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Join the Puesta del Sol PTA: Top 5 Reasons to Belong

- 1) Being a member of the PTA does not mean you have to volunteer
- 2) Joining the PTA is a strong support for a small amount of \$
- 3) It gives you a vote for the future of your children at school
- 4) Our # of members directly corresponds to voting capacity at the state level
- 5) Shows commitment & unity of our school

**100% membership is our goal. We are currently at 74%. Ask your friends if they have joined!
 Need a membership form? Find one on the web at www.puestadelsolpta.org or in the office.

Walkathon Raised Over \$54,000! Thank you!

Thanks to all the students and families who raised/donated funds! Donations continue to be accepted! Send checks in an envelope marked PTA through your classroom teachers (make checks payable to *Puesta del Sol PTA*, student name in Memo line). Double your Donation with Matching Funds—Ask your employer and send in your forms.

Thanks to all for your participation and donations!

Spring Parent Social Planning Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 30 at 9:15 am

We are organizing a Spring social gathering and fundraising event for parents/guardians and the PdS Community! There will be a planning meeting for this event on Tuesday, October 30 at 9:15 am at the Factoria Panera. Interested in helping but can't attend this meeting? Please contact Stacy Weigel at hauserveigel@comcast.net.

Sign up Now for 4th/5th Grade Global Reading Challenge

The Global Reading Challenge, sponsored by the King County Library System, begins in November. Sra. Brody will be choosing teams made up of 4th and 5th Graders to participate against other Bellevue Elementary Schools in a quiz bowl format. Participants will read 2 or more of the 10 fiction and/or nonfiction books that have been selected by children's librarians from KCLS.

Many students want to participate in this exciting event. We would like to have willing parents to help work with teams every Wednesday during lunch and recess from November through February. (Please note, students who were on teams last year will not be able to participate again this year).

Please fill out the attached form if your 4th or 5th Grade student is interested and return to the Puesta del Sol library no later than **November 5th**. Questions? Contact Mrs. Brody at brodys@bsd405.org.



Science Fair 2013: March 27--Save the Date!



It's never too early to start thinking of the perfect experiment to wow the judges and your friends! Science Fair is happening March 27th and everyone is invited. Parents, we are going to need your help to make this awesome event run smoothly.

Please contact Amy Frieden at amyfrieden@yahoo.com if you would like to help out.

October 26, 2012

Upcoming Events

- 10/30 Hands On Equations Begins
- 10/30 Spring Fundraising Meeting
- 11/5 Global Reading Sign-up Due
- 11/6 Election Day
- 11/9 Conference Day-NO SCHOOL
- 11/12 Veterans Day-NO SCHOOL
- 11/16 RAD Ends
- 11/21-22 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 11/29 Passport Check

Email RAD Minutes!

It's the end of the third week of RAD. Please email your classroom volunteer with the number of minutes your child read in Spanish and English.



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Get Your Weekly El Sol Newsletter Online

Want *El Sol* news online? Go to puestadelsolpta.org/distribution.htm. If you'd like to stop paper copies, please email your child's name/grade to eco@puestadelsolpta.org.

Submit articles by Monday at 9 pm to newsletter@puestadelsolpta.org

PTA @ Work

Board Meeting
General Meeting
Walkathon Collections
Membership Processing
Art Appreciation Training
RAD Reading Program
Passport Club
Principal Coffee
PTA and the Law Training
Tax Filing

Volunteers Needed

Diversity Club

Are you interested in helping our students learn more about having respect and acceptance for each other? We are looking for parents or grandparents who would like to learn more about helping the Diversity Club get up and running again. For more info contact Humaira Jackson at humaira@techlinks.com.

Lunch and Recess Monitors Needed

Contact Stacy at hauserveigel@comcast.net or signup at tinyurl.com/pdslunch12.

Hospitality Chair Needed!

Looking for someone to organize coffee/treats for events like PTA Meetings (quarterly), Coffee with Sra. Nestor (monthly), & other events as they pop up. Interested? Contact Deb at djjustice@gmail.com.

Spanish Movie Night Chair Wanted!

Like watching movies? We need you! This chair puts on evening family movie nights throughout the school year. Job entails picking movies, advertising, and selling popcorn at the event! Low time commitment, lots of fun! Contact Deb at djjustice@gmail.com to learn more.

Sock Hop Chair Needed!

LAST CALL!!! We need someone to chair Sock Hop so that we can hold this fun community event! It's fun, easy, AND the previous chair has offered to guide whom-ever takes over. Contact Deb at djjustice@gmail.com.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Please come to the gym and check as all clothes will be donated at the end of the month.

Pick up the Phone to be "All in for Kids"!

Over 200 volunteers are needed to make calls during the Bellevue Schools Foundation's annual Phonathon, which raises money that will help all students in all Bellevue schools. Training will be provided and food will be available for all volunteers. Share the opportunity with HS students as well. It's a great way to obtain community service hours!

November 13-15 (Tues-Thurs) 5:00-8:30 pm (each day)

November 16 (Friday), start time 10:00 am (may go until 3 pm)

Contact your school's Ambassador Pam Rauch at rauchpam@hotmail.com or Megan Elmer megan@bsfdn.org if you are interested in volunteering.



Attention Parents of 5th Grade Math Enthusiasts!

Math Olympiad will begin in January and be taught by Srta. Sidoine. Math Olympiad is an advanced level, state wide, middle school math competition for students in grades 5-8. Teams of 4 compete to gain as many points as possible across six components: a long session problem, and five short session problems in the content areas: Number Sense, Probability and Statistics, Measurement, Geometric Sense, and Algebraic Sense.

Mandatory practice sessions will be Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:50-8:50 am starting in January. Attendance at the competition to be held on May 4, 2013 is also mandatory as well as completing homework packets (3-4 pages long) in addition to the regular classroom homework. Please look for registration information in November!

In order to get a rough estimate of interest, please email Krista at kcap@msn.com, if your 5th grade student is interested in Math Olympiad.

**This program fulfills math requirement for academic challenge!*

Amity Interns Available to Tutor

Are you interested in having one of the Spanish interns tutor your child individually or in a group? There is some space still available in their schedules! Please contact Eli, Pablo, Alba or Maria directly at: elisendacarrion@gmail.com, pablors1990@hotmail.com, albuch80@hotmail.com, maria.pema@hotmail.com.

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Hands on Equations for 4th/5th Graders Begins Oct 30

Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm; 10/30-12/18

Hands On Equations, an after school math class for grades 4 and 5, starts 10/30 and runs through 12/18. Space is limited to 15 students. Cost is \$55. (3rd graders accepted on space-available basis). Contact crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com to register. To see the Hands-on Equations in action, go to <http://www.borenson.com>.

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Make Tracks this Winter: Ski/Board

Registration for 2nd-12th grade students is open for 6 week, 8 week, and Transportation only programs through December 15th. To register, visit www.bellevueskischool.com.