



Patwin Elementary

Newsletter

December 3, 2007

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Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
12-3-07	Monday	3:30	PLC Meeting in Staff Lounge
12-5-07	Wednesday	8:40	Character Assembly
12-5-07	Wednesday		Waste-Free Wednesday
12-6-07	Thursday		GATE Testing for 4th - 6th graders @ Willett
12-24-07 — 01-04-08	Monday - Friday		Winter Break
1-7-08	Monday		School Re-Opens
1-21-08	Monday		Holiday — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1-23-08	Wednesday		Student Assembly
1-23-08	Wednesday		Final GATE Testing in East Conference Room at D.O. 3rd graders @2:00; 4th, 6th, 7th, and 9th graders @ 3:00

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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Sacramento Bee Honors Patwin's Feliks Krupa

Feliks Krupa was honored in the Sacramento Bee on Friday, November 23rd for all he does for the students, staff and families of Patwin. If you missed it you can go to the Sacramento Bee Archives to read the article or view a slide show of Feliks. We are so fortunate to have him here at Patwin.

Feliks will be taking part in the Declaration of Human Rights Anniversary on December 6th at 7:00 pm at the International House Davis located at 10 College Place. He will read Article 23 of the Declaration in Polish, his native language. The public is invited to attend.

"Unfundraiser" 2007 Final Report

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to thank the following families for their support of this year's donation drive:

Rooney Hirst Galloway

Georgia & Bill Waid for Hannah Lomas

Keith & Sandy Robinson for Lauren Wilcox

Our grand total is \$9,695, from 112 families!! A huge THANK YOU to all families who contributed. (And remember, it really is never too late to make a donation!) Stay tuned to the newsletter to see how the money donated was spent on our Patwin students.

Thank you, Feliks!



Running Club Update

A big congratulations to the following marathoners: Enya Fujishima; Corey Jaquinod; Ava McCray; Tyler Brown; Casey Aikawa; Victor Aguilar; Veronica Wease. They all received their "I ran a marathon" t-shirt sponsored by Fleet Feet. Great Job!!!

Reminder: K-6th grade Patwinners are welcome to come out and join the Running Club any time, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:35-3:35. Permission slips are available in the office or out at the Running Club table.



Cupcake Sale

Please come out Wednesday, December 5th and support Ms. Warner-Harding's class!

"He's the heart and soul of this place. He really makes it feel like we're all part of a big family."

—from the Sacramento Bee, Metro Section, Page B1, November 22, 2007

It's Coming— Patwin Walkathon 2008

It is time to start planning this year's Walkathon, which will take place in April! We will be having an organizational meeting the week of December 10th, day and time TBA. Please join us for snacks and bring your great ideas! Contact Ellen at 753-2561 or the.shields@mail.com if you are interested in helping out. The meeting details will be announced in next week's newsletter. See you there!

Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

The Oral Health Assessments are due December 31, 2007. Please turn these forms in as soon as possible to your school office.

New DJUSD Superintendent: Dr. James Hammond

On November 8, 2007, Dr. James Hammond took over as superintendent of the Davis Joint Unified School District. Dr. Hammond was previously employed as superintendent of the Tukwila School District in Tukwila, Washington, south of Seattle.

Hammond, a native of Whittier, received a bachelor's degree in political science and secondary education from St. Mary's College in Lacey, Wash. He received a master's in curriculum, instruction and administration from Gonzaga University and an educational doctorate from Washington State University.

Hammond was a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal in the Tacoma and Bethel school districts, before serving three years as superintendent for the Tukwila School District.

Volunteer for the School Savings Program

The School Savings Program needs a weekly Wednesday morning volunteer (or perhaps 2 alternating people?). The time involved would be about 45 minutes to assist the lead volunteer collect the envelopes, and make the deposits. For more information about the program, contact Beatriz Leal at augustoleal12@hotmail.com or 750-2320.

DHS Musicians Available for Events

Make your holiday event special this year by supporting Davis High School Musicians.

The Davis High School Band's 2007 Holiday Rent-A-Band fundraiser make available brass and woodwind quartets for \$75 for 30 minutes, and piano soloists can be requested for \$40 for 60 minutes. All proceeds benefit the DHS band program. To make reservations contact: Nancy Hatamiya at (916) 425-4217 or at DHS.Rent-A-Band@comcast.net.

The Davis High School Symphony String Ensembles and Quartets are also available to perform at private events. Prices are \$200+ an hour depending on the type of request. Money goes to support the DHS Orchestra program. For information, contact Hiram Jackson at hsjackson@aol.com or 753-4814.



Lost and Found



Have you been wondering whatever happened to that favorite sweat-shirt? Been searching for missing sweaters, lunchboxes, backpacks, or even socks? Well, look no further than the Patwin Lost and Found! All items remaining after December 21 will be cleared out and donated.

Bike Exchange Corner

Do you have a bike in good condition that your kids have outgrown? Does your child need a bike? Welcome to the Patwin Bike Exchange! 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). Names of donors & recipients will be kept confidential.

Bikes Needed:	Bikes Offered:
	12 inch Huffy Boys bike w/ training wheels
	16" red unisex (age 6-8)
	20" blue girl's (age 8-10)

KIDS' BIKES IN GOOD CONDITION ONLY, PLEASE.

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.