



Patwin Elementary

February 17, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
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
2/24/09	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Emerson Incomong 7th Grade Orientation
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 - 3/6	Monday - Friday		Early Release (1:30 dismissal grades 1-6) for Parent Conferences
3/2 - 3/5	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)
3/28/09	Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Walkathon

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!

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.

Patwin Auction

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 Principal Michelle Azevedo.

Family Math and Pizza Night

Remember, this Thursday is Math and Pizza night. We still need parent and 6th grade volunteers to help! Session 1 begins at 5:00, and session 2 begins at 6:00. See you there!

Superintendent meets with Patwin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.

DR. HAMMOND IS COMING TO PATWIN TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Michelle Azevedo (Our Principal) and the PTA made a special request to have Dr. Hammond come speak to Patwin Parents about changes that are happening with the elementary schools. We would like to provide Dr. Hammond with 10 questions prior to his coming, so that he can be prepared and also parents will know what he is going to talk about. The PTA and Michelle Azevedo, needs your input. We are looking for questions that would be relevant to our current budget, on-going budget and staffing at our schools, and Da Vinci Charter School at Emerson, etc... within the next three-year timeframe. This is your time to ask questions about Patwin, Emerson and Da Vinci – Please keep question as positive as you can. Please submit questions to Teresa Clarke, PTA President, at TCLARKE190@aol.com

Lights, Camera, READ!

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

Please help us!

We need volunteers to help each day during the bookfair starting at 1:00.

Date	Time	Event	Lead
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

Remember: Sixth grade students can earn Community Services hours helping us decorate prior to the fair and watching the doors (keeping bookbags outside) during the bookfair. 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.

PTA Expenditures to Date:

The following is a list of the larger amounts spent this year.

1. Allocation of \$200 per Teacher for Classroom Expenditures: \$5,000 paid
2. Yearbook Expenditure: Last Year 2007/08 \$3,210 paid
3. Science Enhancements \$3,000 paid
4. Walker Creek Outdoor Education Scholarships \$2,500 Approved
5. Patwin Library – Expenditure (over \$1,000 in books + cash) \$1,000 Approved
6. Yearbook Expenditure: This Year 2008/09 (Prepay portion) \$2,600 Approved (After yearbooks sold – pays for itself)
7. Three Technology Carts \$3,000 Approved
8. Bravo Music Payment - \$0,700 Approved
9. Computer Expenditure – Last Payment - Mandatory \$5,000 Pending

Emerson Orientation

Parents of Sixth Graders: please note the following date for orientation for Incoming 7th Grade students.

Emerson Junior High

Tuesday, February 24th, 7:00pm
Incoming 7th grade Parent Information Night
Emerson Library

Thursday, May 7, 7:00pm
Emerson Open House

Parent Project

DJUSD, in partnership with the Davis Police Department, is presenting the “Parent Project”, a 10 week series to provide concrete answers for questions about arguing with your child, improving school attendance, preventing or intervening with your child’s alcohol or drug use, and finding resources to help. The classes, running Wednesdays from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, are \$50.00 per person and includes materials. Register at the DJUSD Adult Education office at 315 W. 14th Street, 7577-5380 (ask for Roberta). Need scholarships are available. For more information, contact the facilitators, Trease Peterson, Davis Police Department Youth Intervention Specialist, at 747-5432, or Dr. Deborah Kimekeo, DJUSD Prevention & Crisis Manager at 757-5400 x133. Classes begin Wednesday, March 18 and run through May 27th (classes will not meet the week of Spring Break).

What's Happening at the Patwin Library

By Wendy Chason, Patwin Librarian

These have been busy months in the library as students in grades four through six are starting their first long term projects. Fourth graders are beginning their work on the Caldecott Award winning books; fifth graders are finishing their Newbery Projects—many thanks to parents who edited their student's work and to Ms. Medeiros, Ms. BE and Ms. Birse for helping me move the project along. Sixth graders are now studying the use of a variety of reference books which will lead to their research on a country of their choice. Many of these projects will be on display in the library for our Open House in the spring.

This week, I will be visiting the third grade classes to introduce our annual Battle of the Books reading incentive. Students form teams of four across the grade level, read a list of six books I selected and then have a "battle" of questions on the titles in the MPR. The Battle date is Friday, March 27th. I'll be sending home a letter next week describing the battle, the book list and request for help for the event.

Students in kindergarten through third grade have been discussing the books that won the Caldecott Award for outstanding children's illustrations, and will begin hearing about the books nominated for the California Young Reader Medal Award—books that children in California have nominated, and will then get vote on by April 1st.

I am also looking for any parents that might have some time to help out in the library—either to help judge at our Battle of the Books, to help with book processing, shelving and other projects. No experience needed. Please email me at wchason@djud.k12.ca.us or call the library at 757-5393 if you are interested.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND A PTA MEETING

1. Find out about what is going on around the school.
2. Monthly Principals Report
3. Site Council Update
4. Input about upcoming School Events Sponsored by the PTA
5. Monetary decisions are made (PTA Yearly Budget Approx.- \$25,000)
6. Gain insight into the needs / desires of the school... tech carts, signage, scholarships, etc.
7. Budget – (help determine how our money will be spent)
8. Input into what workshops / performances will be brought to school
9. Your children will think it is cool and are welcome
10. Pizza is served.