



# Patwin Elementary

March 9, 2009 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
3/10/09	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	PTA workshop with Dr. Hammond (Patwin MPR)
3/20/09	Friday	8:40am & 6:00pm	Variety Show (Patwin MPR)
3/28/09	Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Walkathon
4/6/09 - 4/10/09	Monday- Friday		Spring Break

### Dr Hammond, our Superintendent, visits Patwin Tuesday night

Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.

#### DR. HAMMOND IS COMING TO PATWIN TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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. Questions that are relevant to our current budget, on-going budget and staffing at our schools, grade re-configuration and the Da Vinci Charter School at Emerson will be answered (see attached pages for more information and list of questions already submitted).

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](mailto: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/>.

## Walkathon

Patwin Walkathon 2009  
Walking with the Stars!  
Saturday, March 28th from  
9:00-12:00!

**Sponsor forms and money are due back this Friday, March 13th.**

-Thank you for all the wonderful t-shirt designs! The winner will be announced next week.

-Get ready to Walk with the Stars!! Come dressed as your favorite celebrity!

-Now that the book fair is over it's time to sign up for a volunteer shift. Please give an hour or two of your time, it's tons of fun and for a great cause. Look for the sign-up sheet in front of the MPR.

-New this year, a Cake Walk! We will need LOTS of yummy baked goodies as prizes. Please sign up!

## PTA Appreciation

Below is a copy of the thank you note the PTA received from the Third Grade Teachers thanking us for increasing the amount of money we gave to each teacher.

Dear Patwin PTA,  
Thank you for the generous \$200 addition to our classroom budgets. The extra money gives each of us peace of mind as we finish out the year. Replenishing supplies, field trip scholarships and subscriptions to Scholastic News are a few of the ways we'll be spending the donation. Thank you for all your support.

## Patwin Kindergarten Registration

Incoming kindergarten children are invited to meet with the kindergarten teachers on registration day, March 19th from 9:00 – 3:00. Teachers will be performing a simple assessment to help balance classes and plan curriculum for the fall. Please sign up for a 15 minute appointment in the office, at Kindergarten Information Night, or call 757-5394. Kindergarten Information Night will be on March 16th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in room 3.

## CDC Fundraiser

On March 24th from 5-9pm CDC is having a fundraiser at Dos Coyotes in the Marketplace shopping Center. Anyone who presents the Patwin CDC flyer will earn 10% of their dinner for us! copies of the flyer are available at CDC or the office.

## 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.

## Davis Farm to School Connection

Monthly Update  
February 2009



nourishing the cycle ~ from earth to table

On February 12<sup>th</sup> Davis Farm to School Connection hosted a mini-workshop at Pioneer Elementary for all the Garden and Recycling Coordinators in the district. The Compost Curriculum workshop included close encounters with worms to engage students in science and language arts lessons. The Garden Crafts for School Garden Fundraising workshop featured rosemary wreath making – turning school landscape plants into income for the gardens. Davis Farm to School Connection hosts these meetings three times a year for all Garden and Recycle Coordinators. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at North Davis Elementary. Davis Farm to School Connection supports programs within the district to create school learning environments that include gardens, lunch waste compost and recycling systems, fresh produce served in the lunch program, cooking lessons and field trips to local farms. If you would like to make a donation, or are interested in helping out with any of our programs at the schools, please visit [www.davisfarmtoschool.org](http://www.davisfarmtoschool.org), or email [info@davisfarmtoschool.org](mailto:info@davisfarmtoschool.org).

## Math Night Was A HUGE Success

Thank you to all the teachers who helped the Patwin PTA put on a great Math Night. Parents raved about what they learned, the kids had a lot of fun eating pizza and playing math games. Next year let's make this event bigger and more successful.

## Emerson Carnival

The Emerson Carnival is coming! Free admission and parking for music, games, and food. An unlimited carnival ride 1 day pass is \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the gate. Use the attached Patwin form to pre-order!

## Improve English Skills

“Do you need to improve your spoken and written English skills? Adult class meets Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Patwin Elementary, room 28. Free childcare. Free books to the first five students to enroll on March 10.

¿Necesita mejorar su escritura y lenguaje en inglés? La clase para adultos se reúne los martes y jueves de 6:00-9:00 p.m. en la escuela Patwin, salón 28. Cuidado de niños gratis. Habrá libros gratis para los primeros cinco estudiantes que se registren el 10 de marzo.”



## Second Grade Parents,

March 12<sup>th</sup> is the second grade's turn to display our deep appreciation to our children's teachers and staff.

Second grade families will thank our teachers and staff by providing a delicious lunch on March 12, 2009. The theme will be taco bar, and we will need everyone's participation and cooking in order to make this day successful.

We will need to bring the following in order to provide lunch for approximately 50 (All Grades Teacher & Staff).

