact Emmy Park at emmerlee@me.com or 206-218-7136.

Passport Club :Kick-Off Work Party

We are getting ready for another amazing year and we need YOUR help! Please attend our annual work party:



When: Thursday, September 13, after drop-off until 11 am

Where: Renee Haniu's home, 1825 145th Pl SE

We will socialize, catch up and nosh on snacks while we collate, staple, trim and label Passport resources for our 1st - 5th Graders. We'd love to have returning volunteers and we welcome new recruits. Come find out what Passport is all about and help us prepare our kids' journey around the world.

Any questions? Please contact Krista Capodanno (kcap@msn.com), Hillary Salmieri (H.Salmieri@msn.com) or Renee Haniu (ReneeHaniu@gmail.com).