



Patwin Elementary

April 28, 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
5/21/08 - 5/23/08	Wednesday - Thursday		Fourth Grade Trip to Malakoff Diggins
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 30, after school. Remember to please bring your quarters to support Mrs. Finley's and Ms. Rinne'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.

Family Living

With Spring in full bloom, now is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy some outdoor family fun! Whether you're new to the region or have been here for many years, there are lots of outdoor adventures to be had in the Davis region. Below are two of our favorite jaunts with family and friends (coming up in a future column--a visit to Cold Canyon, outside of Winters):

1. UC Davis Arboretum

This may seem like a no-brainer but it's easy to forget this gem on the UC Davis campus. The Arboretum is host to over 4,000 trees and plants, so you can never see them all! The Shields Oak Grove is a great place for a picnic, playing frisbee or just enjoying the scenery. Located

on the west end, near the Vet Med Center, it's an easy bike ride for kids of all ages. Don't forget to check out the White Flower Garden and Gazebo when you visit--many of the white flowers are luminous at night (when the moon's out!).

2. *Putah Creek Riparian Reserve*
Visit the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve. The reserve is a 125 acre reserve that stretches along Putah Creek as it flows through the UC Davis campus. Pack a picnic and ride your bikes to the picnic area is located on west campus on Levee Road, between Hopkins Road and Brooks Road. If you're familiar with Camp Putah, you'll have visited the area on "skit night". This is a great location for birding, and you can see Yellow-

billed Magpies, Western Scrub Jays, Raptors, Hummingbirds, Woodpeckers, Owls and California Quail, to name a few. It's also possible to fish for bass and carp, downstream between the picnic area and Old Davis Road.

For a great read on our region, visit the Putah-Cache Bioregion Project website at: <http://bioregion.ucdavis.edu/>

STAR Testing

STAR Testing continues through May 7. Please help your child

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

Patwin Day 2008

Patwin parents show unending, unselfish involvement. They are there for every event whether their child is involved or not. Among other things, they contribute money, supplies, transportation, and time. Our children would not be getting the extraordinary education they receive at Patwin without these special people. The Patwin Day Committee extends a heart felt thank you to each of you for all you do.

That being said, we are compelled to ask, once again, for volunteers. This time, it is for the last big event of the year--Patwin Day. This event is for EVERY child at Patwin. Please help your children take some great memories with them into summer by helping out

with this fun morning.

We plan on having some new activities as well as the old favorites--balloon toss, tiffany jars, beading, and gluep!

Sign ups will be in the office and on the PTA bulletin board starting next week. We need adults to help with the activity stations from about 8:30 am to noon on Friday June 6. We also need parent help for the kindergarten Patwin Day on Wednesday morning, June 4. (Those sign ups will be on the kindergarten doors.) Please mark your calendars.

In addition, we need donations of clean, label-free, small jars, rubber bands, a salad spinner or

Patwin Day Donations Needed

Please place donations in box outside the MPR

- clean, label free small jars
- rubber bands
- salad spinners
- clean gallon milk jugs
- rolled newspapers

two, and clean gallon milk jugs. We also DESPERATELY need people to start rolling newspapers for our "Paper Tube Happenings" station. Please place donations in the box outside the MPR. For more information, call Ann Shuman at 758-4755.

Thank you, in advance, for your interest and participation.

Budget Crisis: May 15 Deadline Approaches

Donate @ www.davisschoolsfoundation.org

The new joint effort from the DSF is the 'Walking your Neighborhood' campaign. All Davis schools are invited to get the word out about the A DOLLAR A DAY donation. The goal is to get everyone involved, even if they don't have school age children.



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.

Patwin will cover the Stonegate and Shasta neighborhoods. Emerson will cover Village Homes and the streets next to their school. (Emerson contact: Eric Davis at daviseric@comcast.net).

As so many parents were extra busy during last weekend, we would like to extend Patwin walking the neighborhood until May 4. We still have a lot of streets to cover! To avoid duplication, Please choose one or more streets you would like to walk and email Beatriz Leal at augustoleal12@hotmail.com or sign up on the list at the PTA bulletin board next to our MPR.

When you sign up you will receive informational fliers to hand out and some guidelines to be used during the walk. The goal is NOT to collect money. No one is suppose to receive any donations, instead we want to give out information about options on how to they can make donations.

Please share your time sometime during this week. Thank you for the support and effort.

Questions or concerns call Beatriz at 750-2320

DSF Buttons

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity last week towards the DSF. We are still receiving many donations. Each Family that makes a donation is entitled to receive a button from the DSF. If you didn't get yours and would like one, please write your name and classroom on a list next to the box donation at the office, and we will deliver the button to you. Any question ask Beatriz Leal.

DSF Upcoming Events

May 2, 2008 Save Our Schools Wine Tasting Event (Rominger West Winery, 4602 Second St) 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Come out to taste wines wine, enjoy cheeses, chocolates, and appetizers while supporting our schools. Minimum donation of \$25 requested at the door. For further information, contact doreenconte@yahoo.com.

May 3, 2008 Schoolplooza (Downtown/E Street Plaza)

Downtown merchants will be providing services and selling merchandise and food in support of the Davis Schools Foundation. Entertainment will be provided at the E Street Plaza from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Watch DJUSD students, parents, and teachers in science show, fashion show, DHS music and dance, and much more! Visit 'at-risk' program exhibits (science, music, libraries and others). In-Store Raffles!, Bring your \$365 (or more) donation and receive a 'thank you' from Annie's Organic Pasta. Donating businesses will be identified by red & blue balloons. Come downtown to shop, eat, play and help our schools and our community. 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.

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: communityconversation@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

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>.

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.



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):

_____	Age
_____	Age
_____	Age
_____	Age

For more information call:

Mary Khan, DJUSD English Language Coordinator
759-2144

Hop, jump, flutter, fly...
don't let Box Tops pass you by!



Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

