



Patwin Elementary

Newsletter

February 18, 2008

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Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
2-18-08	Monday		School Holiday: President's Day
2-21-08	Thursday	3:15 pm	Variety Show Practice (MPR)
2-28-08	Thursday	3:05 pm	Student Council Meeting (Room 21)
2-28-08	Thursday	3:15 pm	Variety Show Practice (MPR)
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)
3-13-08	Thursday	3:05 pm	Student Council Meeting (Room 21)
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 - 1:00	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 Please include a contact name and phone number.

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Running Club Update

After a long hiatus from rainy weather and muddy fields, the running club is back in action. This week's marathoners are Cody Hargadon, Elisa McIsaac, Alexander Deits, Anna Sanchirico and Danielle Van Winkle! A marathon is 104 laps around Patwin field, the equivalent of 26 miles. Fantastic job, all of you!

We look forward to seeing you out at Patwin field on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 2:35 to 3:35. Come join us!



Third Annual Patwin Walkathon: April 5, 2008

The 3rd Annual Patwin Walkathon will be on Saturday, April 5th, from 9 to 1. 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.

This year we are again asking each walker to bring a pair of new socks or underwear to be donated to STEAC. All styles and sizes for men, women, and children are appreciated. Donate a pair of socks (or underwear) and receive one FREE kilometer towards your total laps walked.

New Kindergarten Registration Process!

This year we are trying something new at Patwin. We are inviting incoming kindergarten children to meet with the kindergarten teachers on registration day, March 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Teachers will be performing a simple assessment to help balance classes and plan curriculum for the fall.

Please sign up for a 15 minute appointment in the office, at Kindergarten Information Night, or call 757-5394. Kindergarten Information Night will be on March 17 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 2.

Required Documents for Kindergarten Registration

Entering kindergarten students must be five (5) on or before December 2 of the school year.

- Birth certificate (from the county court house) or a passport.
- Immunization Records and Physician's Physical Examination Form
- Proof of residence (one of the following)
 1. Rental/lease agreement,
 2. Current homeowner's insurance,
 3. Escrow papers with appropriate dates for attending school, or
 4. Current PG&E bill

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!

Volunteers needed! Signups will be posted on the PTA bulletin board for volunteers to help at the registration tables, start and finish lines, food booths, checkout and more. If you have questions, or wish to volunteer, please contact Grace DeMasi at 753-8609 or Ellen Shields at 753-2561.

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.



- 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 20th, to support Mrs. Moy'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 3:45.
- 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

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 are still needed for all time slots. To sign up, please email Terri Clarke at tclarke190@aol.com with the time and date you would like to work. There is also a sign up sheet posted on the PTA bulletin board outside the MPR.

Event/Day	Time
Set up: Friday, 2/29	10:00 to 3:30 pm
Book Fair: Monday, 3/3	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Kindergarten Hours: Tuesday, 3/4	11:50 to 1:30 pm
Book Fair: Tuesday, 3/4	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Book Fair: Wednesday, 3/5	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Family Night: Wednesday, 3/5	5:30 to 7:30 pm
Book Fair: Thursday, 3/6	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Book Fair: Friday, 3/7	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Breakdown: Friday, 3/7	3:00 to 6:00 pm

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	BIKES OFFERED
14 or 16 inch girl's bike	12-inch orange unisex bike w/ training wheels
14" or 16" boy's bike for a 1st grader, training wheels a bonus	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.

Leap Into the Arts

The Davis School Arts Foundation is inviting the community to celebrate Leap Year with a month-long "Leap Into the Arts" starting February 29 with the opening of an elementary school art exhibition at the Davis Art Center.

"March is California Arts Education Month, and this year's extra day in February gives us all a chance to leap into all the activities sponsored by DSAF during that month," said Janice Purnell, DSAF president. The activities include:

The annual elementary school art exhibition at the Davis Art Center featuring original student art from Davis public elementary schools on display February 29 through March 20. The public is invited to view the exhibition during the Art Center's regular hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-

day through Friday. Teachers are encouraged to take their classes on a field trip to view the exhibition.

The annual Young at Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at the Davis Art Center featuring hands-on art projects for kids of all ages and music, singing, and dance performances. New this year will be a magician and carnival games. Admission and performances are free but tickets will be sold for a small charge for each project or game.

Lamppost Pizza is supporting DSAF during California Arts Education Month by donating a portion of proceeds from all pizzas sold to customers with a DSAF coupon. The coupons will be distributed at Davis public schools and available at the Davis Art Center. Families are encouraged

to visit the student art exhibition and go out for pizza.

DSAF is encouraging all K-12 classroom teachers to use the month of March to apply for a Harmony Music grant or Watermelon Gumball Music grant to support a music education program in the 2008-2009 school year. DSAF will award more than \$10,000 in grants from \$500 to \$1,500 each. Applications are due April 4. For details, visit the DSAF website at www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/dsaf. "Students and parents should remind their teachers to apply for a grant to support classroom music programs," said Purnell.

DSAF is an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1981 to support music and arts education in Davis public schools.

