



Patwin Elementary

March 3, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
3/3/08 - 3/7/08	Monday - Friday		Parent Conference Week— 1:30 Dismissal All Week
3/3/08 - 3/7/08	Monday - Friday	1:30 - 3:30 5:30-7:30W	Spring Book Fair (Library)
3/5/08	Wednesday		School Spirit Day: Look Alike Day
3/5/08	Wednesday		Walkathon T-Shirt Entries Due
3/7/08	Friday		Teacher Soup Luncheon
3/13/08	Thursday	3:15 pm	Student Council Meeting (Rm 21)
3/17/08	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Night
3/18/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm	New Principal Criteria Meeting
3/20/08	Thursday	9:00	Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09
3/24/08 - 3/28/08	Monday - Friday		School Holiday: Spring Break
4/5/08	Saturday	9:00 - 1:00	Patwin Walkathon

- There will be no Running Club this week due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- A Waste-Free Wednesday Lunch includes: reusable lunch container; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes
- There will be no cupcake sale this week. The sale will return on March 12.
- School Savings deposits are collected each THURSDAY morning from 8:10 to 8:25 outside the MPR
- There will be no Music Club during conference week due to early dismissals. Music Club will resume the following week, on Thursday 3/13 from 3:10 - 3:45.
- 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.
- If you would like to add or update your email account for receiving notifications from the PTA, please visit <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/patwin-pta-announce/>.

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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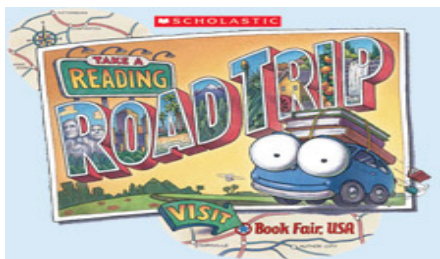
Teachers Soup Luncheon

The Hospitality Committee is putting together a Soup Luncheon for our wonderful teachers on this Friday, March 7th! We need volunteers who would like to make a soup (any soup! your favorite recipe) to bring to the luncheon. We will also provide desserts and drinks.

If you would like to volunteer, email patwinpta@gmail.com

Spring Book Fair THIS WEEK!

It is finally here! This week is our Spring Book Fair. Come one, come all on a Reading Road Trip This Week—Monday, March 3rd through Friday, March 7th. The Book Fair provides funds and books for our school.



Additional Volunteers are welcome during sale hours as well as during read down on Friday, March 7 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Please contact Terri Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com.

Book Fair Hours

Monday 3/3 to Friday 3/7:
1:30 to 3:30 pm

Kindergarten Day, Tuesday 3/4:
11:50 am to 1:30 pm

Family Night, Wednesday 3/5:
5:30 to 7:30

Looking for RISE Leader for Patwin

What is RISE? Recycling Is Simply Elementary.

The RISE program is a partnership among several organizations including Davis Waste Removal, Davis Educational Foundation, City of Davis, and the Davis Joint Unified School District.

The partnership works together to develop an effective recycling program with the ambitious goal to reduce the solid waste stream at the eight elementary sites by 50 percent. Recent innovations have brought variations of the program into the Junior High Schools as well as Davis Senior High.

Vision Screening

Students in K and 3rd grades will have their vision screened by an optometrist on March 11, 2008. No medication will be used. You will be notified if any problem is found.

Running Club Update

Patwinners can certainly run! Congratulations to the following Patwin marathoners this past week: Nathan Quick-Wright; Samantha Diel; and Katie Diets. They all ran 104 laps equal to 26 total miles. They each received their Fleet Feet "I ran a marathon" t-shirt. Super Job!

There will be NO RUNNING CLUB this week, MARCH 3-7, due to teacher-parent conferences.

Each school site has a RISE leader who facilitates the process, focusing mainly on lunch time waste reduction, but also doing other programs to encourage stewardship of the planet. The leader position for Patwin is opening up for next school year. If you think you might be interested, now is the time to let it be known. Time commitment is variable (depending on your energy and interest) and there is a stipend. Please contact Joannie Siegler at jmsiegler@hotmail.com for more information.

To learn more about this fantastic program, you can access the website www.DavisRISE.org.

Quilts for Kids

Davis is pleased to announce that it has adopted Quilts for Kids, Inc. (www.quiltsforkids.org). We are a 501c3, non-profit charity that makes quilts from donated fabric to donate to children with life-threatening



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illnesses, under going long term medical care in our community. Currently we are asking for 100% cotton fabric (preferably juvenile prints, solids and flannels), batting, and thread donations. All donations are tax deductible. We are also looking for volunteers to help make the crib size quilts. If you are interested in either donating or volunteering, please contact Cindy Nelson, davisqfk@comcast.net.

