



# Patwin Elementary

## September 15, 2008 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
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		Fall Social Order Forms DUE
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
10/1/08	Wednesday	1:30 pm	Cupcake Sale: Room 19 Ms. Britz
10/7/08	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Fourth Grade Parents: Malakoff Diggins Information Night (MPR)

### Attention 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Parents!

If you have not already done so, 4th, 5th and 6th grade parents please email Mrs. Wong at [sciencewong@yahoo.com](mailto:sciencewong@yahoo.com) with the following information:

Student's First and Last Name  
Student's Classroom Teacher  
Student's Grade

### Salad Bar Starts This Week!

Beginning this week, a Salad Bar will be available at lunch every Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Running Club is Back!

Running Club starts this TUESDAY and will meet after school Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:35 to 3:35 pm.

### Break open those Piggy Banks!

Bring your quarters to the first cupcake sale of the year this Wednesday after school. Have a treat and support Ms. Weir's class.



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.

# DID YOU KNOW...?

**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](http://www.patwinelementary.org).

**RUNNING CLUB** 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, at the field, and on our website.

**A THINK GREEN THURSDAY** Lunch includes: reusable lunch container; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes

**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/>.

## PTA Corner

Come join us at our first PTA Meeting of the Year:

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008  
6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Library**

We will be discussing many things that will be affecting our school this year. Items on the agenda include:

- approval of our PTA Budget for 2008/09;
- Fundraising Options;
- the Unfundraiser (plans for money collected);
- Principal's first report (cupcake sales, School Climate Committee, community service, Site Council elections, etc.); and
- Measure W (a school board member will be here to answer your questions about the Instructional Parcel Tax.)

For parents that are unable to attend the evening meeting – there will be an informational gathering earlier on Tuesday at 2:00 pm in front of the MPR.

The Teacher's Luncheon provided by the sixth grade parents was a great success. The theme was the "Dog Days of Summer". The teacher's enjoyed Subway sandwiches, cookies, watermelon and lemonade. Thank you to all the parents that helped out and participated. You really made this first teacher's luncheon sponsored by a class a howling good time.

Hope to see you at our PTA meeting.

—Teresa Clarke, PTA President

## PTA Meeting This Tuesday!

Join us in the Library at 6:30 pm for the first PTA meeting of the year! Volunteer positions are still available. Refreshments will be served.

## Facts About Measure W

### 2008 MEASURE W – Instructional Parcel tax

On Tuesday, November 4, voters in the Davis Joint Unified School District will be asked to preserve classroom and educational programs by authorizing a District parcel tax. The amount per homeowner funded by this measure is \$120 per year. Apartment owners will be assessed \$50 per unit per year. The tax will last for three years, provides a voluntary exemption for those who are 65 or older, and requires review by a Citizen Oversight Committee. The parcel tax requires a two-thirds Davis voters majority for approval

For more information go to [WWW.YESW.ORG](http://WWW.YESW.ORG).

**Fall Social  
Order Forms  
DUE Friday,  
September 19**

## Announcing the 4th Annual Patwin "Unfundraiser"!!!!

Back by popular demand, Patwin's Annual "Unfundraiser". Help us kick off the Unfundraiser with Music Matt at the Fall Social on September 24th!

The Unfundraiser involves our sending out a request for a monetary donation in any amount from as many Patwin families as possible, and has been highly successful the past three years. In addition to covering the costs of programs formerly funded by wrapping paper sales, such as Outdoor Education, Library supplies, classroom gardens, Patwin Day, and much more, money generated by the Unfundraiser will be carefully allocated by the PTA Board with input from the Patwin community--so come on out to the first PTA meeting and make your voice heard! The more money we raise, the more we will be able to meet the needs of our teachers and children! Look for a letter to come home with your child before the end of the month. All donations will be due on October 3rd.

## Running Club

RUNNING CLUB will begin on Tuesday, September 16 and 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. Permission slips MUST be signed by parents prior to participation. Siblings can sign up on the SAME form. Forms are available to fill out in advance at the office, at the CDC, and on our website. Forms will also be available on the field. Dust off those running shoes and come join the fun!

