



Puesta del Sol PTA Curriculum Night 2017-18

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome! We are so excited to welcome the Puesta del Sol Community to the 2017-18 school year! You have truly won the lottery to enroll your students in this award-winning Spanish Immersion education experience.

We are fortunate to have an amazing community of students, parents and the most diverse teaching staff in the Bellevue School District. The education at Puesta del Sol is truly a multi-cultural experience.

What does the PTA do for our students and school community?

First a little background on the PTA:

- We are affiliated with **Washington State PTA** and **National PTA**. WSPTA is the oldest and the largest nonprofit grassroots children's advocacy association in Washington state. First and foremost, we exist as **advocates for all children**.
- On a regular basis, our PTA offers an abundance of programs to support and enhance the Spanish Immersion education at Puesta del Sol

What the PTA Does During School Hours:

Amity Interns - The Amity program, organized by the Amity Institute, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building international friendships and cultural understanding through teaching exchange. Each year our PTA sponsors Amity interns to provide Spanish language and cultural learning assistance to our teachers and students at Puesta del Sol. Families from the Puesta community host the interns for approximately 12 week periods over the course of the school year.

Spanish Immersion Through the Arts (SITA) - The SITA program provides students with unique cultural experiences not easily found in our community. These experiences serve as enrichment opportunities for students to "play" with the Spanish language through literary, visual, and musical experiences.

Art Appreciation - The Art Appreciation Program helps supplement and complement the art curriculum at Puesta del Sol. It is led by parent volunteers in the classroom, and supports students' free and creative expression of themselves through the arts.

Passport Club - The Passport Club is a school-wide geography enrichment program for students in grades 1-5. This fun and engaging program aims to foster interest and awareness in our global community by helping students learn the continents, main bodies of water and the location of some or all of the world's countries and capitals.

Garden Club - The Garden Program provides real-life learning experiences for students to study components of nature such as insects, pollinators, soil, planning and cultivation, and composting. This program supports the Bellevue School District's FOSS science curriculum by providing Puesta del Sol teachers with an outdoor learning lab for their existing science lesson plans.

What the PTA Does Outside of School:

International Spanish Academy (ISA) - The ISA Program serves all four Spanish-language programs: Puesta del Sol Elementary, Tillicum Middle School, Newport High School and now Sammamish High School. The goal of this program is to educate the parent population on ISA-related topics, promote consistent communication and cross-school activities across the three age groups, and provide a web presence with all pertinent ISA information in one place.



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Spanish Outside of School (SOS) – The SOS Program runs after school and integrates the ISA community by bringing Newport High School ISA students back to Puesta del Sol to interact with students in 3rd-5th grade in a fun setting –all in Spanish.

Reflections - The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. This program encourages students to explore their artistic talents and is a fun and creative way for the students to let their artistic side shine.

After School Programs – The PTA sponsors certain enrichment programs taught in Spanish after school. In the past our students have had the opportunity to register for dance and percussion classes taught by professional artists such as Flamenco, Bomba, Tambores and Fiesta Latina.

Academic Challenge - The Academic Challenge is a program designed to help students challenge themselves and be rewarded for learning outside of school. Our goal is to foster a love of learning and exploration beyond the classroom.

What We Do to Increase School Spirit and Support:

WatchDOGS - Watch D.O.G.S. ® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. WatchDOGS invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child's/student's school during the school year.

Spirit Wear – Coming soon! Purchase Puesta del Sol Spirit Wear for your child, yourself, grandparents, or as classroom prizes. All proceeds are used by our Puesta del Sol PTA to support the many fantastic programs at our school.

Teacher Stipends -- We provide up to \$400 to every classroom teacher to provide supplies and enhancement to the class so teachers don't have to spend out of pocket. Each specialist receives a stipend as well!

PTA Grants – For unique opportunities that come up, teachers and administration can apply for a grant to subsidize or cover the cost.