New Principal Selection

Kevin French, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, will meet with Patwin parents on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss criteria and qualities in selecting a new principal.

Parent Project

Parents or guardians of students 11-19 are invited to attend a 10 week class to learn parenting strategies. We provide concrete answers for questions you have about: How to stop arguing with your child; Improving school attendance and performance; and How to prevent or intervene with your child's alcohol & other drug use.

The class meets Wednesday from 6 to 9 pm beginning March 12 (except for March 26 Spring Break) at Davis High School. The registration fee is \$50; scholarships are available. For more information, contact Dr. Deborah Kimokeo, Crisis Manager, DJUSD, 757-5400x133

Patwin Walkathon 2008 is Coming!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm and get ready to "Put a Spring in Your Step!"

- Congratulations to Marisa Ransdell and Mitchell and Maggie Warren for being the first Patwinners to turn in their pledge forms and money!!
- Remember, everyone who raises \$20 in pledge money will receive a t-shirt.
- Please note: walkers will be asking for lump sum donations this year, not pledges per lap.
- Everyone who turns in their sponsor forms and money by March 14th will receive a prize!
- Remember to bring a pair of new socks or underwear (to be donated to STEAC) on the day of the event to receive a free lap!

Volunteers are needed! Call Grace DeMasi at 753-8609 or look for the signup sheet coming soon to the PTA bulletin board! Remember, walking in or helping out at the Walkathon supports all of the ways that the PTA helps make Patwin a great school for our children—even more important now in light of the budget cuts coming our way!

Walkathon T-Shirt Design Contest

Patwin needs a really cool t-shirt for the 2008 Walkathon. We are holding a t-shirt design contest and we are hoping for entries from every one of you. If selected, your design will be worn by all participants in this year's walkathon.

The theme for this year is "Put a Spring in Your Step". All entries must be on an 8½ X 11" (standard size) white paper, with your design in black ink.

You must submit your entry to your teacher by Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Please put your name, room number and teacher's name on the back of your paper,

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 and recipients will be kept confidential. Kids' bikes in good condition only, please.

Patwin Bike Exchange

BIKES NEEDED	BIKES OFFERED
14 or 16 in girl's bike	12 in orange unisex bike w/training wheels
14 or 16 in boy's bike for a 1st grader, training wheels a bonus	12 in red unisex bike 12 in Huffy boy's bike w/training wheels

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.

DJSUD Budget Cuts— Patwin will feel the crunch

The School District Budget and drastic budget cuts looming on the horizon worry many parents, teachers, and staff. There is no doubt that all schools will feel the repercussions from the needed \$4 million reduction. As outlined in the February 21 Board Budget Update, the following proposed cuts would affect Patwin directly:

- **Instrumental Music:** There will no longer be music instructors at the elementary level.
- **Grade 4-6 Science:** The current science program will be changed. Students will learn science in the regular classroom from their regular classroom teacher.
- **Librarian:** There will only be library clerks to oversee the library.
- **Office Clerical:** It is possible that one staff person will have reduced time.

As parents we all need to think seriously about what how these changes will affect the way our children learn. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of teachers and staff at Patwin, however, it is obvious that these budget cuts will place additional responsibilities on teachers and staff who already put in long hours for our children.

In an email sent to parents this week, Superintendent Dr. James Hammond included instructions for input from the community. Ideas for Creating Additional Revenue for DJUSD, How to Reduce Expenditures for DJUSD, and Programs and Services to Prioritize for DJSUD can be sent via email to budgetinput@djusd.k12.ca.us. Hard Copies may be sent to: DJUSD, c/o Ms. Penny Pyle, 526 B. St., Davis, CA 95616.

Time is of the essence as the board will be meeting Monday, March 3 to discuss alternatives. Please join in the dialogue by sending in your ideas as soon as possible.

DJUSD Meetings On Demand

Davis Joint Unified School District Board of Education meetings are now available via video streaming over the Internet at www.djUSD.tv. Meetings may be viewed live or on demand. The District thanks the City of Davis and the Telecommunications Commission for their partnership in providing this valuable service.

The Davis School Board meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in Community Chambers, 23 Russell Blvd. These meetings are open to the public. Special meetings are scheduled as needed. The agenda and supporting documentation for each meeting is posted online at <http://davis.csbaagendaonline.net/cgi-bin/WebObjects/davis-eAgenda.woa/wa/showMeeting>.

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The Board will hold two meetings next week to continue work on the 2008-09 budget:

- **Monday, March 3, 6:00 pm in the East Conference Room, District Office, 526 B St.** (This meeting will not be televised live.)

