



Patwin Elementary

March 10, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
3/11/08	Tuesday		K/3rd grade Vision Screening
3/13/08	Thursday	3:15 pm	Student Council Meeting (Rm 21)
3/16/08	Sunday	10:00 - 4:00	Young at Art Festival (Davis Arts Center)
3/17/08	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Night
3/18/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm	PTA/New Principal Criteria Meeting (Library)
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

- Running Club meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. Running Club will be cancelled if it is raining up to 1 hour before 2:30.
- 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 a cupcake sale this Wednesday. Please come out to support Mr. Cook's class.
- School Savings deposits are collected each THURSDAY morning from 8:10 to 8:25 outside the MPR
- Music Club meets on Thursdays from 3:10 to 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.

Box Tops Tally

Congratulations Patwinners! You collected more Box Tops than in any other contest - 6135 box tops! With 2741 in October, we are well on our way to our 10,000 Box Tops goal for the school year. That's \$1000 for Patwin programs!

The top 3 collecting classrooms for the February contest brought in nearly what the entire school collected in October! And the winners are:

- 3rd place: Mrs. Ponciano's 4th graders (590)
- 2nd place: Mrs. Britz-Diaz's 5th graders (700)
- 1st place Popcorn & Movie winners: Mrs. Sell's Kindergartners (1310!!)

We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers for each classroom and their teachers for helping clip and tally this past contest. There was a lot to count, and we appreciated the help. Please check with your teacher to make sure they have a parent volunteer to help with our next contest! It takes only a few minutes to count and tally...

And for the first time, we'd like to recognize individual students who collected 50 or more box tops. And the winners are:

Angela Herrera (1180)
Gaby Herrera (455)
Alexis Herrera (165)
Mason Morgan (93)
Natalie Shuman (88)
Emily Irvine (80)
Robert Henderson (69)
Jacob Miller (60)
Ryan Fulks (50)

Remember to write your name on each bag of box tops that you bring to your classroom. And look for the "seasonal collection sheets" in each newsletter. The following Patwinners participated by tallying their box tops on these fun collection forms:

Mirielle Peauroi
Rachel Wu
Surina Beal
Glen Miller
Clara Park
Ajay Klein
Chase Demasi
Juan Fimenez
Grace Hickerson
Emily Hoefft
Phoebe Levine
Lauren Wilcox
Mia DiGenova
Yuriko Yamaji
Clare Cox
Daniel Ruiz-Jimenez
Jade Taylor
Emily Sutcliffe
Brian Lui
Angela Herrera
Emily Irvine
Cameron Kelley
Vanessa Wease
Kaitlyn Wylie
Gaby Wease
Veronica Wease

DON'T FORGET: The top 3 overall collecting classrooms in May will receive a pizza party!! So keep clipping!

Congratulations to all Patwinners for clipping those little Box Tops! With such a simple task, we are on our way to raising more than \$1000 for Patwin!! Any questions, please contact Amy Irvine (758-5010) or Teresa Erickson (753-0302). Happy Clipping!

New Principal Selection

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

RISE Leader

The RISE program (Recycling is SimplyElementary) 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.

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. 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.

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.

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 9:00am-1:00pm and get ready to "Put a Spring in Your Step!"

- Thanks to everyone who turned in a t-shirt design, they were all fabulous! The winning design will be announced next week.
- Remember, everyone who raises \$20 in pledge money will receive a t-shirt.
- Please note: walkers are asking for lump sum donations, not pledges per lap.
- Everyone who turns in sponsor forms and money by March 14th —THIS FRIDAY—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!

Now that the book fair is over, it's time to sign up to help out—lots of volunteers are still 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!

Leap into the Arts

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

DJUSD Meetings

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 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.

