



# Patwin Elementary

May 19, 2008 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
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
6/4/08	Wednesday		Spirit Day: Return of Crazy Hair!
6/6/08	Friday		Patwin Day
6/11/08	Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Sixth Grade Rec Night
6/12/08	Thursday		Last Day of School (12:30 dismissal Grades 1-5)

- 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
- School Savings deposits are collected each THURSDAY morning from 8:10 to 8:25 outside the MPR
- 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/>.

### New Web Site!

The Patwin PTA has a new web site! The site is still under construction, but now you can access current and previous issues of the Patwin Newsletter at: [www.patwinelementary.org](http://www.patwinelementary.org). On the website you will be able to access an updated calendar with links to city-wide events as well as a link for subscribing to our email list.

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](mailto:patwineditor@gmail.com). Please include a contact name and phone number.

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the generous outpouring of dollars in support of the school's fundraisers this year and most recently the support of the Davis Schools Foundation. The Foundation, which has been in existence for four years, has worked tirelessly to ease the financial crisis facing our district. For the past two years the Foundation has supported each elementary school's outdoor education program and the secondary schools' libraries. The outdoor education programs are becoming costlier each year and without the Foundation's support, could become unaffordable in the future. Foundation, you are the greatest. I thank your for helping Save our Schools.

Your understanding of the event concerning Davis High School last weekend was appreciated. Superintendent Hammond and his cabinet, the high school administration, the Davis Police Department and nearby law enforcement agencies, and our Patwin newsletter editor, did a professional job of informing the community. It is my understanding that the investigation is ongoing. I urge you to contact me or any staff member should you notice anyone or any activities of a suspicious on our around our campus. Your youngsters' safety is foremost in the minds of all of our staff.

Wednesday, May 14, was truly an unforgettable Staff Appreciation Day at Patwin. Thank you for the flowers for the staff. It was so

warming to see so many children with big smiles as they brought their gifts of flowers to their teachers.

Michelle Azevedo, Patwin's new principal, will be present at our Tuesday, May 20 PTA meeting. Michelle has already been on campus several times this month. She attended the May 7, staff meeting, toured the school on May 9, attended the May 12, PLC meeting, and attended a special education meeting for incoming students on May 13. You are going to like her. I certainly have mixed emotions about leaving such a wonderful school. This is a good place for students to learn and I will miss it. As I told staff in a note on Staff Appreciation Day, the Patwin Experience has been my four most enjoyable years in school administration. Thank you for your part in that experience.

However, we still have work to do and I look forward to our last weeks together. If you have any questions or comments about anything, please phone me at 757-5379 or 757-5394.

Sincerely,

Mike Parker

### PTA Open Positions

1st VP  
2nd VP  
Treasurer  
Parliamentarian

Please email [patwinpta@gmail.com](mailto:patwinpta@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## 2008-09 School Calendar

When making plans for family vacations, please keep the following dates in mind for next year. Remember, each day that your child does not report to school for any reason, the district loses approximately \$40 in state revenue. Children should be at school unless they are too sick to attend.

**August 27, 2008** (Wednesday)  
School Begins

**September 1, 2008** (Monday)  
Labor Day School Holiday

**October 31, 2008** (Friday)  
Elementary Teacher Work Day

**November 11, 2008** (Tuesday)  
Veteran's Day School Holiday

**November 22-26, 2008** (Monday - Friday)  
Thanksgiving School Holiday

**December 22, 2008 - January 2, 2009** (Monday - Friday)  
Winter Break

**January 19, 2009** (Monday)  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
School Holiday

**February 10, 2009** (Monday)  
Lincoln's Birthday  
School Holiday

**February 16, 2009** (Monday)  
Presidents' Day School Holiday

**April 6-10, 2009** (Monday - Friday)  
Spring Break

**May 25, 2009** (Monday)  
Memorial Day School Holiday

**June 11, 2009** (Thursday)  
Last Day of School

## Running Club

And more marathoners! Congratulations to the following Patwin running club marathoners: Sepp Sanchirico, Jonathon Jones, and Daniel Ruiz-Jiminez. They all ran 104 laps, equal to 26 total miles. They each received their Fleet Feet "I ran a marathon" t-shirt. Super Job!

Some very special congratulations go to Patwin runners who completed their second marathon: Rida Jan, Fiala Janata, Elliot Chan, and Max Carroll. They all received a medal for their great determination. Terrific running!

Runners, there are 6 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!

We would like to make a "Thank You Fleet Feet!" poster to express our gratitude to Fleet Feet for so generously contributing all the water bottles and t-shirts this year. We also want to take a group photograph for them of as many of us as possible on Thursday May 29th. So, please come on THURSDAY MAY 29th! And, if you have earned a marathon t-shirt, please wear it that day, so we can show Fleet Feet how impressive you all are!