Rice in a warmer or crock pot for 8-10

Beans in a warmer or crock pot for 8-10

Shredded cheese for 8-10

Shredded lettuce for 8-10

Chopped onion

Taco shells for 12

Dessert for 8-10

Additional suggestions are always welcome!

Salsa

Flour tortillas for 12

Beef or chicken for 8-10

Drinks for 8-10

Please e-mail Hillary Alejo with what you plan to bring no later than Monday March 9, 2009

Thanks for your help

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# Box Tops

Yeah Patwinners! We increased our box top collection this period to 3,808 box tops. This means Patwin receives \$381. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped to collect and count the box tops. Many of you responded to the request to submit your name with the box tops and I calculated class participation based on the names I received. Our top class was Ms. Harding/Mrs. Warner's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with 35% participation. Please continue to send in your name with your box tops and we will try to increase our participation. Our final collection this year will be in May. Prizes will be given for the class with the greatest participation, the class collecting the most in May and the top 3 collecting classes for the year. Students using collection sheets and collecting 50 or more box tops will also be rewarded.

For February, students collecting 10 or more box tops on collection sheets were: Haitham Abualsoud, Max and Zach Carrol, Mia Di Genova, Gaby Herrera, Joey Huang, Jacob Miller, Nathan Quick-Wright, Kaelyn Savidge, Kyle Tanner, Danielle Van Winkle, Lauren Wilcox, and Yuriko Yamaji. Students collecting 50 or more box tops were: Claire Alongi (50), Olivia Bristow (53), Ryan Fulks (50), Scott Garcia (84), Trevor Garvin (50), Angela Herrera (1300-WOW!), Grace Hickerson (70), Emily Hoeft (66), Jason Joo (54), Gloria Laguna (69), Brian Liu (50), Mirielle Peauroi (160), and Isabella Stein (50). What a fantastic job! Here are the class results for the year so far:

	OCT '08	FEB '09	FEB participation
Mrs. Sells	28	136	20%
Mrs. Bean	192	150	no names
Mrs. Finley/Ms. Davis	202	<b>1689</b>	33%
Mrs. Warner/Ms. Harding	201	199	<b>35%</b>
Ms. Phillips/Ms. Anderson	69	13	31%
Mrs. Wallace	196	126	21%
Ms. Darst	<b>223</b>	38	15%
Ms. Byrne	0	105	5%
Ms. Ponciano	102	52	no names
Mrs. Medeiros	<b>288</b>	126	17%
Ms. Zais	10	112	10%
Mrs. Hewell	31	57	11%
Ms. Britz	161	<b>355</b>	6%
Mrs. Ryken	104	67	no names
Mrs. B-E	<b>1068</b>	120	7%
Ms. Sequeira	58	39	3%
Mrs. Weir	84	0	0
Ms. Birse	78	0	0
Mr. Lamb	0	153	21%
Ms. Moy	175	<b>271</b>	8%
	<b>3270</b>	<b>3808</b>	

# COME TALK WITH SUPERINTENDENT DR. HAMMOND

DATE: Tuesday, MARCH 10,

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Patwin MPR

Free Childcare will be provided by Childrens Discovery Center (CDC) & Patwin's PTA.

Dr. Hammond has graciously accepted an invitation from Michelle Azevedo (our Principal) and the PTA to come talk with Patwin Parents about questions and issues that are important to you.

We have provided him with the following questions, so that he can come prepared to answer them as best as he can. It is our intention that this be a positive meeting where people feel like they have learned something after the meeting is over.

If you have any questions in regards to Patwin, Emerson, or general or specific questions about the school district, please come to this meeting and fill out a card and submit it.

Childcare for Meeting: Free childcare will be provided by the Patwin PTA at the Children's Discovery Center (CDC) Building with staff from CDC Starting from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. . Please be a little early to the meeting – Due to emergency cards needing to be filled out. Snacks and Drinks will be provided for the children.