## Patwin Site Council: Ballots Available at Fall Social

The Site Council is responsible for overseeing school budget and staying on task with school plan. Parents will be asked to cast their vote for Site Council members at the Fall Social. There will also be a box in the office for parents who cannot make the social but would still like to vote.

Currently, our candidates for the open positions are Beatrice Leal (who will serve as the PTA liaison and does not need to be elected,) and Lynda Garcia. Candidate information is presented in this newsletter. **Two parent representatives will need to be elected.** If others are still interested, there is time! Please contact Terri Clarke at [patwinpta@gmail.com](mailto:patwinpta@gmail.com) or Principal Azevedo at [mazevedo@djud.k12.ca.us](mailto:mazevedo@djud.k12.ca.us).

Meetings are the first Monday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 in room 5.

### Candidate Statement: Lynda Garcia

I am the mom of 3 boys within the Davis school system. I have one at Patwin (Scott), one attending ML King HS and one who attends split site with DSIS and Emerson. I serve as the First Vice President of the Patwin PTA, am responsible for the school Yearbook and am also on the King HS Site Council. Currently I am employed by the district as a substitute para-educator and work mostly at Patwin in several different classrooms. I retired from the US Air Force in 1996, after which I earned a BA from Chapman University, and have also worked as a Social Worker with the Yolo County Department of Social Services. I would like to have the opportunity to serve on the Patwin Site Council in order to help our school be the best it can be. I have the ability to see different points of view since I have the benefit of being both staff and a parent here at Patwin. Please consider me as a candidate for this position. Thank you.

### Pedalers Needed!

Mrs. Darst's class will be running the Carousel at Central Park on Saturday, September 27, please contact Ms. Darst if you can help out by volunteering to pedal between 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Adults and children 12 years of age and older may help. Thank you!

## Fall Social

Come listen to Music Matt at the Fall Social!!! Eat, drink and listen to good music while you re-aquaint with friends and teachers. You can bring your own picnic or pre-order drinks and pizza. Drinks and desserts will be available for a small fee at the event, but we must pre-order the pizza so everyone gets what they paid for. Please turn in the order forms to the office by September 19. Also, we need volunteers to help set up, serve pizza, sell drinks and desserts, and clean up. You can sign up on the order form or call Ann Shuman at 758-4755 if you can volunteer. Get your dancing shoes on, and we will see you there on September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30.

**Patwin Directory  
Submissions  
DUE TODAY!  
September 15**

## Patwin RISE

RISE stands for Recycling Is Simply Elementary. The main focus is lunchtime waste reduction, but it can encompass much more. This is an ideal position for a Patwin parent. You not only get to help out the planet and your children's future, you get to know many of the students at Patwin. The position can be shared with the current RISE leader, so there doesn't have to be a huge commitment of time. There is a stipend. Please contact Joannie Siegler at [jmsiegler@hotmail.com](mailto:jmsiegler@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

## 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](http://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.

## Parent Project

Parent Project® is a class for parents of children ages 11-19 from any school in our district. Parent Project has been highly successful the past 3 times it was offered and received excellent evaluations from participants each time. The class will run 10 weeks, nine consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 8 and the last class will be on Dec. 15, the Monday before the holiday. Class times are 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$50 per parent, and scholarships are available for parents in need. The class will be held this time at Davis Police Department Community Room at 2600 Fifth Street in Davis.

Please see the attached registration form.

# Parent Project® Class Registration

Nine Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

October 8 - December 10, 2008

(NO class November 26th, Thanksgiving Week AND  
LAST CLASS is on MONDAY, December 15th)

Meetings at Davis Police Dept. Community Room  
2600 Fifth Street - Davis

Cost: \$50.00 per person, includes materials.

Fee due at registration and non-refundable after first class.

Mail in registration to:

Parent Project c/o DHS 315 W. 14th Street - Davis, CA 95616  
or register in person at Front Desk DHS Admin. Bldg.

Pay by cash or make checks payable to:

DHS-DPD Parent Project

Name:

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Address:

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Email:

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Phone: (day & evening)

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Paid by: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: Davis Police Department &  
Davis Joint Unified School District

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

