



Patwin Elementary

January 26, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
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
2/18/09	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Third Grade Play (MPR)
2/19/09	Thursday	5:00 - 7:30 pm	Family Math Night
2/25/09	Wednesday	8:35 am	Patwin Walkathon Kick-off Assembly
2/27/09	Friday	8:30 - ?	Book Fair Set-up (Library)
3/2 - 6/09	Monday - Friday		Early Release (1:30 dismissal grades 1-6) for Parent Conferences
3/2 - 5/09	Monday - Thursday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Book Fair (Library)
3/4/09	Wednesday	5:30 - 8:00 pm	Book Fair Family Night (Library)
3/6/09	Friday	8:30 - ?	Book Fair Clean-up (Library)
3/10/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	PTA workshop with Dr. Hammond (Patwin MPR)

Family Math Night

Don't forget! Registration forms are due February 12 for this event to be held on February 19 (see attached).

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/>.

Patwin Walkathon 2009: Walking with the Stars!

Mark your calendars! The Walkathon will be on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 to 12:00!

The kickoff assembly will be on February 25th, and the registration form will come home with your child that day.

This year's T-shirt design contest will be introduced at the kickoff assembly! Start thinking about the theme, "Walking with the Stars."

We need enthusiastic parents to help in a few key areas: Cake Walk (New this year!); Volunteers (just tell 'em where to go on the day of the event!); Signs; Prizes & Awards; and Entertainment. Call Grace at 753-8609 or Ellen at 753-2561 for more info.

Box Tops

Don't forget to send in your Box Tops! Our second collection will occur the first week of February. Remember to include your student's name with their box tops so we can give a prize to the class with the best class participation.

Prizes will still be given to the class with the most box tops, students filling out collection sheets of 10 box tops, and students returning 50 or more box tops. Thank you for the great job you have been doing trimming the box tops; it has made the job of the classroom box top counting volunteers much easier!

Attention: Third Grade Parents!

February 12 is the third grade parents' turn to show our appreciation to our teachers and staff by providing a luncheon for all. Food donations as well as volunteers to help set up and clean up afterwards are needed. To sign up or if you did not receive the letter sent home on January 26 please contact BEATRIZ LEAL at 7502320 or by email augustoleal12@hotmail.com.

Thank you for all the parents that respond already.

Patwin CDC

Patwin CDC's preschool is up and running, and there are plenty of spaces available, as well as our school age program. The preschool runs daily from 8:30-11:30 and includes a nutritional snack; developmentally appropriate activities and kindergarten readiness are the focus. Prices are \$125. for M-F, \$90. for MWF, and \$65. for Tues/Thurs. Scholarship programs are available for those families who qualify. Ages are 2.9 to 5 years.

CDC is selling hot chocolate for \$1.00 on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:00. The children are fundraising to purchase fish for their fish tank.

Finally, the CDC offers homework help after school from 3:00-4:00 daily, as well as a nutritional snack. Anyone interested can call 756-1369 for more information.

Lights, Camera, READ!

The Scholastic Bookfair will be at our school Monday, March 2 through Thursday, March 5.

Please help us have a successful fair by volunteering to help with set-up, take-down (the more people we have the faster it goes) and help running the cash register (two parents each time). We need volunteers to help during the dates and times listed below.

Date	Time	Event	Lead
Friday 2/27	8:30 - ?	Set-up	
Monday 3/2	1:15 - 3:45	Book Fair	
Tuesday 3/3	11:15 - 1:30	Kindergarten	T. Clarke
Tuesday 3/3	1:15 - 3:45	Book Fair	TBA
Wednesday 3/4	1:15 - 3:45	Book Fair	L. Carlock
Wednesday 3/4	5:15 - 8:15	Family Night	TBA
Thursday 3/5	1:15 - 3:45	Book Fair	Clarke/Carlock
Friday 3/6	8:30 - ?	Clean up	

Remember: Sixth grade students may earn Community Services hours helping us decorate prior to the fair and watching the doors (keeping bookbags outside) during the bookfair. Six students are needed Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30.

A large sign up sheet is posted on the PTA Bulletin Board or if raining in the Library. For more information, contact Terri Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com.

P. S. Check out our bookfair webpage: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/patwin>

Auction at Patwin

Are you interested in helping Patwin put on an Auction next fall?

