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## Become a PTA Board Member for the 2013-14 School Year

The Walk-a-Thon, our beloved amity interns, Art Appreciation, Science Fair! Do your kids love all these PTA sponsored programs? ***Then we need your help in filling the open positions on the PTA Board for the 2013-2014 academic year.*** Without a strong PTA Board, our kids will join the thousands nationwide who have no clue where Peru is because Passport Club will be no more. They won't have a chance to shine as flamenco dancers at the International Festival or tap their inner Picasso because the Reflections Program has been cancelled. It will be a world without Math Olympiad! Help spare our little ones from this awful, bland and boring future. Contact us immediately if you are interested, no experience necessary. We also need help identifying those brilliant but humble parents who don't think they are qualified but would make fantastic leaders. You know who they are!

### 2013-2014 PTA Board Open Positions

- Co-President
- Member at Large
- Co-Treasurer
- VP of Teacher Relations
- Co-VP of Administrative Support
- Co-VP of Educational Enhancement
- Co-VP of Fundraising
- VP of Special Events

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### Passport Check Day is Now January 24!

Due to a scheduling conflict, the passport check day has been moved up one week. If your child is not ready by the 24<sup>th</sup>, you can do the check at home by using the form at [tinyurl.com/c6vj3](http://tinyurl.com/c6vj3). Return the form to the passport envelope located in the workroom or bring to the next Check day. Please note, any past month can be made up at any time using this form or at any Check day.

Lost your map set? The maps can be downloaded at [www.puestadelsolpta.org](http://www.puestadelsolpta.org).  
 Password: SunsetMaps (case sensitive and all one word)

Check out the new Special Itinerary (China) on the bulletin board in the gym. Find the paper to fill out at [puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html](http://puestadelsolpta.org/SI.html)

## Kindergarten Information Night: January 23, 2013

Spanish Immersion Kindergarten information night at Puesta del Sol @ 6:30 pm in gym.-  
 ADULTS ONLY

## Kindergarten Lottery Deadline: March 1, 2013

To enroll and be eligible for kindergarten (siblings included) at Puesta del Sol in September 2013, you must submit a lottery card, a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, and residency documents to the Puesta del Sol office no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, 3:30 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Lottery cards will be available at the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> info night or in the office on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

January 18, 2013

### Upcoming Events

- 1/21 MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/23 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 1/23 Kindy Info. Night
- 1/23 Immersion Kindy Reg. Begins
- 1/24 Skate King Night
- 1/24 Passport Check Day
- 1/29 PTA General Meeting
- 2/4,2/5 Science on Wheels
- 2/18-22 Mid-Winter Break
- 2/27 Principal/PTA Coffee
- 2/28 Passport Check

### Puesta del Sol Orchestra & Band Concert

January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

PdS Gymnasium



### PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6:45 pm

PdS Library

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

## Puesta del Sol Choir

### Now Accepting New Members!

Do you have a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who loves to sing? Sra. Rose is working on a Choir Zone Concert at Tillicum Middle School for March 26<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are 8:15 am Wednesday mornings. If your child will be attending, please email Sra. Rose at [rose@bsd405.org](mailto:rose@bsd405.org). Hope to see you there!



## Skate King Night

Thursday, Jan. 24, 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 to hand out raffle tickets inside (6-6:45 pm) and get in free (Adults only)

Email Laura at [dooley101@msn.com](mailto:dooley101@msn.com) to volunteer

New! Outside food and drink welcome

Snack bar will be open and PTA will be selling water bottles

Cash or check only, ATM on-site

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

## Science on Wheels: Volunteers Needed!



Pacific Science Center Science on Wheels will be coming to school February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with a Blood and

Guts extravaganza. Volunteers are needed to help monitor the exhibit space. Please contact Amy Frieden [amyfrieden@yahoo.com](mailto:amyfrieden@yahoo.com) if you would like to help out. Thank you!

## Bring Back Volunteer ID Badges!

We love it when you volunteer, but please bring or send any non-photo ID volunteer badges back to the office.

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## Save the date! Next Principal/PTA Coffee Jan. 23

9:15-10:15 am in the library

Please join us to hear about all that the Puesta del Sol library has to offer. Sra. Brody will be holding an information session about the databases and other opportunities for our students and families available at our library.

## PTA General Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 29 at 6:45 pm

### Guest Speaker: Robin Wallace-Wright

Come to PTA's general meeting to hear Guest Speaker Robin Wallace-Wright, a certified sexual health educator with a wealth of knowledge gained from her experience working with families and schools. Robin offers puberty workshops, family workshops, classroom presentations, and one-on-one coaching. She gives you the skills and confidence to talk to your child, answer their questions, reassure them, and have a positive impact on their developing sexuality.

She will present at 7:30 pm on January 29 in the Puesta del Sol library.

## Academic Challenge: Turn in your work starting April 15

April 24<sup>th</sup> is the final day to turn in math logs, reading reviews, and typing (only passport is due on May 30<sup>th</sup>). ABSOLUTELY NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED! Get started now to allow yourself enough time to complete all of the challenge requirements.

There will be a box marked "Academic Challenge" located in the school office beginning April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please do not turn in work earlier than April 15<sup>th</sup>. All work must include the final submission sheet. To avoid the misplacement of items, please turn in all papers in an envelope sealed and labeled with student's name. Questions? Email Jessica Heringer: [AcademicChallenge@puestadelsolpta.org](mailto:AcademicChallenge@puestadelsolpta.org)

## News from the Library

**Book Donation:** When buying books from the Puesta del Sol Wish Lists on Amazon or Bound to Stay Bound, please remember to put your name on the page where you are paying for the book. I have received two books and don't know who the donors are: Curious Critters and Kids Everything Rocks and Minerals.

**Covering Books:** Volunteers are needed to cover new library books with contact paper. Drop by and I can show you how to do this easy task. I also have some longer term (but easy) projects if you have the time. Thanks!

**Global Reading Challenge:** The first in-school Global Reading Challenge for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams will take place at Puesta del Sol in the gym on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from approximately 9:30 to 11:00 am. Good luck teams!!

