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## Mission Accomplished: Tuesday's General PTA Meeting

Over 40 PTA members turned out to make important decisions regarding the PTA budget, approve an updated mission and goal statement and listen to various presenters, including Principal Nestor. Our four Spanish interns also introduced themselves and shared some of their responsibilities in various classrooms throughout the school.

Mission: To support, reinforce, enhance, and promote our children's Spanish Immersion experience and overall education, health, and well-being.

Goals:

- Support core and supplemental programs for a well-rounded education with an emphasis on Spanish language and culture.
- Provide a variety of community-building events, volunteer opportunities, and communications to link families, school, and the community.
- Advocate for programs and policies that nurture youth and education.
- Promote inclusiveness within the diverse school community.
- Provide and manage PTA resources.

### Call for New Members

Become a PTA Member! Go to [puestadelsolpta.org](http://puestadelsolpta.org) and click on forms to fill out a membership application today. Questions? Contact Alison Wai at [ptamembership@yahoo.com](mailto:ptamembership@yahoo.com).

### Walkathon: Pledges Due Oct 22!

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). For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pdswalk>.

*\*Make sure to turn in your gift preference forms if you paid your donation by credit card online.*



All parents welcome at the Principal/PTA Coffee 10/24 from 9:15-10:15 am in the library. Topic to be School Improvement Plan.

### Election Day is Nov 6: Get Out and Vote!

Election day is November 6. Ballots should be arriving in your mailbox this week. Please take the time to review the election guide, do your own research, be informed, be rational, understand the issues and vote. There are three major education issues to consider in this election.

- Washington Supreme Court in the McCleary decision ordered the Legislature to fully fund education. Different candidates have different ideas how this can be accomplished so consider this task as you research the candidates and decide your votes.
- Initiative 1240 Charter Schools: Bringing Charter Schools to Washington is a very complicated and emotional issue which even the PTA is torn on. More information on the initiative can be found on the Washington State PTA Website with links to the pro and con websites <http://tinyurl.com/1240charter>.
- Finally, the 2/3 majority requirement for tax increases is on the ballot once again. More information about the initiative and the PTA's position can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/2-3majority>.



October 19, 2012

### Upcoming Events

TODAY Email RAD Minutes  
 TODAY Photo Retake Day  
 10/22 Walkathon Pledges Due  
 10/24 Principal/PTA Coffee  
 10/25 Passport Check Day  
 10/30 Hands On Equations Begins  
 11/6 Election Day  
 11/9 Conference Day-NO SCHOOL  
 11/12 Veterans Day-NO SCHOOL

### Passport Club

Thursday, Oct 25

Special Itinerary: Thailand



### Email RAD Minutes!

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

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## Volunteers Needed

### Sock Hop Chair Needed!

We need someone to plan the spring Sock Hop! No experience necessary. If interested, contact Deb at [djustice@gmail.com](mailto:djustice@gmail.com).

### Fifth Grade Special Events Chair Needed!

Have a 5th grader? We need YOU to help plan the graduation celebrations. If interested, contact Deb at [djustice@gmail.com](mailto:djustice@gmail.com).

### Puesta del Sol Running Club

Volunteers needed at lunch recess. Please contact Katherine Snead at [sneadfamilysfour@gmail.com](mailto:sneadfamilysfour@gmail.com).

### Lunch and Recess Monitors Needed

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



### 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.

### KCLS Library Connection

Visit a branch near you for Spanish Story Time. For more information on times and locations go to <http://tinyurl.com/kclsevents>.



### Protect Your Family from the Flu Get vaccinated today!

Influenza is an illness that spreads easily by coughing and sneezing. Flu most often causes fever, cough, sore throat, body aches and headache. Stop the spread and protect your family by getting vaccinated today. For up to date information, visit [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov). To find an immunization clinic, call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.



### Bellevue Schools Foundation

Questions about BSF? Contact Puesta del Sol's Foundation Ambassador Pam Rauch at [rauchpam@hotmail.com](mailto:rauchpam@hotmail.com) or view the website at [www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org).

## From our Region 2 PTA Leadership

Congratulations! Your officers have all met the WSPTA Training By-Law Requirement and your unit is in good standing with the WSPTA. Because of your dedication to becoming better leaders, your PTSA will be stronger and more successful.

~Kimberly Montague  
WSPTA Region 2 Director

## New Fundraising Program: MSN Offers

Do you love a good deal? Know a business that would like to get more customers in the door? MSN Offers is a "groupon" style fundraising program. Puesta del Sol receives 5% of each deal that our members buy OR if we bring in a deal from a business, PdS will receive 10% of each deal purchased. This is a win-win! Great for our school and great for local businesses. All you have to do to start receiving these deals in your e-mail is to sign up here:

<http://www.msnoffersforschools.com/Blog/page/Sign-up.aspx>. You can also talk to businesses that you frequent and see if they are interested in participating. Questions? Send an e-mail to [fundraising@puestadelcsolpta.org](mailto:fundraising@puestadelcsolpta.org).

## Reflections: The Magic of the Moment

Reflections deadline is November 16th 2012! This year's theme is "The Magic of a Moment." Please go to [puestadelcsolpta.org](http://puestadelcsolpta.org) for links, entry forms and rules. Contact Kira Hackett at [kira.hackett1@gmail.com](mailto:kira.hackett1@gmail.com) or Jessica Heringer at [heringer@comcast.net](mailto:heringer@comcast.net) with any questions.

*\*Fulfills Academic Challenge Requirement*

## Hands on Equations 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. (3<sup>rd</sup> graders accepted on space-available basis). Contact [crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com](mailto:crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com) to register.

Learn algebra the fun way and strengthen basic math skills! Hands-On Equations is a program designed to introduce younger children to concepts usually not introduced until Algebra I. At the end of 8 weeks, your student will easily solve equations like  $2(2x+3) = x+9!$  Student should have a fundamental understanding of adding, subtracting and multiplying. To see the Hands-on Equations in action, go to <http://www.borenson.com>.

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

*\*\*A parent PTA member is needed to attend all classes. Tuition will be waived for your child if you are able to help. Please contact [crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com](mailto:crystalcoldiron@hotmail.com) if you are interested. (Math background is not necessary.)*

## Get Your Weekly El Sol Newsletter Online



Want El Sol news online? Go to [puestadelcsolpta.org/distribution.htm](http://puestadelcsolpta.org/distribution.htm). If you'd like to stop paper copies, please email your child's name/grade to [eco@puestadelcsolpta.org](mailto:eco@puestadelcsolpta.org).

## 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](mailto:rauchpam@hotmail.com) or Megan Elmer [megan@bsfdn.org](mailto:megan@bsfdn.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