**Marathoners!**  
**Please wear your**  
**"I ran a marathon"**  
**t-shirt to running club**  
**on Thursday, May 29**

## Running Club Coordinators Needed

Do you love Running Club? Want to make a difference in our kids lives? Already committed to coming out each Tuesday and Thursday?

We are looking for two to three volunteers who would like to "run" the Patwin Running Club during the 2008-2009 school year!

The Patwin Running Club has been a huge success, with hundred + runners going for their half, marathon, second marathon, third marathon and more! The club runs two days a week—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35.

The Running Club coordinators are responsible for the following: setting up the table and providing water, keeping tally of the runners dotting runners (or recruiting "dotters" each time) announcing milestones in newsletters coordinating t-shirt and water bottle orders with Fleet Feet (our sponsors) ordering awards (medals, etc) for second, third, fourth marathoners!

This is a wonderful way to get to know the amazing kids at Patwin and lots of fun! It can easily be coordinated and a rotating schedule if two to three people want to commit to keeping it going.

Please email [aphargadon@gmail.com](mailto:aphargadon@gmail.com) if you are interested or just want to find out what's involved! Or ask any of us, Annie Hargadon, Grant Taylor, or Nicole Starsinic, if you would like to get involved.

### Patwin Bike Exchange

#### Bike offered:

20-in boy's bike in great condition!

Contact Jill Van Zanten at [jill-vz@integrity.com](mailto:jill-vz@integrity.com) or 758-7667 if you are interested or if you have a bike to offer on the exchange.

*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.*

### School Savings Coordinators

Volunteers are needed to run the school savings program for the new year.

Two parents are needed to serve as coordinators for us to continue the program at Patwin next year. The position is usually a commitment of 1 hour per week and a weekly trip to the bank.

Contact Jacki or Nicole at [patwinpta@gmail.com](mailto:patwinpta@gmail.com) if you can help keep this important program.

## Family Living

The HOT weather seems to be arriving and, for many of us, it gets to be unbearable outside. A quick and effective solution is a good splash of cool water, especially running some of your "pulse points" under running water (ie, wrists, ankles, and neck). Aaaahhhhh, that feels better (at least, for a few minutes).

Also, a healthy, cool snack for the family is frozen fruit. Just pop some grapes, strawberries, blueberries, melon pieces, peach pieces, or mango pieces in the freezer for a couple of hours and you have an instant healthy, cold, thirst-quenching snack. A fruit smoothie is another alternative to cool down with: blend fruit with juice, yogurt or milk, and ice together for a healthy treat.

Sometimes, it is nice to be inside for a while on a hot day. If that entails computer activities and television, don't forget to get up and dance or jump or run around for about 10 minutes per each hour of sitting.

There are several Yolo county outdoor festivals offered throughout the year celebrating harvests. Some examples include the Watermelon Festival at the Capay Valley Regional Farmers Market (1st Saturday in September); Capay Valley Almond Festival (February); Cache Creek Lavender Festival at the Cache Creek Lavender Farm in Rumsey (June). You can get more information at [www.davisvisitor.com](http://www.davisvisitor.com).

Have a good week and stay cool.

### Do You Like Working with Kids?

Are you interested in working as a special education paraeducator? Paraeducators are needed to assist students with special needs. Part-time and full-time positions are available starting in the Fall of 2008. On-call substitute paraeducators are also needed.

If you are interested in applying, please stop by the District Office, 526 B Street, or log onto [www.djUSD.k12.ca.us](http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us) and click "Employment" and "Classified Positions."

## Patwin Day 2008

The Patwin Day Co-Chairs, Jennifer Bavetta and Ann Shuman, wish they could personally thank those who have generously donated supplies for Patwin Day! We now have enough milk cartons to make Whale Scoops for the kindergarten classes. We still need some small jars. (Thank you for taking the labels off, it saves us a lot of time.) It is too hot to do much else, so sit back and roll some newspapers for the "Paper Tube Happenings."

Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board outside the MPR if you can help out on Friday, June 6. Even with the supplies we need, Patwin Day can't happen without a few more volunteers. Hope to see you there!

## Summer Camp Ideas

Summer vacation is creeping up on us very quickly. Have you made plans yet to keep your youngster occupied? There are many great opportunities for day camps here in Davis. Some may already be full, but it is worth checking out last minute openings.

- **Davis Parks and Recreation Summer Programs:** These low-cost programs vary from full week programs to just one day. For more information, stop by the city offices at 5th and Russell or visit <http://www.ci.davis.ca.us/pcs/download/>.
- The **Explorit Science Center** offers classes for preschool to 5th grade. For information call, (530) 756-0191 or visit <http://www.explorit.org/program/classes.html>
- The **International House** offers fun and adventure from around the world in their summer programs for grades 1 through 6. Information is available at <http://www.internationalhousedavis.org/prog/children/summer>.
- **UC Davis** offers Craft, Sports, Equestrian, Aquatics, and Dance Camps. For information, visit: [campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu](http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu) or contact (530) 752-2955.