



Patwin Elementary

April 14, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4/15/08	Tuesday	7:30 pm	DSF Town Hall Meeting (Patwin MPR)
4/16/08	Wednesday		DSF Dollar A Day Collections (Before & After School)
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)
5/7/08	Wednesday		Spirit Day: Beach Day
5/14/08	Wednesday		Box Tops for Education Due Day
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 16, after school. Remember to please bring your quarters to support Mrs. Phillip's and Mrs. Anderson'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.

Thank you for putting a Spring in your step!

Hello Patwinners!

Congratulations on making the 3rd annual Walkathon an amazing success! What a fabulous "Spring" you all put in your step! A great time was had by all, with wonderful weather, entertainment, food and company. Most of all, there was lots and lots of walking! Our most heartfelt thanks go out to all of the kids who walked to raise money to continue the wonderful programs at Patwin, to their families for supporting them, and to the many volunteers who gave so much of their time to help us put this event together. Thanks to all of your generosity, we have raised over \$10,000 to supplement technology, library, health & physical education needs at Patwin, and we also collected 280 pairs of socks and underwear to donate to STEAC. There were 250 of you who walked a total of 2643 laps, which is an astounding 1057.2 miles!! WOW! Individual first, second, and third place winners will be announced at the awards assembly in a few weeks.

Special thanks go out to the following Patwin families for their outstanding contributions and work to support the Walkathon: Chad DeMasi for the awesome water bottles that helped us keep the day "green"; Dave Miramontes for the t-shirts and tons of equipment; Jen Miramontes and Super Suppers for providing the delicious monkey bread; Petr Janata, Katie Horn, Matt Fisher, and Linda B-E for being "instrumental" in bringing Hardwater, the Emerson Jazz Band, Music Matt, and the Madrigals to the event; Julie Rooney for arranging the Enterprise Publicity; Steve Pohl for the popsicle donations; the Mould family and Woodland Health Care for providing first aid and other goodies; and Carolynn Aikawa for first bringing this event to Patwin 3 years ago and making it a tradition!

We would especially like to acknowledge incredibly hard work by the following Walkathon Committee Members who

without doubt made the event a huge success: Grace DeMasi (volunteers), Terri Clarke (food), Peggy Basdekas (registration), Annie Hargadon (t-shirts), Julie Kuo (Jamba Juice & raffle), Jill Van Zanten (water), Kris Christensen (Popsicles), and Debbie Gritts (prizes). We truly appreciate the support given the event by Mike Parker, who we hope will return as an honorary walker every year, our office staff, Paula Horn, Naray Eggleston & Suzanne Morgan, and all of the teachers who supported the event in their newsletters, at registration, and by walking. In addition, big thanks to all of our families for being so patient and eating takeout while we were at all of our meetings! And finally, to the incomparable Feliks for always being there for our Patwin community. Thanks again for such a remarkable event, and get your walking shoes ready for next year!

Ellen Shields, Mary Maffly & Robin Holm
Walkathon 2008 Co-chairs

Battle of the Books!

The Battle of the Books for fourth through sixth graders will take place **Friday, May 2nd from 1:15 to 3:05**. Parent volunteers are needed to help out as judges. Please contact Mrs. Chason at wchason@djuds.k12.ca.us or call the library at 757-5393 to sign up.

Dollar A Day

DSF will be at Patwin to collection donations before and after school on Wednesday, April 16, 2008

DJUSD Board Meeting

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

Elementary Music Listserv

Please join the Elementary-Music Listserv at:
<http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/elementary-music>

This email list will keep you in touch with the music teachers, rehearsals, performances, and the current "Save Our Music!" campaign to preserve the elementary school music program.

Box Tops! Clip your Box Tops!

Hey Box Tops fans! We are so close to reaching our goal of 10,000 Box Tops for this school year. But we still need everyone's help!

Remember, you don't have to do it alone! Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help clip Box Tops for you. In addition to the top collecting classrooms, we will recognize all students collecting 50 or more Box Tops this contest. And don't forget about the seasonal clipping sheets in the weekly newsletter! They hold 10 box tops per sheet - a fun way to tally your Box Tops.

Our last collection contest will be Wednesday, May 14th! The top collecting class will win a Popcorn & Movie Party.

And remember, the 3 classrooms with the most Box Tops overall this year, will win PIZZA PARTIES!!

So keep collecting and clipping those Box Tops! (Please make sure they are clipped neatly before you bring them to your classroom.)

If you would like to help your teacher as the "Box Tops Counter" for your room, please let him

or her know. It will take a small amount of time, but will be greatly appreciated by all. Counters will need to turn in their room's Box Tops to the office by May 16th. Please let us know if you need help and/or more time to count!

So mark your calendars: May 14th is the last day for students to bring Box Tops to your classroom. Any questions, please contact Amy Irvine (758-5010) or Teresa Erickson (753-0302).

Happy Clipping! And thanks for all of your support of Box Tops this year. It's our best yet!

