

# el sol

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## Skate King Night

Tuesday, October 9, 6:00-8:00 pm  
 2301 140th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA



\$5 per person (\$4 additional for in-line skates)

Wear school colors or SpiritWear to get a raffle ticket

\*Volunteer for a 45 minute ticket selling shift (6-6:45 pm) or (6:45-7:30 pm) and get in free (Adults only). Email Laura at [dooley101@msn.com](mailto:dooley101@msn.com) to volunteer.

Cash or check only, ATM on-site

No outside food or drink allowed

Non skaters welcome at no charge. This is NOT a drop-off event.

October 5, 2012

## Upcoming Events

- 10/8 PTA Board Meeting
- 10/9 Skate King Night
- 10/10 Unity Day-Wear Orange
- 10/15 4/5 Grade Book Club Meeting
- 10/16 PTA General Meeting
- 10/19 Photo Retake Day
- 10/22 Walkathon Pledges Due
- 10/24 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 10/25 Passport Check Day

## Collect Walkathon Pledges by Oct 22 to Earn Prizes

Send checks (payable to Puesta del Sol PTA with student's name in Memo line) in an envelope marked PTA through your child's classroom teacher, along with gift preferences (if eligible).

\*Today is the last day to donate by credit card at [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org)\*

## Homework Club K-5: El Club de Tarea y E.F.E./S.O.S.

Homework Club began this week. There will be two groups receiving help, K-2 and 3-5. Parents of students needing support can contact Paula Reck at [paulareck@yahoo.com](mailto:paulareck@yahoo.com) for more information and a copy of the Club de Tarea contract. We are going to keep each group below 20 students so that the students have the best opportunity to benefit from the opportunity.

As we build El Club de Tarea y E.F.E., we'll continue to keep the community aware of how it is meeting the needs of the students involved as well as any plans for growth.

## Unity Day

### Wear Orange on Oct 10

October is **National Bullying Prevention** month. We are encouraging students and staff to wear orange on Wednesday, Oct 10th as a sign of unity against bullying. Unity day provides a great opportunity to teach students how to respond to bullying behavior.

*Make it Orange and Make it End!*

## Walkathon: The Results Are In!

These are our top walkers by grade with the amount of laps they walked. Way to go!

### 5th Grade

Matthew B.: 130 laps & Chloe O.: 100 laps

### 4th Grade

Connor S.: 92 laps & Kylie R.: 53 laps

### 3rd Grade

Corbin G.: 88 laps & Julia S.: 75 laps

### 2nd Grade

Kyler N.: 81 laps & Zoe W.: 77 laps

### 1st Grade

Grayson B.: 63 laps, Joaquin P.: 63 laps & Sophia T.: 60 laps

### Kindergarten

Izaveur Y.: 77 laps & Mika H.: 57 laps

**Top class:** Srta Nicole: 936 laps!

**Total laps as a school:** 13,852



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Submit articles by Monday at 9 pm to  
[newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org)

Thanks again to all of the fabulous volunteers! If you liked volunteering, consider helping with many of the other great programs at Puesta del Sol. Watch for opportunities posted in *El Sol* each week.

If you enjoyed walking laps, look for more information in the *El Sol* about the Seattle Kids Marathon this fall and Lap Club this spring!

## From the Office


**Tardy/Late?** Adults must sign students in. There have been over 200 tardies since the beginning of school. We appreciate your support in getting to school on time.

**Absent?** Please call the 24 hr attendance line by 9:30 am when your child stays home from school.(425) 456-6152.

**Staff parking is intended for staff only.** We have over 50 staff that work in our building. Allowing those staff members to get to their jobs in a timely manner is an indicator of a community that supports its primary objective – the daily learning of students. Thank you!

**Harvest Celebrations:** Remember that we do not celebrate Halloween at school—please do not send your student to school in a costume on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Many classrooms will be hosting harvest celebrations over the next month or so, and we welcome parent participation in these events.

