



Patwin Elementary

April 21, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
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. Thursday, June 5 will be the last day of Running Club for the year.
- 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 23, after school. Remember to please bring your quarters to support Mrs. Weir'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.

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Principal's Corner

The weather was perfect. Excitement was in the air. Entertainers aplenty descended onto the campus. And the Cal Aggie Band-uh energized everyone within the sound of their music. That was the feel at the Patwin Walkathon 2008. Hats off to Ellen Shields and her many committees for their tireless work in organizing this year's event. Carolyn Aikawa brought the idea to Patwin in 2005 organizing our first Walkathon. The Walkathon has gotten bigger and better each succeeding year and is now one of Patwin's two major fund-raisers, the Walkathon and the "Unfundraiser." These events are in lieu of selling products and hopefully are less intrusive for families. Thanks again Ellen and the 250 walkers for the wonderful day on April 5. We all had a "Spring In Our Step" as a result.

With approximately eight weeks remaining in the school year we still have lots to accomplish at Patwin. Beginning next Tuesday, April 22, students throughout the state will be taking the 2008 California Standardized Testing and Recording assessment. We are allotted 11 days to complete our testing with most teachers and students completing the work in five to seven days. Students have approximately five hours of testing with third graders having the most minutes as they also complete the Third Grade California Achievement Test Survey. I always want our students to get plenty of sleep, eat a nourishing breakfast and arrive at school on time. However, during our testing window I especially want that to happen. Our testing time is April 22 through May 7. Patwin and all Davis schools have a proud history of combining to be one of the top performing school districts in the country. I'm sure 2008 will be no exception. This is our chance to show just how much we have learned in our year in school. I appreciate your help in making this happen for your youngster.

Finally, I cannot say enough about our Davis Schools Foundation (DSF) and their efforts to ease the financial crisis in our district. This organization has been in existence and making major contributions to our schools for four years. Tuesday evening, April 15, the Foundation held a "town hall" meeting at Patwin. We have some DSF literature on the table in our outer office and a collection box for contributions. Shirts and lawn signs supporting the Foundation's efforts are available for purchase. DSF has been and continues to be visible at our Wednesday and Saturday Farmers Market in Central Park. You may reach DSF at P.O. Box 1154, Davis, CA 95617/ 530 902-1624/ or at <http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/>. Any participation in their efforts to raise money for our schools will be tremendously appreciated. Should you have any questions about information in this article or anything at Patwin, please phone me at 757-5394. I welcome your calls.

Sincerely,
Mike Parker

Ebay the Way for Music to Stay

The Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association has officially launched the "Save our Music" campaign to help preserve elementary school orchestra and band programs in Davis. Their goal is to raise \$200,000, and there is a fun and easy way you can help. Simply look around your house for items you no longer need that have a minimum value of \$25, and take them to TWRF Creative in Mansion Square. (Be sure to mention the SOM campaign.) A portion of the eBay sell price of all donations will directly benefit DSOMA's efforts to keep our music program intact despite imminent budget cuts. You can get rid of clutter and feel good about helping a program that has enriched the lives of thousands of Davis children.

For specific directions and to download a donation form, please visit <http://groups.dcn.org/dsoma/ebay-auction-donation-instructions>. For more information about DSOMA, to make a direct donation, or to subscribe to the DSOMA listserv, please visit <http://groups.dcn.org/dsoma>.

Thank you, Patwinners!

Thank you Patwin community! On Wednesday, April 16th, we collected over \$10,000 for the Davis Schools Foundation—which will be matched by Hanlees auto dealership. This is in addition to the many thousands of dollars Patwin families had already donated to DSF, prior to Wednesday's collection date. Every dollar counts and, on behalf of the Patwin PTA, many thanks for the generous donations.

It's not too late to donate—you can make a donation through Sunday, that will be matched by Hanlees, or donate by May 15th. The collection box is in the office so if you have not yet donated, please contribute whatever you can or go online to www.davisschoolsfoundation.org.

