



# Patwin Elementary

June 2, 2008 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
6/4/08	Wednesday		Kindergarten Patwin Day
6/4/08	Wednesday		Spirit Day: Return of Crazy Hair!
6/5/08	Thursday	2:35-3:35 pm	Last Running Club of the Year
6/6/08	Friday		Patwin Day
6/10/08	Tuesday	7:45-8:30 am	Parent Volunteer Breakfast
6/10/08	Tuesday	6:30-7:30 pm	Cub Scout Information Night (MPR)
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
- 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/>.

### School Savings

The last day of School Savings Deposit Collection was May 29, however, you can still contribute to your savings account by bringing deposits directly to the bank.

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 12:00 noon. Articles should be e-mailed to the editors at [patwineditor@gmail.com](mailto:patwineditor@gmail.com). Please include a contact name and phone number.

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## Patwin Day 2008

It is not too late to volunteer for Patwin Day, Friday, June 6. In fact, if we don't get enough volunteers, we will not be able to offer many of the activities your children enjoy.

Please sign up for an activity on the PTA bulletin board outside the MPR, or call Ann Shuman (758-4755) or Jennifer Bavetta (757-7323).

We need volunteers to help from 8:30-11:30 on June 6. We also need more small jars and tons of rolled newspapers. Please join us on Friday. It's fun. It's for the kids. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

## Running Club

More marathoners! Congratulations to the following Patwin running club marathoner: Kenny Appel-Niemi. He ran 104 laps, equal to 26 total miles, and received a Fleet Feet "I ran a marathon" t-shirt. Super Job!

Some very special congratulations go to Patwin runners who completed their second marathon: Andrea Zheng and Danielle Van Winkle. They received a medal for their great determination. Terrific running!

And an extraordinary effort by Cameron Kelley who finished his 3rd marathon! EXCELLENT!

Runners, THERE ARE 2 MORE RUNNING DAYS LEFT. See you out on the field!

## 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.

## 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 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.*

## Patwin Rise Leader Needed

Time is running out, let's not lose this position at Patwin. Time commitment is variable (depending on your energy and interest) and there is a nice stipend. Support for the position will also be offered so you won't be on your own!

Please contact Joannie Siegler at [jmsiegler@hotmail.com](mailto:jmsiegler@hotmail.com) for more information

What is RISE? Recycling Is Simply Elementary.

The RISE program is a partnership among several organizations including Davis Waste Removal, Davis Educational Foundation, City of Davis, and the Davis Joint Unified School District.

The partnership works together to develop an effective recycling program with the ambitious goal to reduce the solid waste stream at the eight elementary sites by 50 percent. Recent innovations have brought variations of the program into the Junior High Schools as well as Davis Senior High.

Each school site has a RISE leader who facilitates the process, focusing mainly on lunch time waste reduction, but also doing other programs to encourage stewardship of the planet.

To learn more about this fantastic program, you can access the website [www.DavisRISE.org](http://www.DavisRISE.org).

## End of the Year Library Reminders!

There are still some students who have overdue library books—please help your child look around the house, in the car, etc. Student report cards are held at if books are not returned or paid for. Sixth grade overdues follow your child to junior high, and he/she may not be able to pick up class schedules without clearing any debt owed to Patwin.

If any of you have even a half hour of free time, we are inventorying the library and could use a little more help—no special training needed.

District Librarians are in the process of putting together a Summer Reading List for all students. It will be published in the Davis Enterprise (list will also be available at the public library) about a week after school is out.

A final thank you to all of you for your support of the library program this year, and of course the hundreds of dollars that went to bring back our librarians, science, music and classroom teachers—we are all so grateful for your generosity. Wendy Chason, Patwin Librarian

### Library Inventory

If you have even half an hour of free time, please stop by the library to help with inventory. No special training is needed and any help is greatly appreciated!

*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." M. Cicero*

### Running Club Coordinators

Two to three volunteers are need 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](mailto: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](mailto:patwinpta@gmail.com) if you can help keep this important program.

## 2008-09 Patwin PTA Board Named

At the May 20 meeting of the PTA, volunteers were appointed to the Board for the next school year. We are happy to welcome Terri Clark at PTA President. Additional positions have been filled show below. Please note, several positions are still open. If you are interested in joining the team to make the coming school year a success, please contact Terri Clarke at patwinpta@gmail.com. Thank you!

1st VP	Lynda Garcia
<b>2nd VP</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>3rd VP</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Secretary	Debbi Gritts
Parliamentarian	Michelle Alejo

### Committees

Unfundraiser	Ellen Shields
Walkathon	Ellen Shields & Mary Maffly

Assemblies	Suzanne Bristow
Book Fair	OPEN & Carin Sloane
Box Tops	Teresa Ericson
BRAVO	Laurie Seban
<b>Childrens' Savings</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Cupcake Sales</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Dinner Fundraisers</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Directory	Julie Kuo
Fall Social	A Shuman & K Christensen
<b>Garden Programs</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Health &amp; P.E.</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Hospitality	Nicole Starsinic/J Balderama
Membership	Michelle Vermette
Newsletter	Sandy Batchelor/Mary Kelley
Patwin Day	Ann Shuman & J Bavetta
Red Ribbon Week	Michelle Vermette
<b>Scrip</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
UNICEF	Ann Larsen
Webmaster	Mary Hudson Kelley
Yearbook	Linda Garcia

### Cub Scout Informational Night

On Tuesday, June 10, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Patwin MPR, there will be an information night for all parents and boys grades K-6. This event will be hosted by Patwin parents and Cub Scout Pack 496 leaders Chad DeMasi and Bob Clarke.

### Davis Youth Track and Field Club

Davis Youth Track and Field Club is a new co-ed club open to children of all ages and abilities who want to enjoy the benefits of regular exercise and the camaraderie of team participation.

For beginning athletes who want a fun, friendly and low key introduction to track, field or cross country, or the opportunity to continue school track, field or cross country training in a fun, safe and recreational environment over the summer.

**For more information or to sign up, contact Toby Wehrhan (530)756-6986 or [twehrhan@yahoo.com](mailto:twehrhan@yahoo.com)**

### Tennis Camps

Woodland Tennis Club is sponsoring Junior Tennis Camps this summer at the newly-resurfaced Woodland High School Tennis Courts. All levels of players invited.

Session 1: June 9-13 for grades 7-12 (ages 13-18)  
Session 2: June 16-20 for grades 3-6 (ages 8-12)

Price \$80 per session. All participants receive a commemorative t-shirt and will have an opportunity to meet renowned tennis coach Wayne Bryan of the Sacramento Capitals.

**For more information or to sign up, contact Ann Pellow at 756-7230 or Creed Watts at [DWatts@wjusd.org](mailto:DWatts@wjusd.org).**

### Don't Forget!

Parent Volunteers—Please join the Patwin Staff from 7:45 to 8:30, **Tuesday, June 10th** out at the lunch tables for a thank you breakfast to all of you, from all of us.

**Thank you Volunteers!**