



# Patwin Elementary

Newsletter

February 11, 2008

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
2-11-08	Monday		School Holiday: Lincoln's Day
2-13-08	Wednesday		Box Tops for Education Due Date
2-13-08	Wednesday	1:45 pm	Variety Show Try-Outs (MPR)
2-14-08	Thursday	3:05 pm	Student Council Meeting (Room 21)
2-14-08	Thursday	3:10 - 3:35 pm	First Music Club Meeting (Meet in Music Room for assignments)
2-18-08	Monday		School Holiday: President's Day
2-28-08	Thursday	3:05 pm	Student Council Meeting (Room 21)
2-29-08	Friday		End of 2nd Trimester
2-29-08	Friday	8:40 am and 6:00 pm	Patwin Variety Show (MPR)
3-3-08 to 3-7-08	Monday - Friday		Parent Conference Week— 1:30 Dismissal All Week
3-3-08 to 3-7-08	Monday - Friday	1:30 - 3:30 5:30 - 7:30 W	Spring Book Fair (Library)
3-17-08	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Night
3-20-08	Thursday	9:00 - 3:00	Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09
3-24-08 to 3-28-08	Monday - Friday		School Holiday: Spring Break
4-5-08	Saturday	9:00 - 11:00 am	Patwin Walkathon

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](mailto:patwineditor@gmail.com) Please include a contact name and phone number.

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## April 5th— Save the Date!!

The 3rd Annual Patwin Walkathon will be on Saturday, April 5th, from 9-11. Put your walking shoes on and get ready to “Put a Spring in Your Step!” The kickoff assembly will be Wednesday February 20th and the sponsor forms will come home that day.

Volunteers needed! Call Grace DeMasi at 753-8609 or look for the signup sheet coming soon to the PTA bulletin board!

Entertainment needed! Any Patwin parents or older siblings out there have a special talent you would like to show off at the event? We are still looking for acts to entertain walkers along the route. Call Ellen at 753-2561 or e-mail the.shields@mail.com.

## Music Club

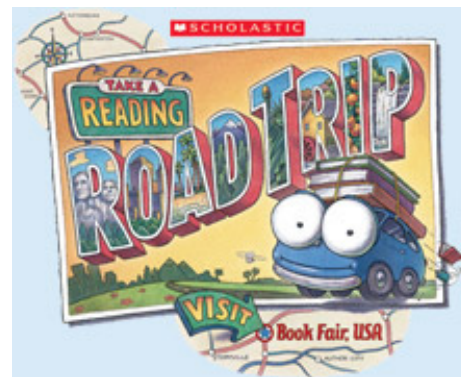
It is not too late to sign up for the Patwin After School Music Club. Any 4th - 6th grade student who wishes to learn a new band instrument or practice their current instrument may sign up. Music lessons are provided in a group setting, free of cost, by talented DHS musicians. Lessons this year will be on the clarinet, alto saxophone, flute or trumpet.

The club will meet Thursdays after school. Sign up sheets are in the office. The first Music Club Meeting will be held on this Thursday, February 14 from 3:10 to 3:35. All students meet in the Music Room to get their room assignments.

## Take a Reading Road Trip!

The Spring Book Fair will be held from March 3 to March 7.

The theme for this spring’s fair will be “Take a Reading Road Trip.” Books are the vehicles to improve reading skills. They allow us to experience another place, another time, another viewpoint.



The Book Fair will be open from 1:30 to 3:30 Monday through Friday. There will be a special Kindergarten-only time on Tuesday, March 4 from 11:50 am to 1:30 pm. Family night will be held on Wednesday, March 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.


## Volunteers—We Really Need You

We need your help for the Spring Book Fair. We still have many openings that need to be filled. Please sign up so we can have a successful bookfair. Please sign-up for one 2-hour timeslot or as much time as you can give us (30 minutes, 1 hour—we are not to picky). It is simple and fun. To sign up, please email Terri Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com with the time and date you would like to work.

Event/Day	Time	Volunteers
Set up: Friday, 2/29	10:00 to 3:30 pm	Terri C, Carin S, Iona, NEED 2 more people
Book Fair: Monday, 3/3	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Debbie G, Terri C, NEED 1 more person
Kindergarten Hours: Tuesday, 3/4	11:50 to 1:30 pm	Carin S, NEED 1 more person
Book Fair: Tuesday, 3/4	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Carin S, Kris C, NEED 1 more person
Book Fair: Wednesday, 3/5	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Terri C, Debbie G, NEED 1 more person
Family Night: Wednesday, 3/5	5:30 to 7:30 pm	Terri C, Hillary A, NEED 2 more people
Book Fair: Thursday, 3/6	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Carin S, NEED 2 more people
Book Fair: Friday, 3/7	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Terri C, NEED 2 more people
Breakdown: Friday, 3/7	3:00 to 6:00 pm	Terri C, Carin S, NEED 3 more people (Children are welcome.)



## Box Tops are due This WEEK!

- Running Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:35 to 3:35 at the Patwin Field. 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! Please come out this Wednesday, February 13th, to support Mrs. Kukis's class. 
- School Savings deposits are collected each THURSDAY morning from 8:10 to 8:25 outside the MPR
- Music Club meets each Thursday from 3:10 to 3:35. All students meet in the Music Room to get their room assignments.
- 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](http://mail.cvbig.org/mailman/options/patwin_pta_announce/patwinpta%40gmail.com)

The Box Tops Prize Patrol will be collecting Box Tops on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th! Make sure you get them into your classroom no later than 8:30 am.