- **Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm in Community Chambers, 23 Russell Blvd.**

District Budget Timeline

March 3: Special Board Meeting: Trustees will review a revised list of possible program and staff reductions.

March 6: Board Meeting: Proposed cuts will be presented for a board vote.

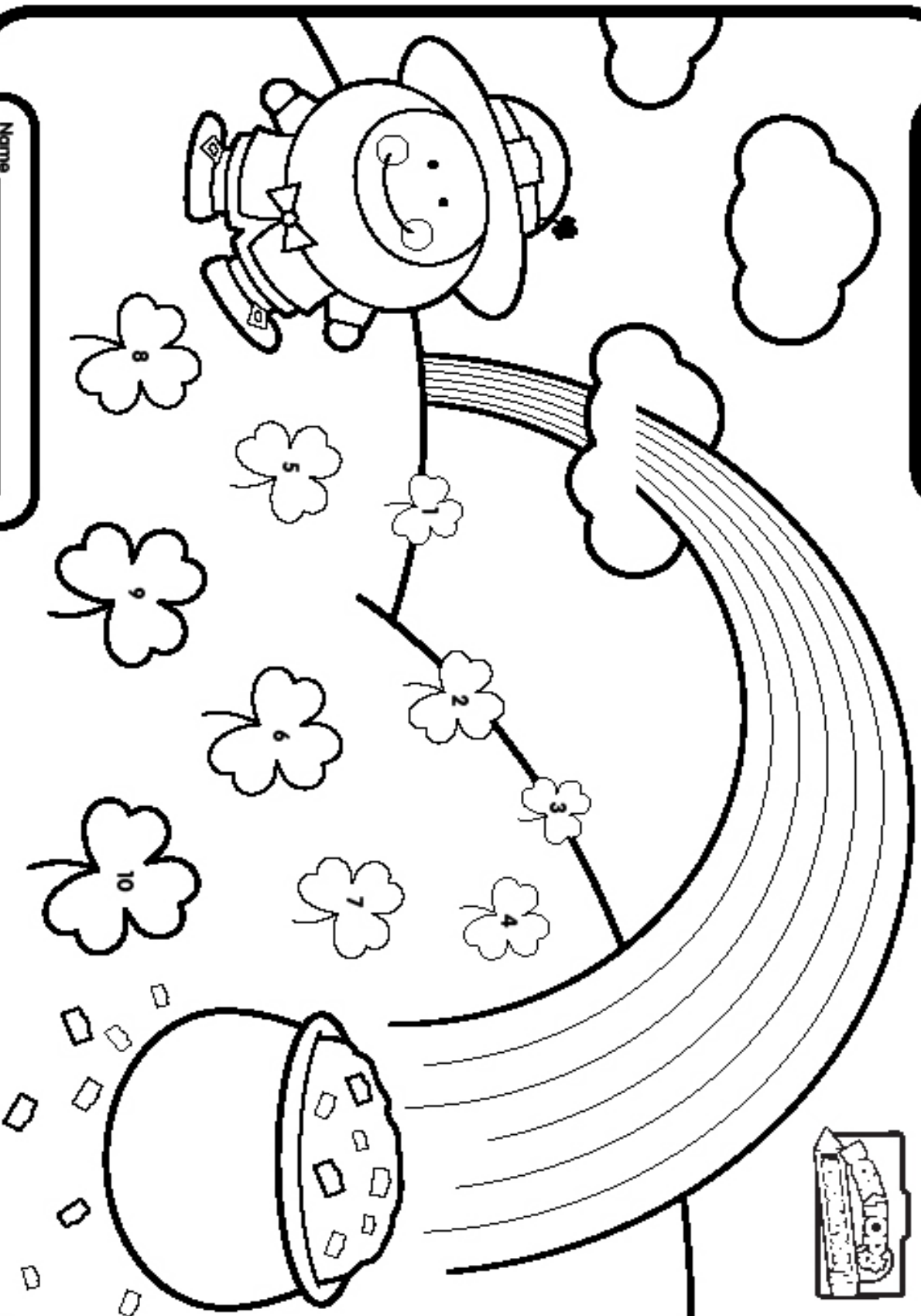
March 15: Deadline to distribute layoff notices to staff. Deadline to submit the 2nd Interim Budget Report to the Yolo County Office of Education.

April: Enrollment reports will be submitted to the Yolo County Office of Education, dictating our funding formula from the state for the 08-09 school year.

May: Governor provides his "May Revise" to the state budget.

June 30: Deadline for the district to submit its final budget to the state.

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Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

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