



Patwin Elementary

January 19, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1/19/09	Monday		School Holiday: MLK Jr Birthday
1/20/09	Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm	DJUSD Future Vision (Emerson MPR)
1/21/09	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm	DJUSD Future Vision (Harper MPR)
1/27/09	Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm	DJUSD Future Vision (Holmes MPR)
1/27/09	Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Walkathon Planning Meeting
1/29/09	Thursday	7:00 - 9:00 pm	DJUSD Future Vision (Davis High MPR)
2/9/09	Monday		School Holiday
2/10/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	PTA Meeting (Library)
2/12/09	Thursday	11:00 am	Third Grade Provided Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
2/16/09	Monday		School Holiday: Presidents' Day
2/19/09	Thursday		Family Math Night (Tentative)
3/10/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	PTA workshop with Dr. Hammond (Patwin MPR)

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.

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/>.

Mark your Calendars!

Patwin's PTA has quite a few fun and informative Workshops planned.

Community Meetings with Dr. Hammond:

Dr. Hammond will speak to the community about the future vision of DJUSD with a focus on grade configuration and district facilities from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the following dates (you are welcome to attend any or all.)

Date	Location	Schools invited
1/20	Emerson MPR	Patwin, Emerson, Willett, Fairfield
1/21	Harper MPR	Harper, Pioneer, Korematsu, Montgomery
1/27	Holmes MPR	Holmes, Birch Lane, North Davis
1/29	Davis High MPR	Davis High, DaVinci, DSIS

PTA Meeting February 10:

Please come to our PTA Meeting is TUESDAY, February 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Pizza and cookies will be provided, and children are welcome. We will be discussing/planning the February Family Math Night (February 19) sponsored by the PTA.

Family Fun Math Night February 19 (Tentative):

Bring the whole family and come join us in discovering new fun ways to incorporate math into your life. We will start with Diane (Patwin Math Specialist) will present fun and exciting ways to incorporate math into your daily life, then we will break into smaller groups based on your child's grade and learn a new/different math game appropriate to that grade level (Approx. 15.min.) with time to visit another grade to learn a new game. A dinner of Pizza, Carrots, Celery and Dessert will be provided by the PTA. So reserve your spot by filling out the flyer when it comes home, so we know how much food to order.

Fireside Chat with Dr. Hammond March 10:

Dr. Hammond will visit for a fireside chat. Patwin's Climate Committee will also present information. Families will have an opportunity to ask questions. Look for more information closer to the date.

Cultural Heritage Potluck Dance and Music:

This particular item is still in development and hopefully we can have a great turnout and a lot of fun. It is tentatively planned for May 14.

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.

CBET Program Update

Happy New Year from Ms. Nisson, Ms. Romero, Ms. Diaz, and the tutors and students in the CBET class at Patwin Elementary School. Fall 2008 was successful and fun, and we plan to make Spring 2009 even better.

This fall, Ms. Nisson's and Ms. Romero's adult literacy group learned how to introduce themselves, their children and other people; how to write and discuss the date, time, and weather; how to make an emergency phone call, and more. The adult advanced group worked in the book "Grammar in Use", wrote short essays in their journals, and conversed on such topics as their children's school successes and problems, the November election, and the traffic problem in Davis. Both groups are nearly done with "Sharing English Together, Book 3", which they will take home to keep when completed.

While the CBET adult students studied English as a Second Language, their children were busy with Ms. Diaz and her well-educated team of tutors doing homework, learning math, reading, and more. Both the adults and the children got together to sing such American folk songs as "Old MacDonald" and "Head and Shoulders". We also had two celebrations. First, the group said a fond farewell to longtime classmate Reiko and her children. Then, everyone learned about (and celebrated) the winter holidays. Yum!

In addition to our regular curriculum, starting in February we will explore children's literature from various cultures. The first twenty participating families will be able to keep the books for free!

CBET classes are free, and meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in rooms 27 and 28 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children's program is for any Patwin Elementary School student with an adult family member who needs to improve English skills (including cousins, uncles, and babysitters, not just parents). The adult program is for any adult in the Patwin School neighborhood who needs to study ESL, and who is willing to spend a little time helping a young person to learn. For more information, feel free to phone Ms. Nisson at (916) 753-3273, (en ingles o espanol), or ask about the CBET class at the Patwin Elementary Office.

Special Kids in Educational Settings

PRESENTS:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Come listen to presentations from the following:

Kelly McDonald from Team Davis

Jamie Elliot from The City of Davis Alternative Recreation Department

Michelle Reynolds and Captain Darren Pytel from the Davis Police Department will discuss Care Trak, the Yolo County ID program and interactions between the police department and individuals with special needs.

**Monday, January 26th
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Davis Senior Center
646 A Street**

Please enter through the sliding doors on the far right on A Street; Park on the street or in the county lot at 600 A Street.

For more information call Diane 758-8978 or Joan at 758-8587.

Running Club

Congratulations to the following students for completing their first marathons! Great Job!

Nathanael Voss
Hisham Abualsoud

Walkathon Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for this spring's Walkathon on Tuesday, January 27th from 7 to 8 pm at hosted by Ellen Shields at 2356 Isle Royale Lane. Check the next issue for more information or contact Ellen at eshields@djud.k12.ca.us.

T.A.L.K.

T.A.L.K. (Teach Another Language to Kids) is a Spanish and French language program for elementary age children.

Say "Adios" to repeating boring drills and long memorization and "Hola" to a lively and interactive whole body learning experience. Classes are taught by Native Speakers. Your children will also learn cultural aspect of the language.

Children in first to sixth grade are invited to learn a second language through TALK (Teach Another Language to Kids), a nonprofit program run by parent volunteers through the Davis Art Center. Before School classes from 7:40 to 8:10 am include Spanish and French at the Davis Art Center and Spanish at Korematsu and Birch Lane. After school Spanish classes from 2:40 to 3:10 pm are being offered at Pioneer, Fairfield and Montgomery. The TALK program provides students with real-life experiences geared to learning vocabulary in a meaningful context. Teachers use games, role-plays, music and other innovative activities designed to increase conversational Spanish. A maximum enrollment of 15 students per class assures focused instruction in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

Register now for Spring semester classes begin Monday, February 9th 2009. Registration is ongoing on a first come, first serve basis through the Davis Art Center at 756-4100 or for more information contact Elia Chavez at (530) 758-0266 or email Talkprogram@hotmail.com

DSAF Elementary Art Exhibit

The Davis School Arts Foundation is pleased to announce the annual Elementary Art Exhibit will be happening from **March 2 to 23 at the Davis Art Center.**

DAC walls will be covered with entire classrooms of Davis students' art work, showcasing the district's art programs from K-12. Many of these projects have been funded in whole or in part by the Davis School Arts Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to supporting and celebrating arts education in the Davis public schools.

Regular hours for the Davis Art Center are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 7:00 pm and Friday 9 am to 5 pm. It is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Young at Art Festival

In conjunction with the Davis Public Elementary School Art Exhibit, the Davis School Arts Foundation is having its annual **Young at Art! Festival Sunday, March 8th at the Davis Art Center from 11 to 4.** This event is a fundraiser for all district arts programs and education and celebrates everything art should be in educating the whole child. Festivities include dozens of hands-on art activities for children as well as adults. Art offerings include paper-making, fish printing, face painting, water colors, tile mosaic, friendship bracelets, beading, god's eyes and more.

While the art activities are being offered, many of the district performance groups will be playing on the atrium stage. Acts include the Willett Children's Choir, DHS Mads, DHS Advanced Treble Choir, the jazz bands from Harper and Emerson, King High World Music Combo, DHS Jazz Combo, the Junior High Honors Orchestra, and others.

Concessions will also be sold. DAC parking is tight but the NDE parking lots on 14TH St. are available. Please be advised that all entrants, adults and children will be charged \$8 at the door.

All proceeds from the day go directly into our children's classrooms to fund more arts education, so come out and celebrate the arts at the Young at Art! Festival.