



# Patwin Elementary

September 22, 2008 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9/19 - 10/3/08	Friday - Friday		UNFUNDRAISER
9/23/08	Tuesday		Hearing Tests: K, 2nd & 5th grades
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)
10/8/08	Wednesday	1:30 pm	Cupcake Sale: Room 21 Ms. Biewer-Elstob
10/9/08	Thursday	11:00 am	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Fifth Grade)
10/15/08	Wednesday	1:30 pm	Cupcake Sale: Room 26 Ms. Birse
10/22/08	Wednesday	6:30 pm	6th Grade Walker Creek Trip Parent Meeting

### MUSIC TIME!!

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders may participate the in instrumental music program. Strings classes begin September 24th; band classes begin September 25. If you have not already signed up or need more information, contact Kim Cole (Strings) at 757-5300 x271 or Fred Lange (Band) at 757-5300 x273.

### Patwin Barbecue THIS FRIDAY!

The first Patwin Barbecue will be held on this Friday, September 26. Barbecues will be held the third THURSDAY of the month going forward. Hot lunch prices will apply. Barbecue will include a choice of Hamburger (beef patty) or Teriyaki Vegetarian Pattie Burger or Turkey Frank Hot Dog along with side dishes.

### Cupcake Sale!

Don't forget your quarters this Wednesday. Have a treat and support Ms. Sequeira'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.

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# 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 **WASTE-FREE** 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/>.

## The 4th Annual Patwin "Unfundraiser" is here!!

Back by popular demand! Kids don't have to sell anything, parents don't have to buy anything, and 100% of your donation goes directly to classroom and school needs. In the past, spending \$50 on Innisbrook products would raise only \$25 for Patwin. Why not have all our money go to support our children's education?

Look for the letter to come home on Monday, and help us kick off the Unfundraiser with Music Matt at the Fall Social on September 24th. Bring your checkbook--the more money we raise, the more we will be able to meet the needs of our teachers and children! All donations are due by October 3, 2008.

## Fall Pizza Social this Wednesday

Come see old friends, eat a relaxing meal and listen to Music Matt at the annual Patwin PTA Fall Social. If you did not order pizza, you can still come with a picnic and buy a dessert and drink at the event. Come hang out, even if it is only for part of the time. We still need volunteers to help serve and clean up at the end of the event. Hope to see you all there on Wednesday September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

## FALL SOCIAL WEDNESDAY

5:30 - 7:30 PM

PIZZA, PICNICS,  
DESSERTS, MUSIC,  
FRIENDS, FUN!!

## PICTURE DAY IS THIS FRIDAY!!

Individual pictures will be taken this Friday, September 26. Be sure to send your child to school with order forms and payment.

Parent volunteers are needed to help. Contact Terri Clarke at [Patwinpta@gmail.com](mailto:Patwinpta@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

## Running Club

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. 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: Vote at the 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, we only have one candidate (Lynda Garcia) for three open positions. **At least two additional candidates are need as soon as possible.** Candidate information is presented in this newsletter. any interested parents should 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).

Serving on the Site Council requires only a small commitment of about two hours per month. 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.

### Hearing Tests

Hearing tests will be performed this Tuesday, September 23, for all Kindergarteners, Second and Fifth Graders. For more information, contact the office.

### SITE COUNCIL

At Least Two Additional Parents Needed to Run for Site Council. Contact Ms. Azevedo at [mazevedo@djud.k12.ca.us](mailto:mazevedo@djud.k12.ca.us).

## Facts About Measure W

### 2008 MEASURE W –

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).



### Patwin PTA Endorses Measure W

At its September 16 meeting, the Patwin PTA voted to endorse Measure W. Please contact Terri Clarke at [patwinpta@gmail.com](mailto:patwinpta@gmail.com) or go to [www.yesw.org](http://www.yesw.org) to get a lawn sign to display in your yard. Volunteers are also needed.

## Breaking News !!

### Earth Buck Token Day for Waste-Free Lunches Changes to Monday

Because Patwin's monthly BBQ hot lunch falls on a Thursday, we are changing the day we give out Earth Buck tokens for waste-free lunches to Mondays. We will still give them out this Thursday, but starting next week we will only be giving them out Mondays.

But why just have a waste-free lunch one day a week? RISE to the challenge and make your lunch WASTE-FREE everyday! Who needs tokens? Give the earth a good turn and participate in the alliterative Make-no-waste Mondays, Trash-free Tuesdays, Waste-free Wednesdays, Think green Thursdays, and Free-from-waste Fridays.

For more information and if you want to help in this endeavor, please contact Joannie Siegler (jmsiegler@hotmail.com).

## Patwin Preschool

A new preschool at Patwin's Child Development Center will be opening soon! The hours will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 am daily.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Linsee Crowley between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday at (530) 756-1369.

## BRAVO Volunteers Needed

Welcome "Bach" to School!

Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered to participate in this year's BRAVO program! There are many classrooms which still need a BRAVO volunteer (or better yet two!) so please consider participating in this fun and worthwhile program.

BRAVO is a music appreciation program for elementary school children which our PTA has invested in. It is meant to supplement already existing music instruction or to provide a music appreciation experience if no program exists. The lessons over the multi-year program are as diverse as Beethoven to Scott Joplin, Folk Music to the physics of music.

The individual BRAVO workshops can be taught by volunteers in 30 to 60 minutes, a handful of times during the year, according to volunteer and teacher convenience. All materials are provided to volunteers in addition to expert training and no musical experience is necessary! And perhaps best of all – the kids love it (teachers too)!

For more information on the BRAVO program at Patwin, please contact Carin Sloane at carinsloane@sbcglobal.net

## BRAVO Training Dates

**KINDERGARTEN Training:**  
Tuesday, October 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

**1st – 6th Grade Training:**  
Wednesday, October 8, from 8:30 to 10:30am OR 7:00 to 9:00 pm

All BRAVO Trainings take place with BRAVO Program Founder Rita Docter at the Pioneer Elementary MPR.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