Wildhorse Property Advisory Committee

The Davis Joint Unified School District is seeking residents representing a cross-section of the community to serve on a committee that will consider an alternative use for the school district's ±9 acre Wildhorse site, now known as Nugget Fields, located on Moore Boulevard.

Under State of California Education Code, a school district shall form a committee that is "representative of the make-up of the district residents" including representatives of the business community; landowners, renters, and neighborhood association

members; teachers; administrators; parents of students in the school district; and persons with expertise in environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, and land use planning.

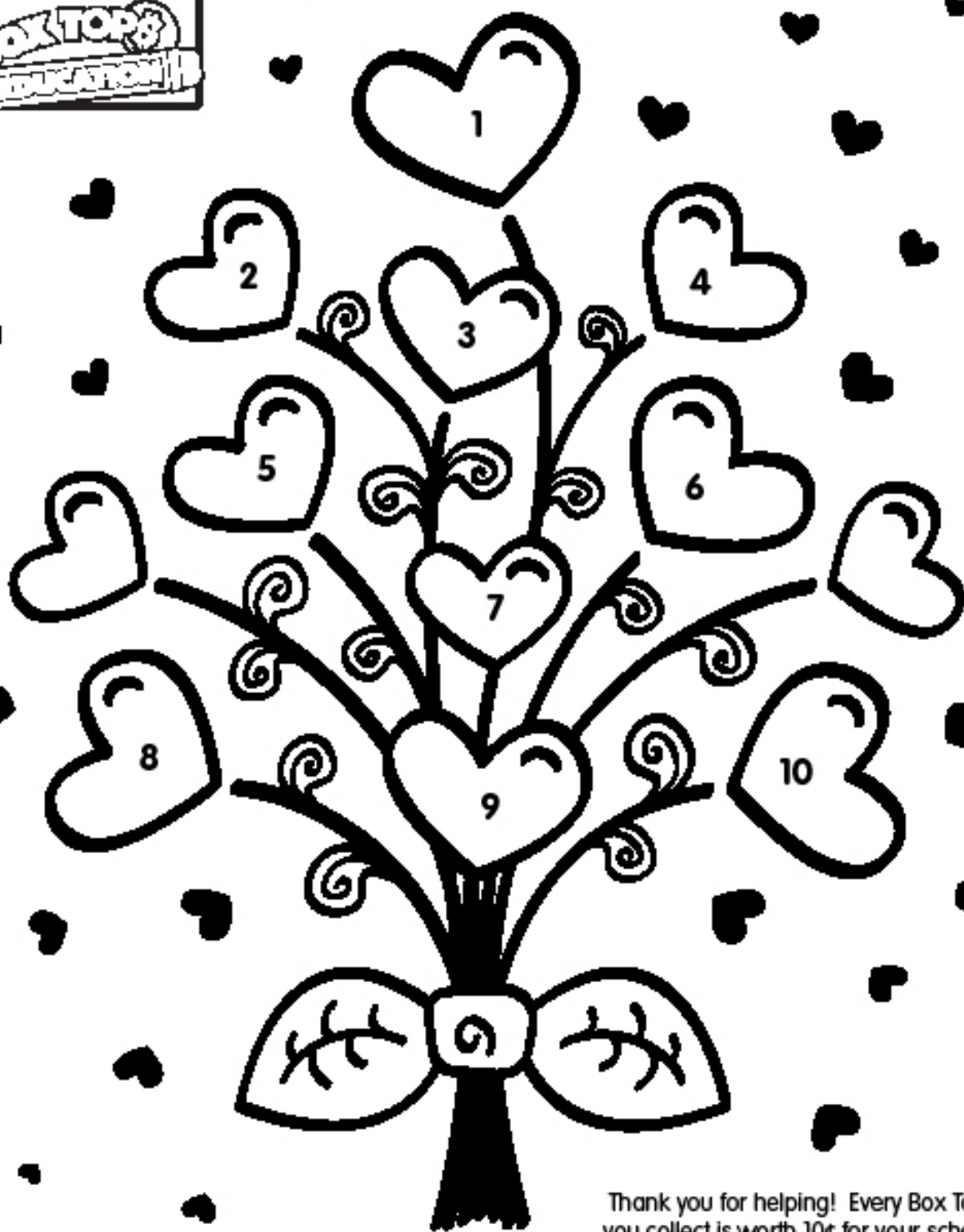
The committee will advise the Board of Education regarding the best use of the property.

The committee is known as a "7/11" Surplus Property Committee because it will consist of no less than seven nor more than eleven members. People interested in serving on the committee may apply at the District

Office, 526 B Street, or contact Michael Adell, Director of Facilities, at (530) 759-2182. The application may be downloaded from www.djUSD.k12.ca.us. Applications are due by Friday February 22, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

The property was donated to the Davis Joint Unified School District in December of 1999 to be used for public or school uses. The District has never used the property for school purposes. In April of 2000, the District entered into an agreement with the Davis Sports Foundation for the use of the property as soccer fields.

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Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____