



Patwin Elementary

April 7, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4/9/08	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Patwin Open House
4/15/08	Tuesday	7:30 pm	DSF Town Hall Meeting (Patwin MPR)
4/16/08	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sixth Grade Party Planning (Office)
4/22/08 - 5/7/08	Tuesday - Wednesday		STAR Testing
5/2/08	Friday	1:15 - 3:05	Battle of the Books (4th, 5th, 6th graders)
5/26/08	Monday		School Holiday: Memorial Day
6/4/08	Wednesday		Kindergarten Patwin Day
6/6/08	Friday		Patwin Day

- 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, April 9, after school. Remember to please bring your quarters to support Mrs. Sells' 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Patwin Open House will be held this Wednesday, April 9th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please stop by to see all the great work our students are doing.

Running Club Update

WOW! Patwin has some serious runners out there! There are even more marathoners! Congratulations to the following Patwin running club marathoners: Eric Balderama, Zhen Larsen, Helena Leal, Sage Taylor, Mia Di Genova, Ian Miramontes, Nathan Kong, Elliot Chan, Rebeca Engelhard, Elan Kalman, and Khaadim Jan. They all ran 104 laps, equal to 26 total miles. They each received their Fleet Feet "I ran a marathon" t-shirt. Super Job!

Special congratulations go out to the following runners who completed their SECOND marathon: Cameron Kelley, Darla Cooper, Victor Aguilar, and Taryn Spore. They all earned an exclusive "I ran another marathon" Patwin pin. Fantastic!

And an extraordinary congratulations goes to Ellery Mclsaac for completing her THIRD marathon!!!

Runners, there are roughly 20 more running club days left... plenty of time to map out the number of laps you need to run each day in order to finish your marathon. See you out on the field!

DSF Town Hall Meetings Announced

The DJUSD budget crisis affects all of us: parents, grandparents, employers, property owners and community members. The Davis Schools Foundation (DSF) urges all community members to attend one of the Town Hall Meetings scheduled in the following locations around Davis.

Representatives from the Davis Schools Foundation will provide information and answer questions about the budget crisis and the Foundation. Come and find out about the Foundation's Dollar-a-Day Campaign and "Buy-Back" plan and how, together, our community can maintain excellent programs for all Davis children!

- Monday, April 7 at 7:30 pm (DHS Performing Arts Building)
- Monday, April 14 at 8:30 am (Harper Junior High, MPR)
- Tuesday, April 15 at 8:30 am (Cesar Chavez Elementary, MPR)
- Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm (Patwin Elementary, MPR)

Davis Schools Foundation will gladly accept donations at these meetings or you can mail donations to Davis Schools Foundation at P.O. Box 1154, Davis, CA 95617. Please visit our website at www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/ to learn more about the Foundation.

Garnival!

Sponsored by Emerson Junior High PTA

APRIL 10-13

Thursday (4:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Friday (4:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Saturday (11:00 am - 11:00 pm)

Sunday (12 noon - 10:00 pm)

at

Cannery Park

J & Covell, Davis

Free Admission

Music ~ Food ~ Games ~ Bike Corral ~ Free Parking

Unitrans Lines E P Q and YoloBus #42

Visit student booths for fun! Activities! Prizes!

Support enriched education while you and your family have fun!

Carnival Rides: Unlimited ride 1-day pass: \$20 (advance) or \$25 (at gate); or pay by the ride. Advance purchases available now at: Carousel Stationery, 706 2nd Street, Davis. To purchase by email: EmersonCarnival@gmail.com

Thanks to Lewis Planned Communities for its support!

What's Going on at the Library?

