



Patwin Elementary

February 23, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
2/24/09	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Emerson Incoming 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/>.

From the Principal

1. Thank you to all of the third grade parents who put on a wonderful teacher lunch. What a treat!
2. Everyone is invited to our site council meeting which will be on Monday, March 16th at 3:30 in room 5. Everyone is also invited to our School Climate Committee meeting on Monday, March 16th, at 4:30 in room 5.
3. Please have your child check the lost and found for items that will be donated to the SPCA if not claimed. Thank you!
Michelle Azevedo

Patwin Walkathon 2009: Walking with the Stars

The kickoff assembly is THIS Wednesday, February 25th at 8:35! Come join your children on a walk around a sample lap to the beat of a drum! Look for registration forms to come home that day—forms and money are due back on Friday, March 13th. And remember to mark your calendars--the Walkathon will be on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00-12:00.

Finally, it's time for the t-shirt design contest! See attached information and rules at the end of this newsletter. Designs due to your teachers on Friday, March 6th. Remember the theme and get ready to Walk with the Stars!!

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!

Our principal, Michelle Azevedo 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

Thanks

A big thank you to all the 3rd grade parents for all the delicious food they brought to the appreciation lunch last week. It was a great lunch and EVERYONE enjoyed it. Beatriz, Carolynn, Grant and Terri

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 from 1:30-3:30 pm

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.

5th Grade gets Letter from Governor

Mrs. Birse's 5th grade class visited the capital and followed up with writing letters to Governor Schwarzenegger. The Governor wrote the students back and in his concluding paragraph stated: "As Californians, we are all architects of change with the potential to make a positive difference in the lives of future generations. That is especially true for you as students because you are the leaders of tomorrow. Keep studying hard and never give up on your dreams. You could even become governor of California someday."

Emerson Orientation

7th Grade Parent Orientation for Incoming 7th Grade students will be Tuesday, **February 24th**, 7:00pm at the Emerson library. This is for all parents (not students) of 6th graders who plan on attending Emerson next fall.

Box Tops

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers for participating in the box top collection on Feb. 5. Our wonderful parent volunteers have made counting all of the box tops so much easier than in previous years. I really appreciate your contribution. The winners of the February collection will be announced in the March student assembly. Continue collecting your box tops! We will have our final contest in May. Please remember to include your student's name when turning in box tops so we can reward the class with greatest student participation.

Running Club

Running Club needs your help! We are currently looking for at least 2 volunteers to help us run the after school running program. It is a very easy and fun way to spend time with your children and the patwin community. We need people to commit to volunteering 2-3 times a month on a Tuesday or Thursday from 2:25-3:40PM. If you are interested and need more details please call Grace DeMasi 753-8609 or Inez Sanchrico 792-7404.

DHS Cheerleaders Host Event for Kids

The Davis High School cheerleading squad invites kids ages 5-12 to a night of fun and entertainment when the team hosts the first "Parents' Night Off," 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 6, in the DHS multipurpose room, 315 W. 14th St.

While parents have a night to themselves, their children can enjoy an action-packed evening with the team that includes a pizza dinner, games and crafts, kids' DJ, as well as a performance by the Blue Devil cheerleaders. The evening wraps up with popcorn and a G-rated movie.

Supervising the event will be DHS Cheer advisors, team parent volunteers, a Davis Joint Unified School District teacher and a Registered Nurse.

The cost is \$25 per child, \$15 for siblings. If your child needs special assistance of any kind please let us know so that we can try to accommodate them.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Marci Bernard at marcibernard@yahoo.com or 400-2341. Space is limited. Visit www.dhscheer.org to learn more about the team.

Variety Show

The Patwin Variety Show is coming...March 20th. Please see attached permission form for all information.

Patwin Variety Show Permission Form

It's time for the annual Patwin Variety Show. Please read over the following rules and return this permission form to the office by Friday, March 6, at 3:30 p.m.

There is NO exception to this deadline!

- All participants must wear appropriate attire to all tryouts, practices, and performances. Any costumes or other outfits must be in compliance with the school dress code. The variety show committee has the final say as to whether attire is appropriate.
- The maximum length for each performance is 1 1/2 minutes.
- If you are using music for your performance, please have a clearly labeled CD with the song title and the name of the student performing. The easiest way to avoid confusion is to make a CD with only the performance song on it labeled with the student's name rather than using a CD with multiple tracks. Music and lyrics must be appropriate for school. The variety show committee has the final say as to whether music is appropriate.
- All acts must be school appropriate. The variety show committee has the final say as to whether acts are appropriate.
- We ask that students do not lip sync as their performance. Students should be showing their own talents.
- Students must attend **all** practices and performances to be eligible to participate in the variety show. Important dates are as follows:
March 6- Permission slips due to office by 3:30
March 11- Try-outs in the MPR at 1:45
March 18 - Practice in the MPR at 1:45
March 20 - Variety show in the MPR at 8:40 and 6:00 p.m.
- **There are no exceptions to any of these rules.**

I give permission for my student, _____, to perform in the annual Patwin variety show.

I have read and agree to follow all of the above variety show rules.

Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone Number _____ Date _____

Teacher and Room # _____ Name of all children in your act _____

What is your act? Name of music and artist. (must provide copy of lyrics at try-outs) _____

Patwin Walkathon 2009



"Walking with the Stars"



Saturday, March 28th, 2009
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Attention All Patwinners: 2009 Walkathon T-Shirt Design Contest!

Patwin needs a really cool t-shirt for the Patwin walkathon to be held on March 28th, 2009.

So, we're holding a t-shirt design contest and we're hoping for entries from every one of you. If selected, your design will be worn by all participants in this year's walkathon. The theme for this year is "**Walking with the Stars**".

All entries must be on an 8 1/2 X 11" (standard size) white paper, with your design in black ink.

You must submit your entry to your teacher by **Friday, March 6, 2009**. Please put your name, room number and teacher's name on the back of your paper.

We can hardly wait to see your designs! Thank you for your participation.

The PTA Walkathon Committee