 Every Child Deserves an
Excellent Public Education

DSF T-shirts and Lawn Signs

DSF still has lawn signs (\$5) and T-shirts (\$15) for sale. If you are interested, please contact Beatriz Leal at augustoleal12@hotmail.com or 750-2320. Arrangements will be made to deliver the items to your child's classroom.

Family Living

Many parents are dismayed by what comes home in their children's lunch box at the end of the day. The healthy foods are still in there, only wilted and no longer edible; the treat, cookie, or the chips are gone.

Well, we're going to tell you what you probably already know – don't put the unhealthy food in there, and if they are hungry enough, they'll eat the stuff that is good for them.

What can you put in the lunch box that is healthy, and still tastes good? How about trying some of the following:

- Celery sticks with a dab of peanut butter in the container, so they can dip their celery in the peanut butter. This gives them long-lasting energy from the protein, and it tastes good, too.
- Pretzels with a dab of cream cheese for dipping. The salt and crunch from the pretzels tastes great with the cream cheese, which is a good source of protein.
- Pita bread with a dollop of hummus which, being made from garbanzo beans, is another excellent source of protein.
- Sliced apples with a dab of almond butter – this is a delicious combination, and fun to eat.

Try to avoid packing lunches that are mostly carbohydrates. Even though kids will generally eat sugar and starch, these foods give them a quick burst of energy, but then leave them feeling tired and hungry a short while later. Stick with fruit, vegetables and protein, and your children will feel much better in the long run.

If you have ideas or suggestions for healthy snacks, please email us at ranchette05@earthlink.net or aphargadon@gmail.com or nstarsinic@gmail.com.

DSF Upcoming Events

May 3, 2008 Downtown Festival (E Street) 3:00 pm

Downtown merchants will be providing services and selling merchandise and food in support of the Davis Schools Foundation. Contact Jean Thompson for more information (Jean@AnOrganizedSort.com)

May 15, 2008 DJUSD DEADLINE to report funding for the 2008/2009 school year to the Yolo County Office of Education. Funds raised by the Davis Schools Foundation must be presented to DJUSD by this time.

Running Club

There are more marathoners! Congratulations to the following Patwin running club marathoners: Ben Kimmel, Yuriko Yamaji, Regan Miller, and Thomas Lloyd. They all ran 104 laps, equal to 26 total miles. They each received their Fleet Feet "I ran a marathon" t-shirt. Super Job!

Extraordinary congratulations go to Patwin runners who completed their THIRD marathon: Corey Juaquinod and Ethan Tang. WOW!!! Fantastic!

Runners, there are 14 more running club days left...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!

STAR Testing

STAR Testing begins April 22. Please help your child to come prepared by ensuring they:

- get plenty of sleep,
- eat a nourishing breakfast, and
- arrive at school on time.

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!

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.

Closing the Achievement Gap: Understanding the Culture of Success

Saturday, May 10, 2008

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Performing Arts Building, Davis High School

Contact: community.conversation@cityofdavis.org

To strengthen the potential of all our students, it takes family, community, and school partnership. Join members of our community for conversation with trained facilitators, to discuss differences in learning success among our children.

Breakfast and Lunch catered by Cracchiolo's

Free childcare for children K-6 with reservation

(For information or to reserve, call 757-5626. Open to first 45 children who pre-register by Wednesday, May 7. Each child must bring a lunch. Activities will be provided. Care provided by the City of Davis Community Services Playground Staff at Veterans Memorial Center Game Room from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.)

Join us! Your voice is important!

Sponsored by the Davis Joint Unified School District, the city of Davis, and the Davis Teachers Association

A Day in Egypt

Saturday, April 26, 2008

12:00 to 5:00 pm

The i-House, 10 College Park, Davis, CA

Admission \$10, children under 12 Free

Come celebrate the history, art, culture, literature and contributions of Egypt to the world. Spend a day learning about Egypt, tasting its food, traveling along the majestic Nile, listening to the sounds, learning to write your name in a couple of new languages, marveling at the rich culture, reflecting upon films, and so much more. A fun day for young, old, and family!