Patwin's PTA is looking for a Chairperson or a group of Co-Chairpersons to put together an Auction at Patwin. Many other elementary schools in Davis have put on successful fundraising auctions, and Michelle Azevedo is interested in getting one started here at Patwin. If you are interested in being involved in what could be an amazing and fun event, please contact Teresa Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com or Michelle Azevedo (Patwin's Principal)

Junior High Orientation

Parents for Sixth Grades please note the following dates for orientation for Incoming 7th Grade. Note: Tuesday, **March 10**: 7th Grade Planners are due in the 6th grade classrooms

Emerson Junior High:

Tuesday, **February 24** at 7:00 in the Library: Incoming 7th grade Parent Information Night
Thursday, **May 7** at 7:00: Emerson Open House

Harper Junior High:

Wednesday, **February 25** at 7:00: Incoming 7th grade Parent Information Night
Tuesday, **March 31** at 7:00: Harper Open House

Holmes Junior High:

Monday, **February 23**: Parent info meeting MPR 7-8:30
Thursday, **February 26**: Open house

Yearbook

Parents are needed to help with next year's yearbook. In order to continue the tradition, we need at least one parent to volunteer to coordinate the yearbook. This would include sales and preparation. Memories last a lifetime... Please contact Mrs. Azevedo if you are interested.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT PATWIN'S FAMILY MATH AND PIZZA NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th TWO SESSIONS: 5:00 – 6:30 or 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bring your family to a fun night learning math games and have a slice of pizza, carrots, fruit and dessert with us.

Family Math Night is a way for parents and children to talk and work together while learning. It also provides a time and place where communication can take place between the classroom teacher and the family. Math Night at Patwin Elementary School is designed to make math seem a little less, well, maddening for pupils in the Kindergarten – sixth grades. One way to reach that goal is to make the subject fun, and Patwin teachers will show pupils and their parents some ways to do that with games. Math instruction at home can be as simple as teaching a little one fractions when carving up a pizza or taking measurements while redecorating a room.

Session 1: 5:00 – 6:30 Schedule - 5:00 to 5:30 sign in at the MPR Room and eat dinner. 5:30 – 6:00 – Diane Zaragoza (Patwin's Math Specialist) will present a talk about incorporating math into your child's life and present interesting ways of doing it. 6:00 – 6:15 breakout into smaller groups and learn/play a math game, 6:15 – 6:30 change tables and learn another new game.

Session 2: 6:00 – 7:30 Schedule - 6:00 to 6:30 sign in at the MPR Room and eat dinner. 6:30 – 7:00 – Diane Zaragoza (Patwin's Math Specialist) will present a talk about incorporating math into your child's life and present interesting ways of doing it. 7:00 – 7:15 breakout into smaller groups and learn/play a math game, 7:15 – 7:30 change tables and learn another new game.

Patwin PTA is sponsoring this night to promote fun with math and community building. Please fill out the slip below and return it to PTA Box in the office or your Teacher. Please turn it in by Feb. 12th to reserve your spot. We need to know how many people are coming to order enough pizza and food. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Clarke at tclarke190@aol.com

Please Print Neatly – Return to PTA box in the Office by Feb. 12

Parent Name: _____ # of People _____ Session 1 / 2

Student(s) Name: _____ Teacher: _____

P.S. We need volunteers to help set up / hand out food / help the teachers /clean up. Please circle one if you can help:

Setup 4:30 – 5:00 / Food 5:00 / Food 6:00 / games 6:00 / games 7:00 / Clean up 7:30.

Sixth Graders can earn community service helping also.

ATTENTION: ALL SIXTH GRADERS AND SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

**EASY FUN WAYS TO EARN SIX GRADE VOLUNTEER HOURS
RIGHT HERE AT PATWIN SCHOOL.**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL, FROM 1:35 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: MEET AT LUNCH TABLES
DURING THE MONTHS OF
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

Patwin PTA needs help creating signs for upcoming events, such as

February Family Math Night (Feb. 19)
March 2 – 5 Bookfair
March 10 – Dr. Hammond will come and talk at Patwin
March/April - Walkathon
April – Title 1 meeting/ Special Education Information
May – Family Cultural Night
June – Patwin Day and Graduation

**Also, Help is needed during the Family Math Night 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Bookfair, Friday, February 27, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 2 through Thursday, March 5 -1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Please Sign and Return to: Teresa Clarke, PATWIN PTA BOX – In The Office

I hereby give my permission that : _____ has my permission to stay afterschool on Wednesday, January / February/March/April /MAY, 2009 from 1:30 p.m/2:30 p.m. and/or during the Bookfair

Parent /Guardian Name

Date:

Also, If your son or daughter has performed volunteer hours at the school or outside of the school, please fill in the information below and place in the Patwin PTA Box, in the office also

Childs Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Volunteer Hours to Date: _____ Where: _____

Today's Date: _____ (Please Print Information Clearly)



Clip and flip! Save 10 Box Tops and these fishy friends will flip!



Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
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