By Wendy Chason, Patwin Librarian, Holmes Junior High

If you are the parent of a Third Grader at Patwin, you probably heard about our annual Battle of the Books that took place on March 14th. Almost all of our third graders participated and had a great day. I would like to thank the following parents and students for helping out as judges: Sandy Batchelor, Julie Kuo, Uta Russell, Teresa McIssac and Bill Sutcliffe. In addition four of our sixth graders who have participated and won battles since third grade helped out as well: Spencer Salk, Ajay Klein, Brandon Strong and Nathan DeRopp. I would also like to thank my staff members, Meera Klein (who was our scorekeeper) and Lynne Sundstrom who helps coordinate signups, teams and volunteers. We also have enjoyed hosting third graders from Fairfield Elementary School who join us for our Book Battle. You can see it takes a team effort to put this wonderful reading program together for our students.

The week before Spring break, fourth-sixth graders were introduced to the titles they will be reading for their battle which will take place, FRIDAY, MAY 2ND from 1:15 – 3:05. All titles are available at the Patwin Library, Davis Branch Library, for sale at Borders Books and the Avid Reader. Once again we are eager to have parents volunteer to help out as judges (you don't have to read the books to judge). Please email me at school: wchason@djuds.k12.ca.us if you are available or call the library at 757-5393.

Battle of the Books!

Titles for 4th-6th grade battle:
Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo
Ella Enchanted, by Gail Carson Levine
The Homework Machine, by Dan Gutman
The Magician's Nephew, by C. S. Lewis
Peter and the Starcatchers, by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs, by Betty Birney
The Tale of Despereaux, by Kate DiCamillo
Time for Andrew by Mary Downing Hahn

Other research and reading activities that are going on in the next few months are: The California Young Reader Medal books and voting for students in grades K-3, fourth graders will be reading and evaluating the Caldecott Medal Award books and putting together a summary of their favorite titles; fifth graders finished their month long study of a Newbery Award book and will now move on to researching an American Hero. This project introduces our students to a variety of reference tools, both print and non print as they research an American that had a lasting impact on our country's history. Sixth graders have finished a variety of reference book activities and will now research a country of their choice as they begin a month long project based research program that explores a

wide scope of reference tools and Internet sites.

During Parent Conference Week, the library turns into a bookstore for our families. Co-chairs Teri Clarke and Carin Sloane work incredibly hard to raise monies for our school library. They share some of the week's work with several parent volunteers, but I want to particularly thank these two hardworking parents for all their time and energy while they juggle their own children, parent conferences and family life during this busy week.

As I write this article for you as parents, I am deeply concerned about the status of librarians, music and science teachers for next year. I know many of you are following the numerous news articles, board meetings and agendas that will deeply affect the outcome of your child's learning in the coming years. I am working very hard with other colleagues to help raise funds with the Davis Schools Foundation, but the reality is that the community will determine the outcome of many of our outstanding programs for our students. In addition, those of you in West Davis, have the added burden of wondering where your students will attend junior high. At this writing, that has not yet been determined. However, we all must pitch in and help fund programs for our children. My own children who are now adults had wonderful learning opportunities in the Davis schools, and I want those same choices extended to the young people I work with each day in my school libraries.

Healthy Living

It's spring—the perfect time to visit the Farmer's Market with the kids and check out the many delicious fruits and vegetables. Eating seasonally is a good way to eat more cheaply (out of season fruits and vegetables carry a much heftier price tag) and tastes better. Two favorites of many kids are currently in season--artichokes and strawberries! Strawberries are perfect served with a bit of sweetened whipping cream and artichokes are delicious lightly steamed with some of your child's favorite dipping "sauce". The following are in season right now and can be found at the market:

Artichokes	Greens
Asparagus	Herbs
Beets	Kiwis
Broccoli	Leeks
Carrots	Lettuce
Citrus	Potatoes
Fava Beans	Radishes

DJUSD Board Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2008
7:00 pm
Community Chambers

6th Grade End of Year Party

Attention parents of Patwin 6th grade students. As the school year nears the end, it is time to think about Patwins' 6th grade send off party. This party is planned, organized and given by wonderful volunteer parents. The 6th grade students, and teachers are our special guests.

