



Patwin Elementary

September 8, 2008 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9/11/08	Thursday	11:00 am	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: 6th grade
9/15/08	Monday		Patwin Directory Submission Forms Due
9/16/08	Tuesday	2:00 pm	PTA Informational Gathering (MPR Tables)
9/16/08	Tuesday	2:35 - 3:35 pm	Running Club (First Day)
9/16/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm	PTA Meeting (Library)
9/17/08	Wednesday	1:30 pm	Cupcake Sale: Room 25 Ms. Weir
9/19/08	Friday		UNFUNDRAISER Begins
9/24/08	Wednesday	1:30 pm	Cupcake Sale: Room 22 Ms. Sequeira
9/24/08	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Fall Pizza Social
9/26/08	Friday		School Picture Day

Learn About the PTA!

Come join us for an informational gathering to learn about the role of the PTA and what you can do to help.

**Tuesday, September 16
2:00 pm
at the Tables
in front of the MPR**

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

**Dog Days of Summer Theme
Thursday, September 11, 2008
Sponsored by 6th Grade Classes**

Donations Needed From 6th Grade Families:
\$5.00 Per family, (for sandwiches, drinks, and paper products)
two watermelons - approx. 60 slices
Sugar Cookies - approx. 60 (homemade or purchased)

Donations can be dropped off at the office. Please place in the 6th grade Luncheon Envelope in the PTA box. Contact Terri Clarke at TCLARKE190@aol.com, to sign up to bring sugar cookies or watermelon slices and/or to help decorate/cleanup on Thursday, September 11.

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 Please include a contact name and phone number.

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PTA Corner

DID YOU KNOW...?

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARDS as well as **DISTRICT FORMS** are due as soon as possible. Please turn in to your teacher.

JOIN THE PTA! Return PTA forms including PTA membership, Patwin directory forms, and volunteer forms in to your teacher or the PTA box in the office. **PTA FORMS** and more information is available online at our website: www.patwinelementary.org.

RUNNING CLUB will begin on Tuesday, September 16 and meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. Permission slips **MUST** be signed by parents prior to participation. Forms are available in the office, at the CDC, and on our website.

RECYCLE, help the earth, and support the fourth grade class's trip to Malakoff Diggins next spring! Please bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside room 15.

PTA EMAIL NOTIFICATION LIST: 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/>.

WOW! We had a great start to a new school year. This year started out very smoothly, mainly because of the generous help provided by the many volunteers who helped collate the back to school forms packages and the hospitality committee that provided flowers and dessert to the teachers on their first day back. Without your help, it would have been very hard to accomplish what we have already done. So to all of you that have already volunteered and given time: **THANK YOU.**

The response to the PTA membership drive has been tremendous. Your commitment and willingness to participate at Patwin by joining and supporting the PTA will come back to your children in many ways. Thank you for taking the time/money to join and showing pride in your children's school.

It was great seeing so many parents at Back-To-School night. To all of you who signed up to help in the classroom and/or PTA sponsored events at school—Thank you. If you missed the opportunity to sign up at back to school night, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer as the school year progresses including: bring a dish in for Teachers Luncheon provided by each grade, Soup & Salad Luncheon, Teacher Appreciation Day, work the Book Fair, Help with the Unfundraiser, Pizza Social, Walkathon and/or Patwin day. So as you can see there are many different ways that you can help the school. And remember your children get really excited when you take the time to help at school—in any way possible.

Fall Social

The Patwin PTA Fall Social will be Wednesday, September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Flyers will be sent home with your children soon to order pizza and to volunteer to help out. Please turn in the forms to the office by September 19 so we can get an accurate pizza count. The event should be a good time to get reacquainted with your neighbors and friends, meet the teachers in a different forum, and just relax and listen to music while enjoying some great food. If you want to volunteer or have questions, please call Ann Shuman at 758-4755.

Patwin Site Council: Two Parent Reps Needed

The Site Council is responsible for overseeing school budget and staying on task with school plan. If you are interested in serving on the Patwin Site Council, please contact Terri Clarke at patwinpta@gmail.com or Principal Azevedo at mazevedo@djustd.k12.ca.us. Meetings are the first Monday of each month from 3:30-5:00 in room 5.

Box Tops for Education

I hope you have been saving your box tops this summer. Let's surpass our record collection of 13,580 box tops made last year! For those of you who are new to this, box tops are 10¢ coupons located on many food and some non food items. Please cut them neatly off their packaging, attach them to collection sheets (found in this newsletter and at www.boxtops4education.com) and turn them in to your child's classroom. Each room has a container to drop them into. In October, February and May a classroom volunteer will count the box tops for their room and turn them into the office for processing.

Prizes! A huge trophy is presented during a school assembly to the classroom with the greatest number of box tops collected in each counting period. This stays in the classroom until the next counting period. Individual prizes are awarded to children who collect 10 box tops on counting sheets or who collect 50 or more box tops in a counting period. At the end of the year, pizza parties are awarded to the three classrooms with the greatest collections.

Last year \$1,358 was earned for Patwin. The hardest part about



this fundraiser is remembering where you put those box tops you've torn off boxes over the months. So designate a container, leave it on the kitchen countertop and keep collecting. Don't forget to ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to give you their box tops. The kids get really excited about getting the classroom trophy or being recognized at the school assembly for their efforts.

Welcome Back from the Library

As you begin to learn about your student's program at Back To School presentations, I'd like you know a little about the library program here at Patwin. I am the Librarian at Patwin, at Holmes Junior High School, and am an instructor at CSUS in the Library Credential Program, teaching teachers how to become Librarians.

I split my time between Patwin and Holmes, but I work mainly with the students in grades 4-6 at Patwin. This program includes author and literature studies, Internet instruction, and a variety of long term research projects later on in the school year. In conjunction with the PTA we sponsor two book fairs and a reading rally. Third through fourth graders are encouraged to participate in our

annual Battle of the Books which usually takes place in the spring.

Students in grades K-3 have a literature based program, author study, learn about the differences between fiction and non fiction as they make their choices for checkout. My two library technicians Lynne Sundstrom and Meera Klein read and work with our primary students, however I choose the themes each week and make book selections for the classes.

Your child will have a specific library time each week; our schedule and library hours will be finalized by the end of the week, so please check with your student's teacher, or come by the library doors where the schedule will be posted.

Due to the work involved in preparing textbooks for our new science adoption, we will not be opening the library until Monday, September 15.

We can use parent volunteers in our library for a variety of tasks: book checkins and checkouts, shelving, processing new books, book fair and Battle of the Books. Please email me (wchason@djud.k12.ca.us) or come by the library to sign up. We offer our parent volunteers their own check out card in addition to their student's, so it's a small perk! I am looking forward to a great year with your children.

Wendy Chason, Librarian

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



Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