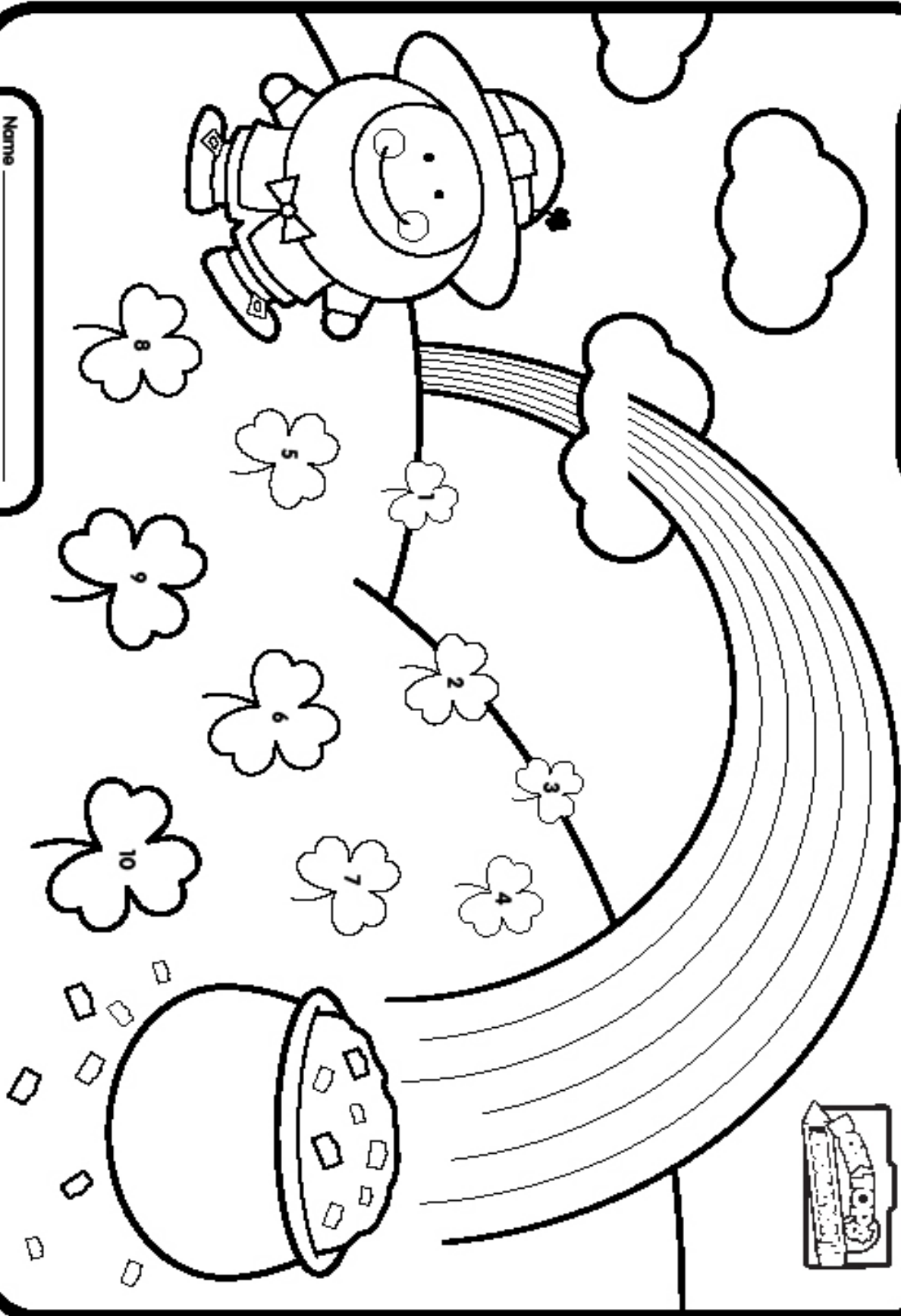
Please contact Bike Exchange coordinators Jill Van Zanten (jillvz@integrity.com or 758-7667) or Angelica Herrera (753-2084) if you are interested in the listings below, or if you have a bike offer or bike need (give age & gender of child/size of bike). Bike size is determined by measuring the diameter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

**Box Tops are as good
as gold for your school!**



Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter