



Patwin Elementary

January 12, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1/13/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	PTA Meeting (Library)
1/19/09	Monday		School Holiday: MLK Jr Birthday
2/10/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	PTA Meeting (Library)
2/10/09	Tuesday		Family Math Night (Tentative)
2/12/09	Thursday	11:00 am	Third Grade Provided Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

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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DID YOU KNOW...?

If students are left standing outside longer than 10 minutes from their dismissal, they will be asked to go to the office. You can find them in the office or at the picnic tables.

A WASTE-FREE LUNCH includes :reusable lunch container; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes. EARTH BUCKS are given out on MAKE-NO-WASTE MONDAYS.

RUNNING CLUB meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. Running Club will be cancelled if it is raining up to one hour before 2:30 pm.

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/>.

From the Principal

Dear Patwin Students and Families,

I want to sincerely thank you for the beautiful cards and gifts I received before vacation. Normally, I would have made sure to send each of you individual thank you's. However, life sometimes happens while we are making other plans. My father is very sick and I have spent much of the last 3 weeks trying to help him in his fight against cancer. Please know that I was very touched by everyone's thoughtfulness. I find great comfort in being part of this community. I am so lucky and proud to a part of the Patwin family!

Happy New Year!

Michelle Azevedo

PTA Events Planned for 2009

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We have less than six months before summer vacation and a lot of stuff to do inbetween. Here are a few of the things we have planned for the upcoming months.

1. Six more PTA Meetings: Tuesday's, Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th, Mar. 9th, Apr. 14th, May 12th, Jun 9th.
2. FAMILY MATH NIGHT (February 10th (Tentative)) - Sponsored by the PTA
3. Dr. Hammond Presents School Issues / Reconfiguration? (MARCH)
4. WALKATHON, March / April (date to be set)
5. BOOK FAIR – Monday, March 23th – Thursday, March 26
6. STAR TESTING - April 20 – April 24
7. Cultural Family Music and Dance Night – April / May
8. Special Education Information Night - May
9. Kindergarten Patwin Day, June 3rd, 10:00 a.m
10. Patwin Day, June 5th, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m
11. 6th Grade Night Out, June 10th, 7:00 p.m
12. 6th Grade Graduation, June 11th, 9:00 a.m. - (Togas Worn by Graduates)

Attention: Third, Second, First and Kindergarten Parents

Please mark your calendar and look for a flyer in the coming months asking for your help coordinating and contributing to the Grade by Grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheons. We still need Class Parent Coordinators for the Second, First and Kindergarten Classes. The Luncheons are scheduled as follows

- Third Grade - Feb. 12,
- Second Grade - Mar. 12,
- First Grade - April 2, and
- Kindergarten - May 14.

Get Involved in the PTA!

Please come to our PTA Meeting is TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Pizza and Cookies will be provided, and Children are Welcome. We will be discussing and planning the February Family Math Night sponsored by the PTA.

Remember: The PTA is a way for Patwin parents to have a direct, positive impact on the quality of our children's education. PTA Volunteers contribute their time and energy in the classroom, library, computer labs, office, playground, lunch time and after school. PTA Volunteers keep the community connected and informed by producing the student directory and weekly newsletters, organizing social events, family education nights, teacher appreciation events, and holding the end-of-year celebration.... Patwin Day.

Patwin's PTA continues to be an active, participatory group of VOLUNTEERS who have helped organize the supplemental funding needed for programs offered by our school. The PTA supports Patwin in a wide variety of ways. We provide :financial support to academic programs where state funds fall short or are non-existent. In past years, through parent support and involvement, the PTA has either provided funds and/or volunteers for the following programs:

- computers for student use,
- grants for academic programs,
- funds to classrooms,
- new books for the library,
- science program enhancement,
- garden program,
- reading and enrichment programs,
- student assemblies,
- playground equipment, and
- subsidies for outdoor education.

This financial support is made possible through the fundraising efforts of PTA volunteers and the support of Patwin families. Funds are raised by:

- registering grocery card,
- the Walkathon,
- book fairs,
- collecting "Box Tops" ,
- dinner fundraisers; and
- the generous donations of Patwin Families.

Again, The PTA is a way for Patwin Parents to have a direct positive impact on the quality of your child's education. We need your involvement, your ideas, and your energy! Please get involved!!! Every helping hand, every donation of a single hour can make an enormous difference in the lives of our children, in the quality of our neighborhood school, and in the community we live in.

PTA Meeting Agenda January 13, 2009

1. Open Meeting & Introductions
 2. Principal's Report
 3. Discussion – Future Workshops: Feb.Math Night; Mar Dr.Hammond; and Apr. Cultural Family
 4. Discussion – Marquee – Signage for school
 5. Purchased Two Portable Signs \$420.
 6. Teresa Clarke
 7. Approval of Nov/Dec. minutes
 8. Approval of Checks
 9. Discussion – Open Various
 10. Other Information:
 - Technology (New Overhead projectors, etc.) up-to \$3,000
 - Fundraising for Permanent Marguee / Beautification of Patwin
 - Sell bricks for brick patio/artwork & bench in front of office
 - Reusable bags with Patwin's logo. \$5.00 / \$10.00
 - Sell Roses (Purple & White) (sponsored with plaques) \$20.00
- Future Workshops/PTA meetings
- Every other PTA Meeting be attached to a Workshop (February. March. May)
 - (Feb. (Info. On Site Committee + Math Workshop / March – Dr. Hammond at Patwin May - Cultural Dance and Music / Special Ed Information Night)
 - Other PTA meetings would work as planning meetings