## Academic Challenge

 Check out the new informational flier for the Academic Challenge coming home soon! New change for this year: the final submission form is **REQUIRED** in order to help keep better track of students who are participating! For additional information please look for Academic Challenge on the PTA website under the Activities section. For questions, please contact Jessica Heringer at [AcademicChallenge@Puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:AcademicChallenge@Puestadelsolpta.org).

## Lunch and Recess Monitors Needed

Contact Stacy at [hauserweigel@comcast.net](mailto:hauserweigel@comcast.net) or sign up at [tinyurl.com/pdslunch12](http://tinyurl.com/pdslunch12).

## 4th/5th Grade Book Club

Monday, Oct 15  
7-8 pm in the Library

Puesta del Sol will begin its 10th year of the Adult/Student Book Club. This is open to any 4th or 5th grader with any accompanying adult. Come to the first meeting to get the first book, sign up for snacks and vote on future books and meeting times. For questions, contact Mrs. Brody at [brodys@bsd405.org](mailto:brodys@bsd405.org) or sign-up in the library.



## Prepare for Your Parent/Teacher Conference

This is a time for parents and teachers to coordinate efforts around each individual student's success in the classroom. Parents can prepare for conferences by arriving on time and bringing questions. Before arriving, look through your student's work and see if you notice any patterns. Are there areas that are consistently troublesome for your child, or areas that s/he consistently talks about in discussions about school? Ask to see samples of your child's class work, as well as examples of work that meets standard. If follow up is needed, make an appointment for further conversation.

## Principal/PTA Coffee: Thank You!

Thank you to the PTA members who provided coffee and yummy breakfast goodies for the first Principal/PTA Coffee held last Friday. The room was full of people enjoying those treats while over twenty questions were answered by both the principal and the PTA. The hour went by quickly! The next Principal/PTA Coffee will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am** in the library. The School Improvement Plan will be shared and parent feedback on the plan collected, as well as addressing questions brought forth by attending parents. Hope to see you there!

## Get Your Weekly El Sol Newsletter Online



Want *El Sol* news online? Go to [puestadelsolpta.org/distribution.htm](http://puestadelsolpta.org/distribution.htm).

If you'd like to stop paper copies, please email your child's name/grade to [eco@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:eco@puestadelsolpta.org).

## Puesta del Sol Running Club

PARENT volunteers NEEDED to supervise and track laps – Tuesdays & Thursdays at Lunch Recess. Please contact Katherine Snead at [sneadfamlyfour@gmail.com](mailto:sneadfamlyfour@gmail.com).

Kids started running this week. Apply recess miles plus Walk-a-thon miles toward the Seattle Kids Marathon! Kids CAN run 26 miles! How? The Seattle Marathon allows kids to run 25 miles BEFORE the marathon, and then run the last 1.2 miles in Seattle Center on November 24. For more info and to register online, go to:

<http://www.seattlemarathon.org/kids/register.php>.

Our Group: Puesta del Sol; Group Keyword: Nestor



## Passport Club: Special Itinerary, Thailand

Learn about Thailand for this month's Special Itinerary. Find the worksheet at [www.puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html](http://www.puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html) and check out the bulletin board in the gym for the answers.

## Tillicum Costa Rica Trip Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct 6

7-10 pm at Newport Shores Yacht Club

Don't miss this adults-only social event for the BSD Spanish Immersion community! 3 hours of fun and friends for only \$40! Proceeds benefit the 2013, 8th Grade Spanish Immersion Costa Rica Trip & Scholarship.

The evening in the Costa Rican rainforest will offer live music, dancing, entertainment, desserts, beverages, and silent auction. Remember - there won't be a Puesta del Sol auction this year, so gather your friends (and your checkbook) and come to the party! Auction items include:

Babysitting, Movie tickets, Gift Certificates, El Gaucho dinner,  
50/50 Cash Raffle, Art and More!

For questions, contact [Christy@Lhanson.com](mailto:Christy@Lhanson.com). To purchase tickets, send check made payable to Ellen McCartan at 16234 SE 24th St. Bellevue, WA (ATTN: Costa Rica Night).