



Patwin Elementary

Newsletter

January 21, 2008

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Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-21-08	Monday		School Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr.
1-23-08	Wednesday	8:40 -9:45 am	PTA Student Assembly (MPR)
1-23-08	Wednesday		Waste-Free Wednesday
1-24-08	Thursday	8:10 - 8:25 am	School Savings Deposits (outside MPR)
1-25-08	Friday		5th Graders to State Capitol
1-31-08	Thursday	3:05 pm	Student Council Meeting (Room 21)
2-5-08	Tuesday		Presidential Primary Elections (MPR)
2-11-08	Monday		School Holiday: Lincoln's Birthday
2-18-08	Monday		School Holiday: President's Day
2-29-08	Friday		End of 2nd Trimester
3-3-08 to 3-7-08	Monday - Friday		Parent Conference Week— 1:30 Dismissal All Week
3-24-08 to 3-28-08	Monday - Friday		School Holiday: Spring Break


The Patwin Newsletter is published each Monday of the school year by the Patwin PTA. The deadline to submit articles is the preceding Thursday at 9:00 am. Articles should be e-mailed to the editors at patwineditor@gmail.com Please include a contact name and phone number.

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- Running Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:35 to 3:35 at the Patwin Field. All students are invited to attend. Permission slips are available in the office or at CDC. Running Club will be cancelled if it is raining up to 1 hour before 2:35.
- A Waste-Free Wednesday Lunch includes: reusable lunch container; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes
- Cupcake Sale this week! Remember your quarters! Please come out this Wednesday, January 23rd, to support Mr. Lamb's class. 
- School Savings deposits are collected each THURSDAY morning from 8:10 to 8:25 outside the MPR
- Newsletter subscriptions and options can be changed by visiting your subscription page at: http://mail.cvbig.org/mailman/options/patwin_pta_announce/patwinpta%40gmail.com

“ . . . I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.’

. . . I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today. . .”

Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

Join the Nature Bowl Team

Patwin's Nature Bowl 2008 started last week! The Nature Bowl is an environmental education program that uses hands-on projects and activities to learn about ecology, native habitats, and natural resources conservation. Any interested 3rd-6th grade students are encouraged to join. Students will attend an afterschool class on Wednesdays from 1:30-3 in room 24, and with parent help, we'll do some additional field trips and activities in the local area. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Seban at 792-1848/ lseban@sbcglobal.net

Thank you to the Hyson family for your support of the 2007 Unfundraiser!

Patwin Bike Exchange

Please contact Bike Exchange coordinators Jill Van Zanten (jillvz@integrity.com or 758-7667) or Angelica Herrera (753-2084) if you are interested in the listings below, or if you have a bike offer or bike need (give age & gender of child/size of bike). Bike size is determined by measuring the diameter of the wheel rim. Names of donors & recipients will be kept confidential.

BIKES NEEDED

20 inch girl's bike

BIKES OFFERED

12-inch orange unisex bike w/ training wheels

12-inch red unisex bike

12-inch Huffy boy's bike w/ training wheels

20-inch Schwinn girl's purple bike

KIDS' BIKES IN GOOD CONDITION ONLY, PLEASE.

Disclaimer: By participating in the Patwin Bike Exchange, you agree to hold neither the bike donor nor anyone affiliated with Patwin Elementary School or Patwin PTA responsible or liable for any circumstance resulting from a Patwin Bike Exchange-related gifting or communication.



Patwin After School Music Club

Music Club is an opportunity for 4th, 5th and 6th graders to be introduced to a band instrument. Quality instruction is provided by accomplished Davis High School musicians who volunteer their time to work with your children. **Your child needs no prior musical education.** The classes will include instruction in care of the instrument, how to play the instrument, and reading music. If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument, please fill out the form below, and return it to the office. Sign ups will be taken until classes are full, so be sure to return your form as soon as possible.

The pace of the club moves slowly in order for all students to experience success with their instrument. Unlike the regular district music program, this is just a club, so no practice minutes are required (although practicing is highly encouraged!) Depending on availability of teachers and student sign ups, we may be able to offer instruction for students who already have begun learning an instrument. If your child already plays one of the instruments listed, s/he can sign up to continue learning on their current instrument. This is also a good opportunity for children to experiment with a different instrument than they are currently playing in a non-stressful learning environment.


Instruments offered: Please indicate your child's interest in either **FLUTE, CLARINET, ALTO SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, or TROMBONE.** Depending on class sizes and teacher availability for each instrument, 3 or 4 of the most popular choices will be offered so please be sure to indicate a first and second choice.

Date/Time: Thursdays 3:10-3:45 pm Classes will begin in late January or early February and continue through May.

Required Materials:

- Each student will need to obtain his/her own instrument. Instruments can be rented from Watermelon Music in Davis for about \$25/month, or from Kline's Music, in Sacramento. If your child would like to participate in the club, but this rental would lead to a severe financial hardship, please contact me. No child will be excluded due to financial limitations. **DO NOT RENT AN INSTRUMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS A SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD IN THE CLUB, AND CONFIRMATION THAT YOUR CHILD'S FIRST CHOICE INSTRUMENT IS BEING OFFERED.**
- In the past, the district has loaned us books to use for the club.

Questions?  **Contact Katie Horn** phone: 758-2528 email : JazzyHorns@aol.com

 Cut here Fill out bottom form and return it ASAP! Keep upper portion for your information 

- _____ Yes, my child can participate in the Music Club on Thursdays from 3:10 - 3:45 p.m., beginning in a few weeks.

Possible instrument choices TROMBONE TRUMPET CLARINET FLUTE SAXOPHONE

- 1st choice instrument is: _____
- 2nd choice instrument is: _____
- Does your child already play their 1st choice instrument? _____ If so, for how long? _____
- Have they played ANY instrument before? If so, which one(s) and for how long?

Student Name: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature _____

Updates and club info will be sent by email. If you do not use email please indicate that below.

Email: _____ PHONE _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE. I will send out a confirmation note to confirm your child's space in the club. DO NOT RENT AN INSTRUMENT until you receive confirmation that there is a space for your child in this club!