Upcoming Community Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- 1) **General Membership Meeting** – All are welcome! *Wednesday, 9/27 @ 6:00pm, School Library*
 - o Make sure you are a member so you can vote!
 - Meet the Amity Interns
 - New Financial Aide model
 - Survey results
 - Approve Budget and Standing Rules
- 2) **Walkathon** – Community event and fundraiser. Families & school staff support our students as they walk laps. *Friday, 10/6 @ 3:35pm*
- 3) **Pumpkin Bash** – *Friday, 10/27 @ 6:00pm, School Gymnasium*
- 4) **PTA Auction** – *Saturday, March 24*

How to Get Information and Stay in the Loop:

- 1) **Website:** Information on ALL PTA programs, events and information. puestadelsolpta.org
- 2) **Newsletter:** Check your email every other Friday for the latest *El Sol!* Subscribe on our website.
- 3) **Facebook:** Like our Puesta del Sol PTA page

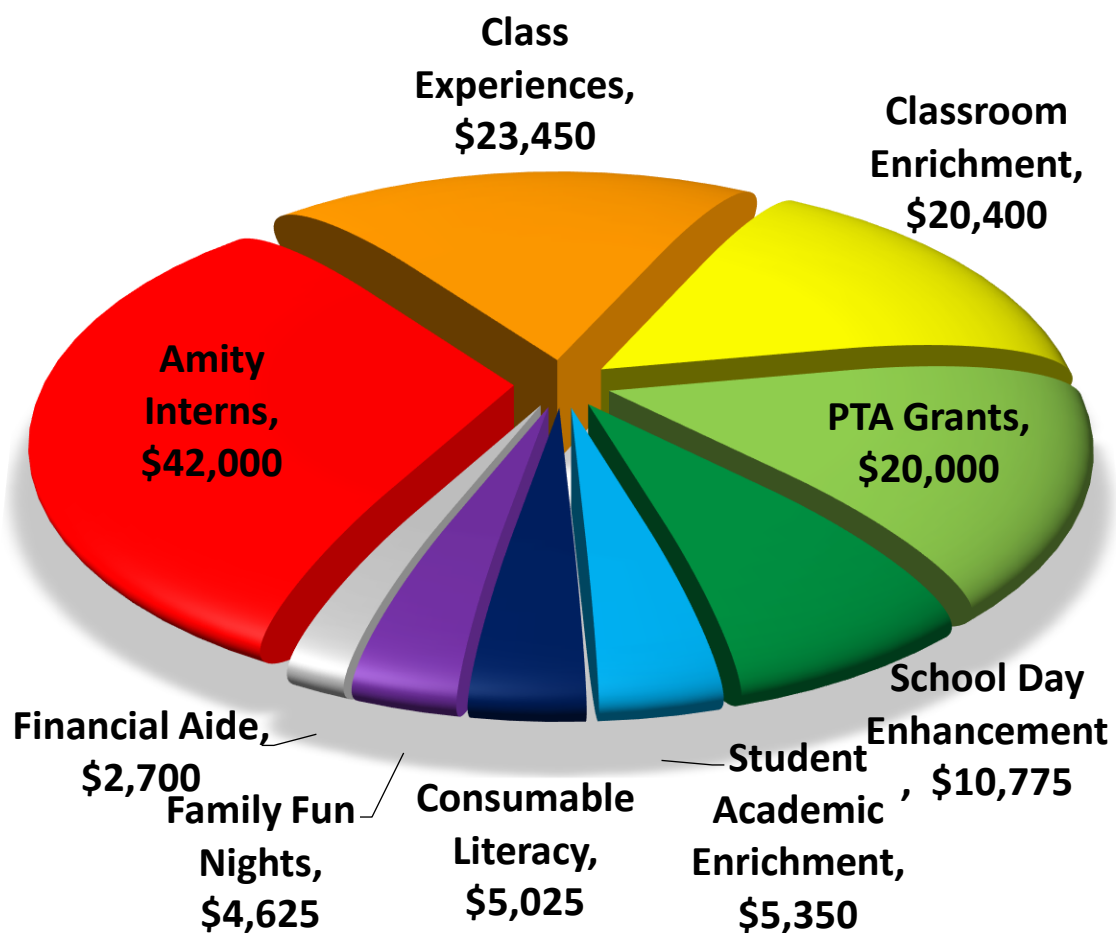


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How do we do it all? TOGETHER!

Human Resources: YOU! The volunteers are what make *everything* happen in the PTA.

Financial Resources: Our generous donors provide the means to pay for all of the amazing programs and events our PTA runs. From *family pledges* at the Walkathon to *corporate matching* to our *Gala Auction* in the Spring... every donation goes to use supporting the Puesta del Sol PTA's Mission and Goals.



*and much more!