The classroom with the most Box Tops this contest will receive a Popcorn and Pizza Party! Please make sure all Box Tops you turn in have been NEATLY CLIPPED!

Individual clippers who clip 50 box tops or more will win a special prize. Make sure you write your name on your bag or clipping sheet to be counted.

ALSO, check out the Collection Sheet that is attached! All students who use the Collection Sheets to tally their Box Tops will be rewarded. Make sure your name is on each sheet.

If you have any questions about Box Tops, contact Amy Irvine at [amy.irvine@comcast.net](mailto:amy.irvine@comcast.net).

## Aluminum Can Recycling

Recycle, help the earth, and support the fourth grade

class's trip to Malakoff Diggins this spring! Please bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside room 15. Mrs. Medeiros' and Ms. Ponciano's students thank you!



## Patwin Bike Exchange

Please contact Bike Exchange coordinators Jill Van Zanten ([jillvz@integrity.com](mailto: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

14 or 16 inch girl's bike

### BIKES OFFERED

12-inch orange unisex bike w/ training wheels

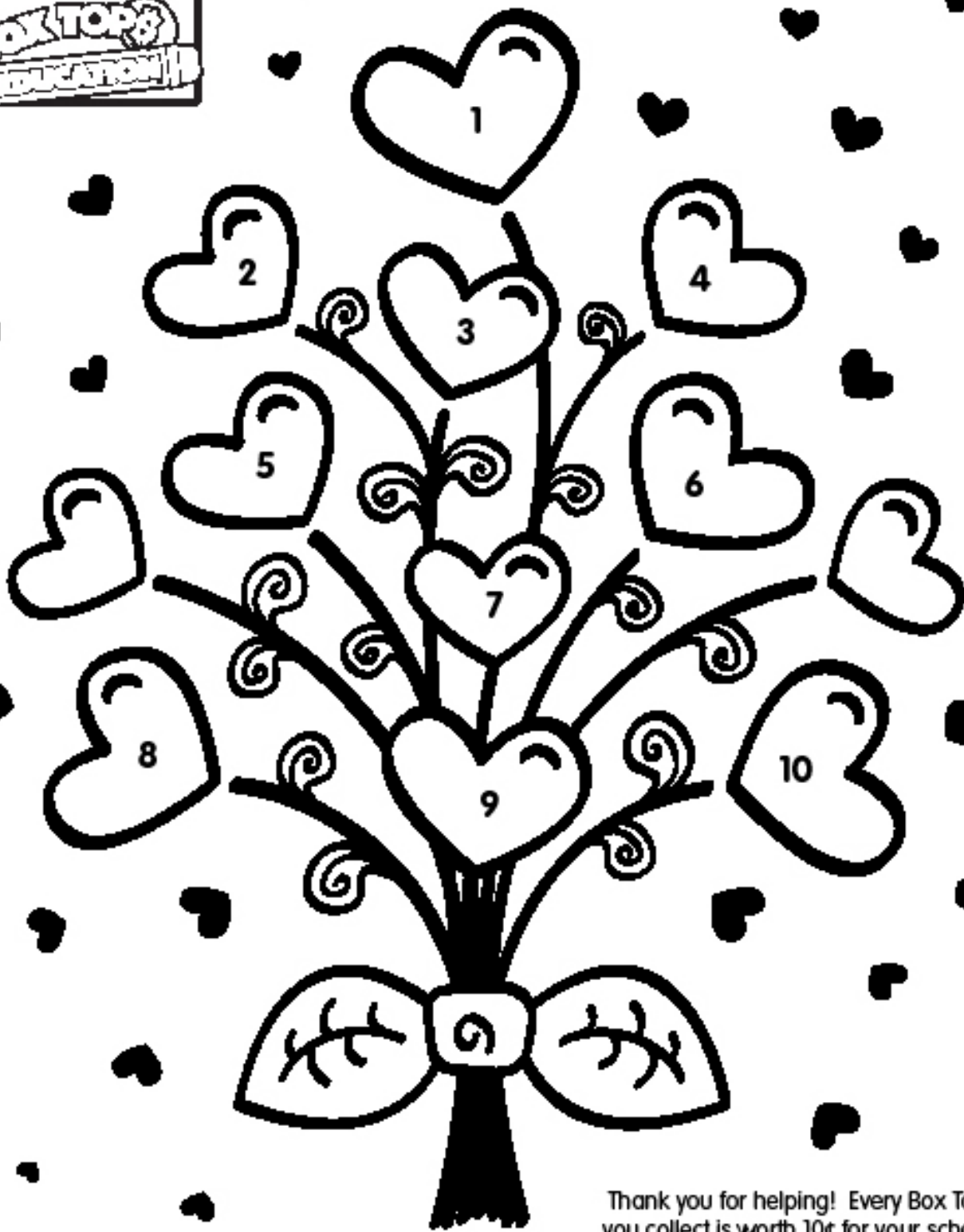
12-inch red unisex bike

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

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.*

Show your school you care  
with a bouquet of Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top  
you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_