Davis Schools Foundation: A Dollar A Day

Our school district is facing a crippling budget crisis that has led to the issuance of more than 100 layoff notices to music teachers, science teachers, librarians and many, many classroom teachers. No school or program has been left untouched by the possibility of deep cuts. At the elementary level, that includes our music and library programs, as well as many of our wonderful teachers, and secretarial staff.

Now it's up to us to make sure those layoff notices don't become a reality. The way we can bring those teachers back is through the Davis Schools Foundation which is uniquely positioned to fund teaching and staff positions. The foundation is a nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organization set up with the sole purpose of supporting every school within DJUSD. The foundation has no paid staff and virtually all of the contributions

made to the foundation go directly to fund teaching positions.

The foundation is urging everyone to donate to the annual Dollar A Day campaign. If \$365 were donated for every child in the district, we would raise more than \$3 million to buy back all of our teachers.

But there is a time limit! We must raise the \$3 million by May 15, 2008 because of the state budget schedule.

Buying back teachers is exactly what we'll be doing with your donations: dollar by dollar, teacher by teacher, with all threatened programs receiving support.

We hope you will join us in supporting the foundation. Donate to the Dollar A Day campaign; donate more than a dollar a day if you can but if you can't, every

dollar will help. Urge your family, friends and neighbors to donate too, whether they have children in the school district or not. Better schools make this a better community.

You can also donate online at: www.davisschoolsfoundation.org to make your tax-deductible donation online.

Thank you all for your support of our schools.

Town Hall Meeting

Davis Schools Foundation will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting at Patwin Elementary this **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm** in the MPR. Representatives from DSF will provide information and answer questions about the budget crisis and the Foundation.

Family Living

The keys to healthy living always sound so simple: eat right, exercise, sleep well. They are simple, but often times, the alternatives are much easier: eating junk food, watching television. As parents, we can run out of good ideas to keep our kids active and we run out of time and imagination for healthy snacks and meals.

As mentioned in last week's article, there are many fruits and vegetables in season which are great snacks. Another appealing, healthy snack is a frozen yogurt pop. Just freeze your child's favorite yogurt flavor in a paper cup with a popsicle stick placed in the center of the cup and held in place with plastic wrap. Freeze until the yogurt is solid, peel off the paper cup, and enjoy the refreshing treat!

A few suggestions to give your child when they claim boredom:

- Practice hopscotch
- See how long you can hop on one foot
- Jump rope backwards
- Invent dance moves to your favorite song
- Do sprints (fast running races) and time yourself to see how fast you go
- Handstand contest—how long can you do a handstand (then, can you walk on your hands)
- Hula hoop

Just a walk around the neighborhood with the family feels good for everyone. Remember, everything in moderation....I have to go now to get the cupcakes out of the oven just in time to watch my favorite show on television!

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

As you are doing your spring cleaning, please keep the Bike Exchange in mind. We have had many requests for 16- and 20-inch bikes (the perfect size for 1st through 4th graders.) This would be a great time you to clear your clutter and make those bikes available to other families! Thank you to all for supporting this service.

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.

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



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May 3, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Marguerite Montgomery
Elementary School

1441 Danbury Street, Davis

Parents, come learn about:

- Internet Safety
- Helping Your Child with Nutrition
- Preparing for College, and Selecting a Career
- More!

Sign-up Today!
Free Registration!
Lunch Provided!
Free Childcare!

Please complete and return to your school by April 28

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 School: _____

Languages spoken at home:

- English Spanish Mandarin
 Korean Japanese Other _____

Need an Interpreter?

- Yes No

Need Transportation?

- Yes No

Childcare (ages 3-12 only, must be potty trained):