Please come to a planning committee meeting on April 16, 2008, 7:00 pm at the Patwin office. We can use all the help we can get! Questions? Please contact Suzanne Morgan, 756-5357.

Read Off Your Fines

From the Mary L Stephens Davis Branch Library "Read Off Your Fines" is a program set for April 14-19 to encourage children and young adult Yolo County library card holders, age five to 18 years, to pay all or part of their fines by reading silently in any branch of the Yolo County Library. A \$1.00 credit will be earned for each 15 minutes spent reading. For more information call the Davis Branch Library: 757-5593 ext. 4

4H Car Wash and Cookies in a Jar Sale

Nugget Market (on Covell),
Saturday, April 12
8:30 to 1:30

On Saturday, April 12th from 8:30 to 1:30, the Davis Norwood 4-H club is having a car wash and cookies in a jar sale (great for gifts!) to fundraise for leadership scholarships and other activities. Please come check it out and learn more about all the fun and exciting opportunities 4-H has to offer. Advance car wash tickets and pre-orders for cookies in a jar are available. To find out more contact Michael Meads at norwood4h@hotmail.com.

Patwin Day!

Patwin Day 2008 will be held on Wednesday, June 4 for Kindergarteners and on Friday, June 6 for first through sixth graders. We will need volunteers for both days as well as donations of rubber bands, small jars, and rolled newspapers.

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.