Co-sponsored by the Egyptian Consulate General Press & Information Bureau at San Francisco.

The Positive Energy Kids Triathlon

- When:** Sunday, May 18, 2007
- Where:** Arroyo Park, West Davis. Located on Shasta Drive at Hampton Road, Davis, CA 95616
- Time:** First wave is at 8:00 a.m. The oldest age divisions start first. 16 athletes/wave.
- What:** A Kids Triathlon - swim, bike, run - in that order.

Who Can Participate: Any child ages 4-15 years is invited to participate. Children should be able to ride a bike and complete the swim distance for their age division (see Distances). Every child, regardless of finish place or time, will be treated like a winner! All finishers receive a custom finisher's medal.

For More Information, visit: <http://www.changeofpace.com/pekt.html>

Online Registration Available through 10am on Friday, May 16th.
Registration At Packet Pick Up (May 17th) - If space is still available
Registration on Race Day - If space is still available





BRIDGE TO HOPE

Davis Joint Unified School District

PARENT CONFERENCE: TOOLS, STRATEGIES & RESOURCES

Sponsored by the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), Title I, and the Secondary Schools Parent Education Committee



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):

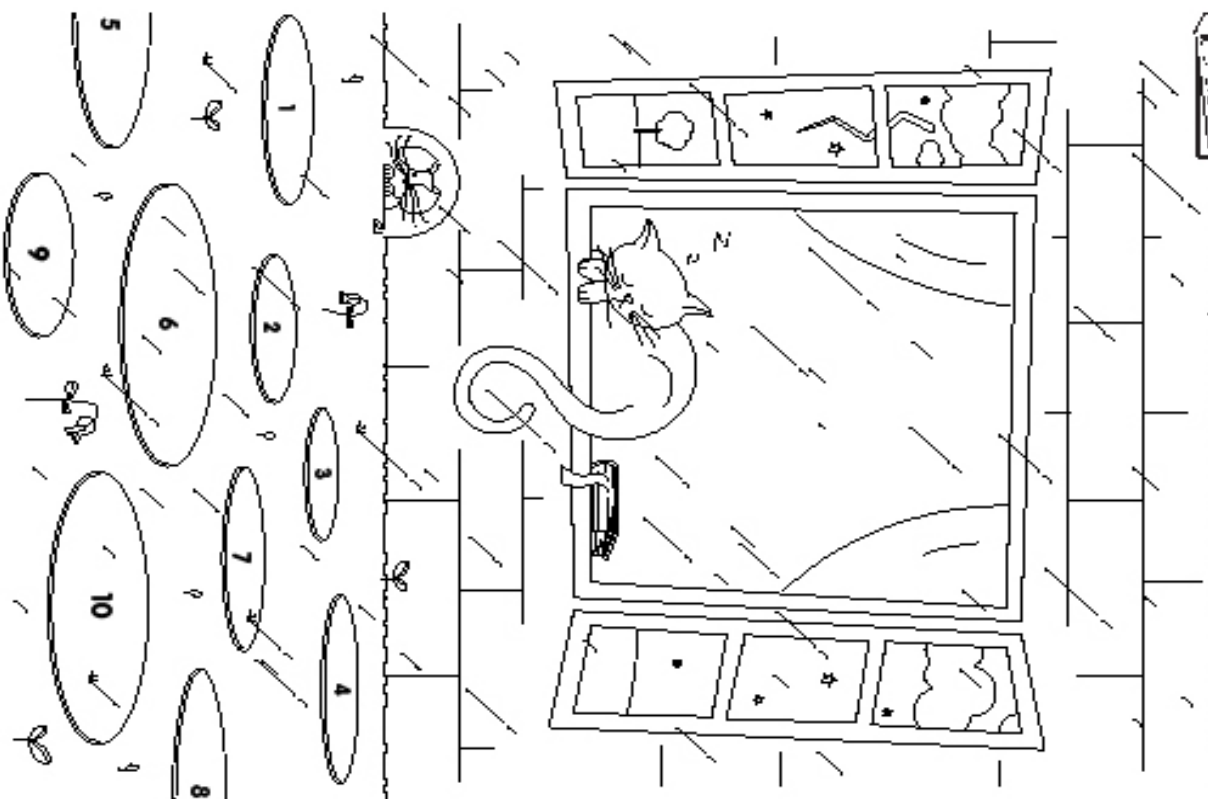
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For more information call:

