



Patwin Elementary

May 26, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
5/26/08	Monday		School Holiday: Memorial Day
5/28/08	Wednesday	1:30-3:30	Scholastic BOGO Book Sale (MPR)
5/29/08	Thursday	2:30-4:30	Scholastic BOGO Book Sale (MPR)
5/29/08	Thursday	2:35-3:35	Running Club: Group Photo
6/4/08	Wednesday		Kindergarten Patwin Day
6/4/08	Wednesday		Spirit Day: Return of Crazy Hair!
6/6/08	Friday		Patwin Day
6/10/08	Tuesday	7:45-8:30 am	Parent Volunteer Breakfast
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/>.

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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Greeting from Our New Principal

Dear Patwin Families,

I am more than thrilled about joining the Patwin community. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all. Here is a little bit about me. I grew up in Davis and graduated from Davis High School in 1988. After studying and playing basketball at Chico State, I earned my teaching credential at CSU, Sacramento. I then had the privilege of teaching 8th grade History for seven years in Tracy. In 2000, I moved back to the area, earning my Administrative Services Credential from CSU, Sacramento and was the Vice Principal of Douglass Middle School in Woodland for five years. It was during this time that I earned my most important role as a mother to two children. Emily will be attending Kindergarten at Patwin in the fall and Evan is in pre-school but will be joining us in no time. After staying home for two years with my young children, I returned to the classroom. I started working part time at DaVinci High School in 2007 as the Academic Coach, Yearbook Advisor, Peer Helper Advisor, and Community Service Teacher. I was the Vice Principal of the DJUSD summer school program last summer and will be the Principal this summer. Starting in February, I became one of three Vice Principals at Davis High School.

I am beyond excited to have landed at Patwin Elementary. I have known for years that this is a fantastic school, made up of amazing students, families, and staff. In fact, my family chose to purchase a house in West Davis so that our children could attend Patwin. I look forward to helping provide a nurturing and challenging learning environment for every child at Patwin Elementary.

Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Michelle Azevedo

Save the Date!

The Patwin Staff would like you to save June 10th from 7:45 am - 8:30 am for a special breakfast thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers.

Thank you Volunteers!

PTA News

May 20th was our final PTA meeting for the year and we are happy to announce Terri Clarke will be Patwin's PTA President next year.

We still have several officer and committee positions that are still open for next year. If you are interested, email patwinpta@gmail.com.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for contributing to the Patwin PTA and committees this week. Through the contributions of so many parents' time and energy, our kids and community reap huge benefits. So a big big thank you to all for everything you did this year—big and small. We'll send our well wishes out to the community, more publicly, via the newsletter, but the Patwin PTA thanks you for your contribution!

Nicole Starsinic & Jacki Balderama

Scholastic Year-End Buy One - Get One Book Sale

TWO DAYS ONLY

Wednesday, May 28: 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Thursday, May 29: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

in the MPR.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

- Cashier to handle cash and credit card transactions
- People to watch over the books (at door and inside)
 - Very easy jobs. We will train.

Sign up outside the MPR or email patwinpta@gmail.com

Running Club

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 will 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

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 and click "Employment" and "Classified Positions."

6th Grade Beach and Boardwalk Theme Party—Volunteers Needed

WHAT: Sixth grade party. It will be a night to remember with beach ball volleyball; blackjack; pizza; popcorn; snow cones; all kinds of fun games; fortune-telling booth; a photo booth and even a dunk tank!

WHEN: Wednesday, June 11. 6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Patwin Elementary MPR and Quad.

WHY: It is a Patwin tradition to send off our sixth-graders with a fun party. The theme this year is Beach and Boardwalk. Please have your sixth grader bring a plate of cookies to share and wear appropriate clothes to play all kinds of fun games. Don't forget to sign the bright green permission slip. A donation of \$3-5 will help pay for pizza and prizes.

HOW: We need parent volunteers to help run games, check in students, set up before the big event and clean up. So please contact any of the following parents if you would like to help with this fun Sixth Grade Party: Suzanne Morgan at the Patwin front office; Meera Klein at Patwin Library; or Sandy Strong at 759-1119. We need about 10 volunteers to help supervise all the fun games! The more the merrier!

Thanks in advance for your help.

Running Club Coordinators

Two to three volunteers are needed to "run" the Patwin Running Club next year. The club runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. Coordinators are responsible for setting up the table and providing water, keeping tally of the runners dotting runners, announcing milestones in newsletters and coordinating t-shirt and water bottle orders with Fleet Feet (our sponsors) ordering awards (medals, etc) for second, third, fourth marathoners! Please email aphargadon@gmail.com if you are interested.

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 if you can help keep this important program.