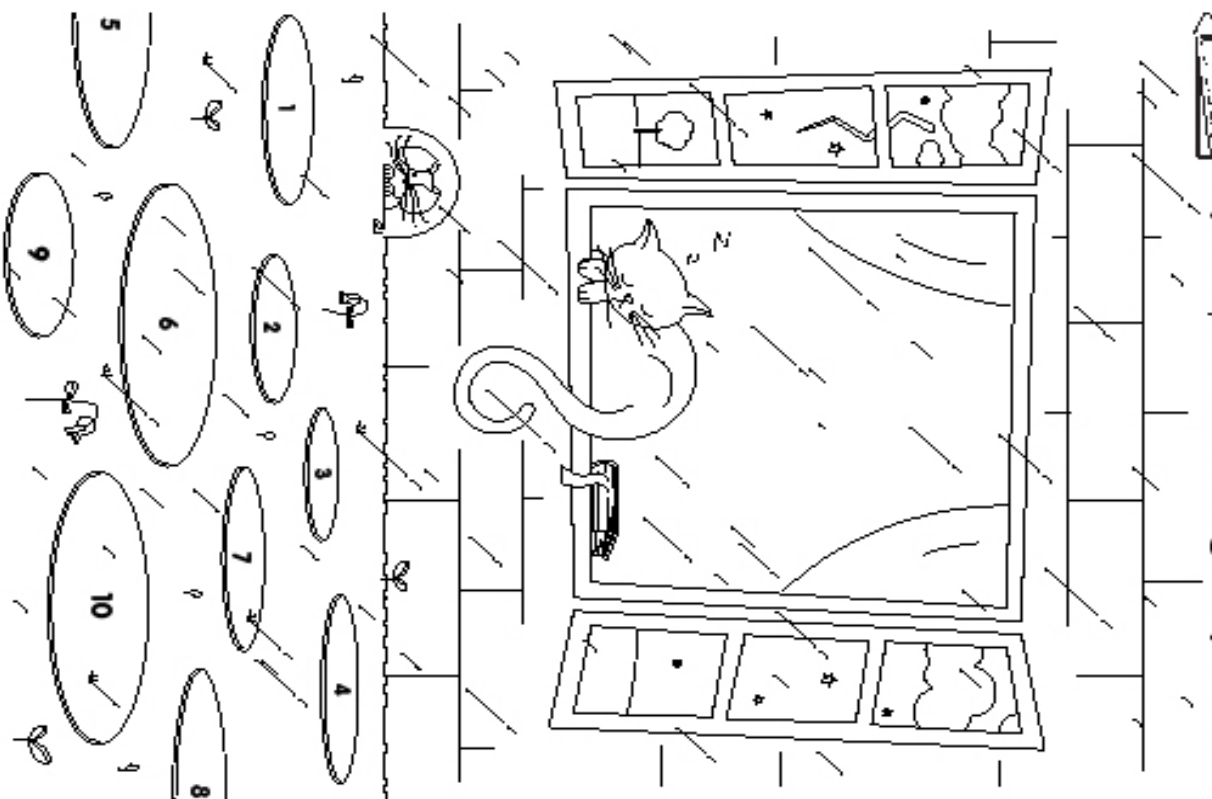
Patwin Bike Exchange

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.



April showers...bring May flowers



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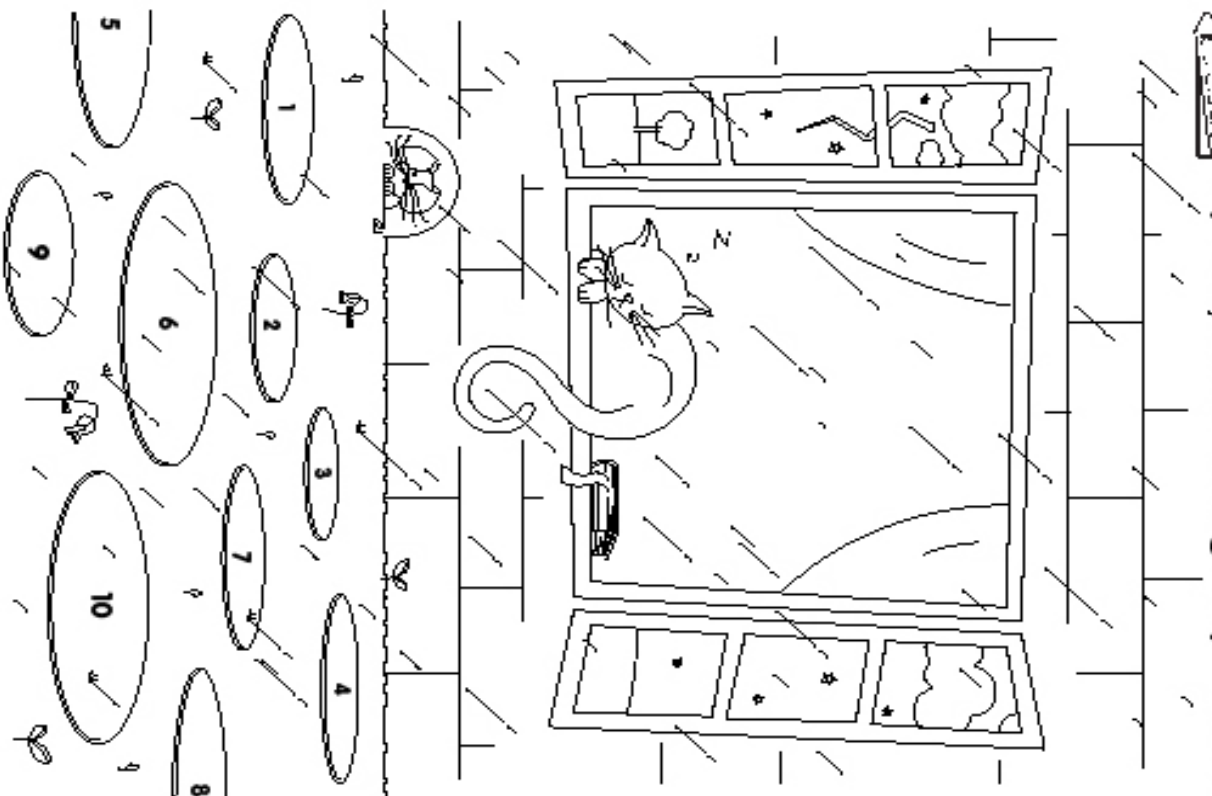
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