Mary Khan, DJUSD English Language Coordinator
759-2144



April showers...bring May flowers



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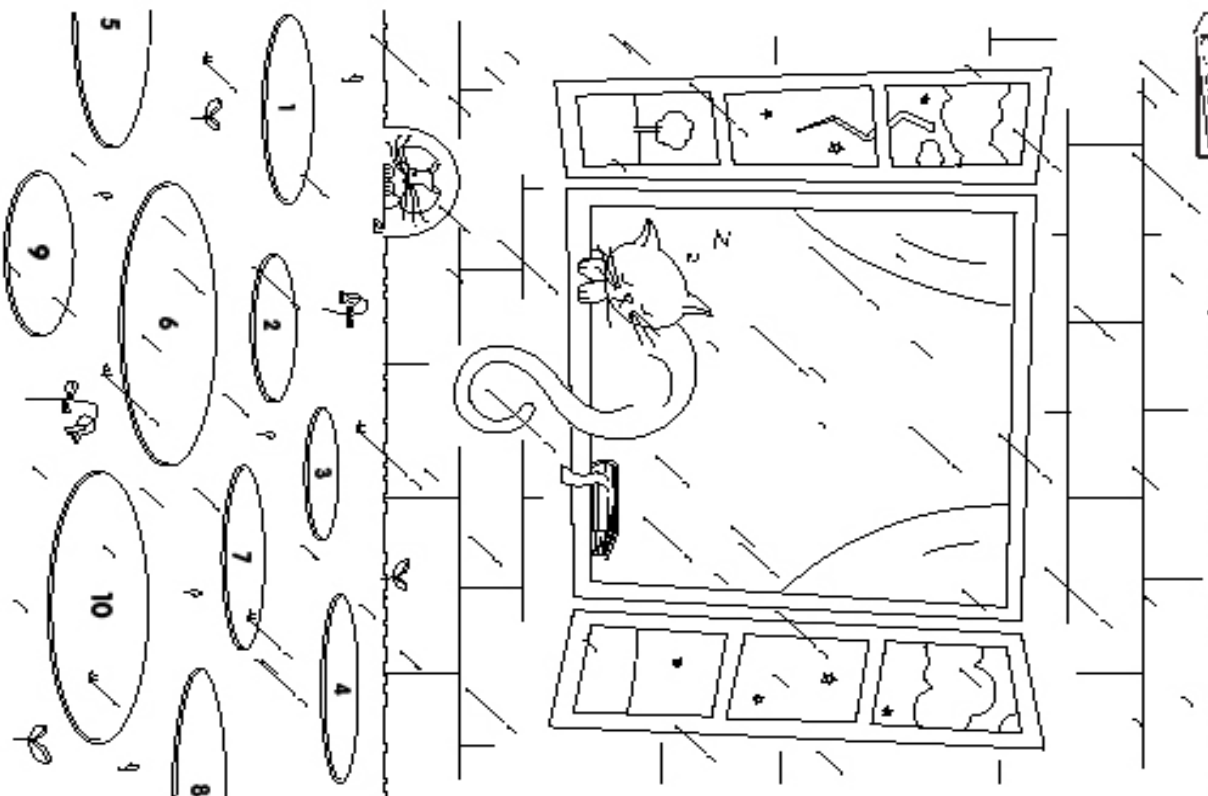
Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

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