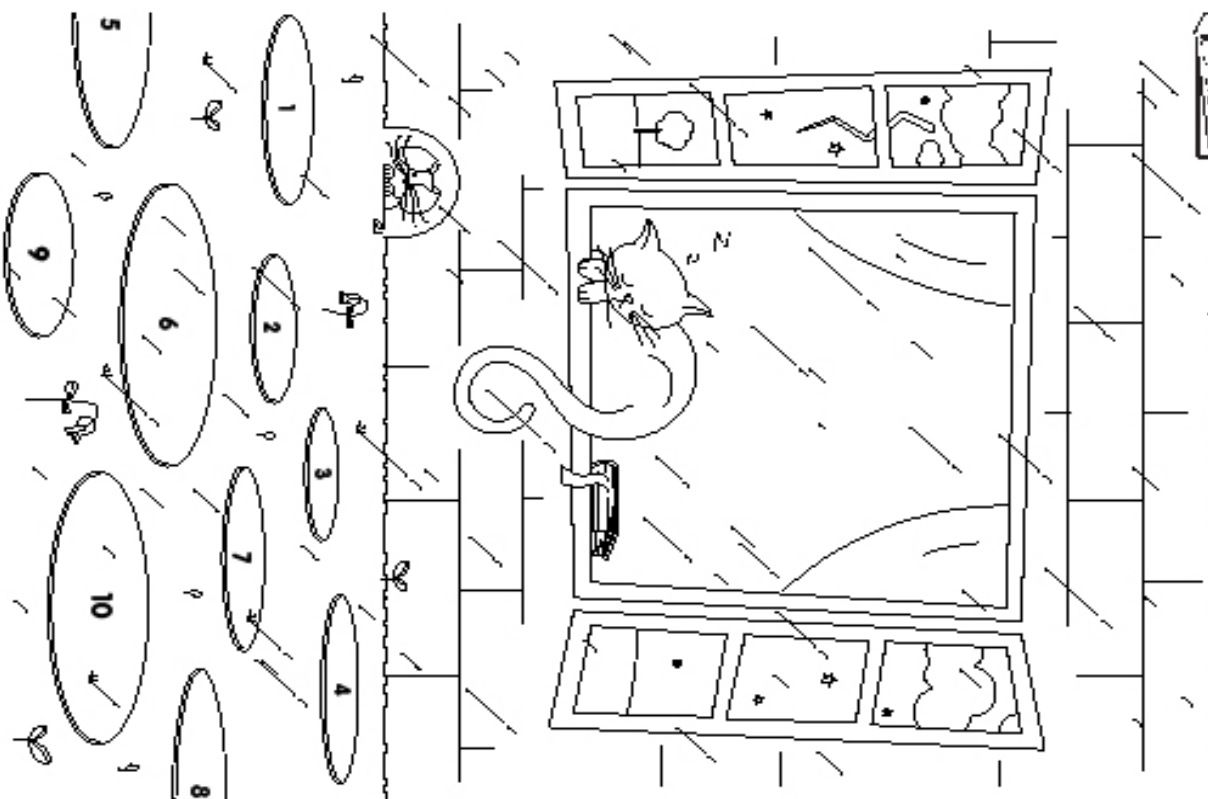
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For more information call:

Mary Khan, DJUSD English Language Coordinator
759-2144



April showers...bring May flowers



Name _____

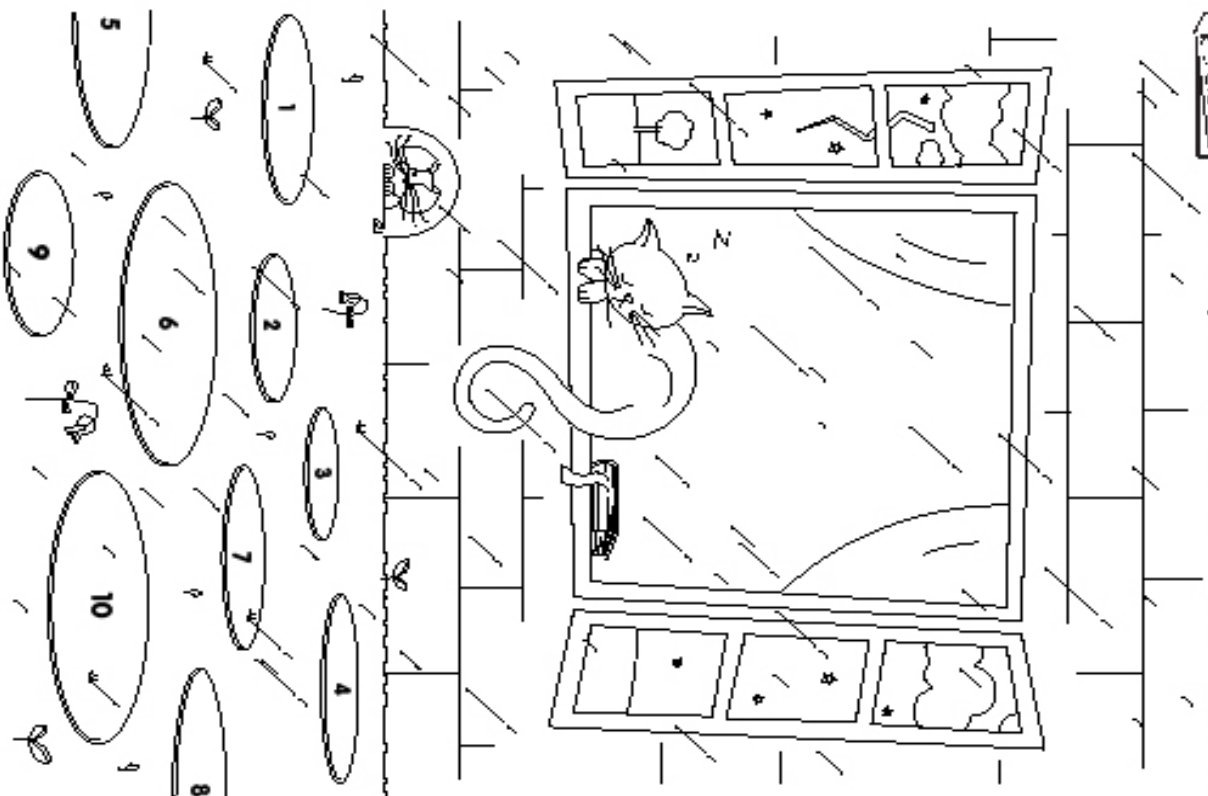
Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

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