# Sample Questions for Dr. Hammond

1. What do we need to do to preserve reduced class size for grades K - 3?
2. Can you tell us how DaVinci will affect Emerson and Surrounding Schools?
3. When do you anticipate that Emerson will be renovated? Where does this kind of funding come from? What other projects/priorities will use this same type of funding?
4. On March 14, last year, your School District staff proposed five options for District Reconfiguration, four of which assumed a closure of Emerson Junior High or making it a satellite campus. At that time, we were essentially told that Emerson could not be kept open unless it was modernized. The Davis Enterprise reported on March 4, 2008: "Hammond also acknowledged that the district faces a big decision sometime in the future regarding Emerson Junior High. Modernize it, tear it down?" Hammond mused." Also at that time, at least two Board Members expressed reluctance to keep Emerson open due to the cost of the upgrade (which was estimated later in June to be \$10 - 17 million). When "Mike Adell, director of facilities, said Davis probably would receive around \$2 million in state funding toward Emerson modernization," Board Member Time Taylor cynically asked, "Can anyone give me a realistic view of how we could close a \$13, \$14, \$15 million gap (to pay for modernization)?" (Davis Enterprise, June 8, 2008). Since then the State, US and world economies have suffered severe downturns and have already begun to shrink dramatically with the bottom not yet in sight, with the result that the prospects for State funding of education are now even more dire than could be imagined by anyone just one year ago. Yet recently, the School Board has decided to upgrade the Davis High track and stadium, which may cost as much as \$10 million. Closing a junior high school vs providing recreational facilities for a small number of spectator sports (or, at best, one PE "Classroom"). Why was the high school stadium prioritized above Emerson, which was, until recently, facing a crisis of closure due to dilapidated facilities?
5. Can you or this School Board guarantee that Emerson will be kept open, particularly if most of all of District facilities funding, including any made available by the sale of the Nugget or Grande properties, is used for the \$10 million stadium upgrade? And what if the current concept of creating the 7th - 9th program for Da Vinci at Emerson proves to be unworkable?
6. We've heard about safety issues at both Emerson and the DHS track and stadium. What is your best estimate of the minimum costs to upgrade Emerson and the DHS track and stadium to make them safe, with no other enhancements? And for Emerson, what would be the costs of upgrading Science classrooms to match those elsewhere in the District? If you don't know these answers now, when can you provide us the answers?
7. How many additional students do you estimate will come to Emerson when West Village, which includes an elementary school only, is completed?
8. Currently, Emerson is the only DJUSD Junior High offering Honors classes to non-GATE-identified 7th and 8th graders. Currently, the Patwin fourth through sixth grade teachers effectively utilize basic differentiation to meet the needs of intelligent, creative, high achieving students who are non-GATE-identified or whose parents have decided to not send their GATE-identified child to GATE, as it is a special education program that may not be designed for their student's particular needs. If Emerson were to be closed or reconfigured, will there continue to be an option for non-GATE identified Honors students? The upper grade teachers at Patwin do an excellent job meeting the needs of high-achieving students and it seems such a waste to then put these students back into the general classroom (for specific subjects) after they have worked hard to meet their potential (despite the "non-GATE label" and the lack of the accommodations offered to GATE students). The fact that there is not a district-wide Honors program for 7th and 8th graders in the Davis School District is a clear oversight, embarrassment, and disappointment. Should a reconfiguration of 6-8th grade occur, I would like an accommodation for Honors students to be included. Or, should Emerson close in the future, I believe it the district's duty to make an Honors program available for those students who need and deserve such a program.

# Carnival!



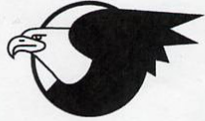
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## APRIL 2 – 5

Thursday (4:00 pm - 10:00 pm)  
Friday (4:00 pm - 11:00 pm)  
Saturday (11:00 am to 11:00 pm)  
Sunday (12 noon - 10:00 pm)  
at

### CANNERY PARK

**J & Covell, Davis**



### Carnival Ticket Sales at Patwin Order Form for Advance Ticket Purchases



You may use extra lines if you want to order for more than one family.

	# of Tickets (\$20 each)	Amount Due (= # tix*\$20)	Name	Address	Phone	Would you like to have your ticket order delivered in class (D) (saves postage) or mailed (M)	CHECK or CASH? Please make CHECKS payable to EMERSON PTA. (Please show check #)
1						D	Cash
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2						D	Cash
						M	Check# _____
3						D	Cash
						M	Check# _____
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						M	Check# _____

**PLEASE RETURN ALL ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENTS TO THE CARNIVAL BOX IN THE PATWIN OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MARCH 27 OR MAIL TO: CARNIVAL TICKET SALES AT PATWIN, 2222 SHASTA DR. DAVIS, CA 95616. LAST DAY TO MAIL MARCH 25**

Each ticket is good for a wrist band that entitles bearer to ONE day of admission and an unlimited number of rides for that day. No casts, pregnant persons, or intoxicated individuals are allowed on rides. Some rides are height restricted so those under 36 inches may not want to purchase the unlimited pass.

Advance purchase tickets also available at the Davis Food Coop, H<sub>2</sub>O To Go, Fleet Feet and Lamppost Pizza. One-day tickets may also be purchased at the Carnival for \$25.00 each day. In addition, tickets for individual rides will be available for purchase on the premises.

Please contact one of the following if you have questions or need assistance:  
EMERSONCARNIVAL@gmail.com  
Frances McChesney 400-4672  
Robert Lawson 753-3209



## Thank you for your support!



**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.  
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to [www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter](http://www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter)