



Patwin Elementary

April 13, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4/14/09	Tuesday	6:30 pm	PTA Meeting (Library)
4/15/09	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Patwin Open House
4/16/09	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:30 pm	Patwin All City Band performance (quad)
4/21/09	Thursday	11:00 am	First Grade Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
4/22/09	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:30 pm	Jump for Life Assembly
4/27-5/1/09	Monday - Friday		STAR Testing

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/>.

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4th annual Walk-a-thon a hit. We broke our record for participation and the cake walk was clearly a success. A special thank you to the following people, but know that if you helped in any way, you are appreciate:

Ellen Shields: the coordinator of the entire event;

Grace DeMasi and Chad DeMasi; for their time, organizational skills and the water bottles;

Terri Clark: Our PTA President does it again. She organized all the food and lots of other stuff;

Amy Irvine; cake walk;

Irene Joo: did all our nitty gritty collating, stringing & name-writing;

Kris Christensen: popsicles;

Julie Kuo: raffle, Jamba Juice and donations from A Change of Pace;

Jennifer Kimzey; helped tons with registration; and

Jen Detweiler: for her amazing pictures and picture posters!

4/14 PTA Meeting Agenda

Remember our PTA Meeting Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Library! Agenda highlights include:

- Jump Rope for Heart Wednesday, April 15th - assembly presentation. Friday May 15th - Jump Rope Event.
- Access: Lynda Yancher, Davis Kids Klub /ACCESS, District Coordinator
- Future Workshops/PTA meetings 2009/2010 (Sept./ Math. Nov/Read. April/ Geography/cultural)

Congratulations Math Olympians

Congratulations to our Math Olympiad team that scored in the top 10% in the nation again this year. We are very proud of them!

Lindsay Bavetta
Carla Campos
Robin Chang
Alex Chen
Christine Chung
Samuel Eaton
Kyle England
Charles Fecteau
Noah Fisher
Aaron Hirst
Jonathan Jones
Joshua Kong
Paul Lee
Ian Miramontes
Joseph Morris
Kinsey Nelson
Otto Nichols
Aviva North
Mari O'Brien
Louis Pak
Elizabeth Park
Joseph Ranier
Phoebe Ross
Dan Segedin
Madeline Silva
Emilia Sloane
Maria Soubbotina
William Stukas
Jordan Vermette
Jae Mo Yang

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, April 15

Open House is April 15th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a brief orientation in the quad with the entire staff from 7:00 to 7:05. Please don't miss this before you visit your child's classroom.

Cake Walk a Sweet Success!

A big thank you to all of the Patwinners and their families who made our first Cake Walk at the Walkathon a wonderful success! Whether you baked a cake, bought tickets for the cake walk, or came out to cheer walkers on and help, we thank you very much! It was a very fun day for our community.

Patwinners donated nearly 80 cakes (baked goods) to award during our cake walks. Such amazing participation, and what beautiful and clever cakes we saw! Thanks to your generosity we earned, from the cake walk tickets alone, \$536 for the teachers' classroom funds!

Winners of the classroom contest and top participators will be announced at the Walkathon assembly. However, the individual bakers who won awards at the Cake Walk are:

- Best Patwin/Purple School Spirit:** Nick Roy (Ponciano)
- Most Creative Cake (tie):** Keeven & Jonah McGarvey-Tannenbaum
- Craziest Cake:** Hisham Abualsoud (Wallace)
- Most Beautiful Cake:** Gillian Wesson (Sells)
- Most Colorful Cake:** Danielle Van Winkle (Wallace)
- Most Elegant:** Robert Henderson (Sequiera)
- Best Themed Cake:** Jackson Durham (Birse)
- Most Disgusting Cake:** Cameron DeMasi (Sells)
- Most Interesting Shaped Cake:** Lauren Wilcox
- Best Cake that-looks-like-an-animal:** Alex Roy (Wallace)
- Most Original:** Osama Abualsoud (Medeiros)
- Most Elegant:** Megan Kong (Medeiros)
- Best Cake that Looks-like-a-Star:** Nathan Quickwright (Warner/Harding)
- Judge's Choice:** Zach Bawden (Darst)

Congratulations bakers!! And if you didn't get to see some of the "winning cakes," please look for the wonderful Cake Walk photo gallery outside the MPR on the right, put together by Jennifer Detweiler. Thanks Jen! And thanks to EVERYONE for making our First Cake Walk a very sweet success!

Basketball Extravaganza

Families and children are invited to a basketball extravaganza on Monday, May 11, at 7 pm. The fund-raising basketball game is presented by International House-Davis and pits the visiting Harlem Ambassadors against the mighty Davis All-Stars (made up of players from the community). The game will be held at the Davis High School New Gym. Tickets are \$7, children under 5 are admitted without charge. A barbecue will be held outside the gym at 5 pm.

Tickets are available at 10 College Park, Davis or online at www.internationalhousedavis.org. For more information please contact Elisabeth Sherwin, executive director at I-House at dir@internationalhousedavis.org or (530) 753-5007.

International House-Davis is a local non-profit organization which promotes respect and appreciation for all people and cultures. We encourage a global community by providing many opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and exchange. www.internationalhousedavis.org

April Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

FIRST GRADE PARENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Tuesday, April 21
First Grade Sponsored Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Let's show our appreciation for all our great teachers and staff by helping with the First-Grade Sponsored Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, April 21! This luncheon is for all 50 teachers and staff at Patwin. First Grade parents will be asked to sign up to donate any of the following needed menu items, Salads, Main Dish, Side Dish, Dessert in portions to serve 10-12.

Donations should be dropped off in the teacher lunchroom by 11:00 am on April 21. Parent volunteers are also needed to help set up at 11:00 am and clean up at 2:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be posted on your child's classroom door and contact information will be provided soon.

PTA Nominations Accepted Now

The Patwin Elementary PTA is accepting nominations for next year's PTA Officers and Program Coordinators, and yes, you can nominate yourself! If you would like to continue in your current position, have an interest in a new one, or would like to help for the very first time, please contact PTA President Teresa Clarke by Monday, April 13, at Tclarke190@aol.com for more information or to volunteer.

The positions are listed below. Descriptions follow.

Officers:

- President
- 1st & 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Auditor
- Parliamentarian

Program Coordinator positions are: Assemblies, Book Fair, Box Tops for Education, Bravo Music, Unfundraiser, Walk-a-thon, Directory, Running Club, Garden program, Dinner Fundraisers, Hospitality, Newsletter & Website, Health & PE Program, Children's Savings, Nature Bowl, Patwin Day, Red Ribbon Week, escript, Yearbook, UNICEF, and Welcome Committee.

6th Grade Science Fair Deadline

Science Fair Projects for 6th Graders are due on Friday, April 3. Students, who need assistance with their science fair projects, may come to the science room after school EVERY DAY THIS WEEK FROM 3 TO 5 PM.

Open PTA Positions

It's Time Again to think about serving on Patwin's PTA Board. All Positions are open, including, President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian. Here is a brief description of each position:

President

The President presides at all meetings of the association and executive board. Creates an environment of mutual respect in which everyone feels free to participate fully in discussing issues and making decisions. Remains impartial as the presiding officer. Delegates responsibility and gives those so delegated the opportunity to do the job, offering help only when needed. Respects others opinion and strives to improve leadership skills. Becomes familiar with basic financial procedures. Helps sets and implement PTA sponsored events through out the school year.

1st Vice President

Attends the (Parent/Teacher Leadership Group) PLG Meetings Monthly and reports back to the PTA at their monthly meeting. Helps the PTA President with PTA sponsored school functions.

2nd Vice President

Attends the Site Council meetings and reports back to the PTA at their monthly meeting. Helps the PTA President with PTA sponsored school functions.

Treasurer

The treasurer is the authorized custodian of all funds of the association. Some responsibilities of the office are specified in the unit's bylaws and other are established by the district and state PTA procedures. Keep permanent records that track gross income, receipts and disbursements of the association, including the number of members, dues collected and the total per capita dues remitted through channels to the California state PTA.

Secretary

Keep an accurate record (the minutes) of the proceedings of all meetings of the association and of the executive board. Read minutes of any previous meetings when called upon to do so. The minutes are the legal record of the PTA. Prepare and read a report of each executive board meeting at the association meeting. Request all motions to be put in writing.

Parliamentarian

Acts as the time keeper at PTA Board meetings and updates bylaws (once)

If you are interested in learning more about these positions or running for office, please contact Teresa Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com. Also, there will be full descriptions of each position on Patwin PTA's website shortly.

Carousel Representative Needed for Next Year

The carousel rep's job is very easy and requires only a little time and effort. A couple of weeks before school starts in the summer, we hang up an envelope in the office and put a carousel date request sign-up sheet in each teacher's mailbox. We come back in a couple of weeks and collect the envelope with the completed requests. The requests are delivered to Susan de Terra, who runs the program, and she conducts a random drawing to assign the carousel dates for the year for the whole district. A few days later, we distribute information packets to the teachers who receive dates (and letters, if necessary, to teachers who requested dates

and didn't receive them. Those teachers get put on a waiting list, and hopefully get dates later in the year).

After that, the only thing we do is give each teacher a quick reminder 2 or 3 weeks before their assigned date (which can be done by email or phone).

Occasionally, Susan asks the carousel volunteers (throughout the district) for someone to open the carousel for a private rental (like a birthday party), but this is not frequent, and it is voluntary.

It really is an easy (and fun) volunteer position that requires

very little time. We both work full time and have no problem fitting this into our schedule. Carousel volunteers do not actually work at the carousel at any time, so it really is quite simple.

The current representative would be happy to get together with the new volunteer and explain what we do or answer any questions.

For more information, contact Terri Clarke at tclarke190@aol.com.

Patwin Day

Although Patwin Day is in June, it really is just around the corner. Please look at your schedules and try to arrange to volunteer in the morning on either Wednesday, June 3 for Kindergarten Patwin Day or Friday, June 5 for the rest of the school.

In the meantime, if you are doing some spring cleaning, don't throw out your small to medium jars (we use for Tiffany Jars) or any of your crafty-type items. We will make use of almost any craft supply. Reduce, reuse, recycle-and save money. For questions or pick up of any items, please call Ann Shuman at 758-4755. Happy Spring!

ALERT!! Crosswalk Safety & Volunteer

There have been several near-misses at the intersection of Shasta and Denali. Parents, please supervise your children when possible and talk to your children about crossing safely. Drivers should also be aware that this intersection is dangerous and to look for children. Remember to slow down as approaching the school.

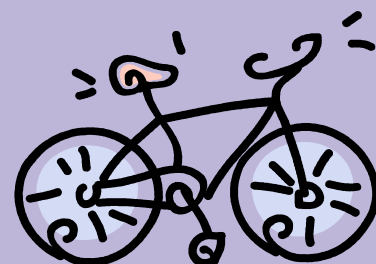
One more parent volunteers are requested to help volunteer to ensure safety at this at Denali and Shasta. If you can help out, please contact Ms. Azevedo or Terri Clarke at tclarke190@aol.com.

Jamba Juice Fundraiser

Gotta have Jamba Juice? Make Fridays your day to indulge! Just visit the Jamba Juice in the Marketplace and be sure to mention Patwin Elementary any Friday between now and the end of school! Jamba Juice will donation a portion of proceeds to the PTA!

LOCK YOUR BIKES!

Please lock your bikes at all times. We have had three stolen bikes in the last two weeks. Sadly, the only thing we can do is assist you in filling out a police report when the theft occurs.



Loving Solutions Parenting Class



Loving Solutions is a seven-week class for parents of strong-willed children, ages five to ten. Loving Solutions provides guidelines for parents to determine when they need to establish a "rule", when parents can negotiate with children, and how to use time-outs properly to gain substantial behavior change. Parents will also learn how to teach children to cooperate with household chores, to get along better with siblings, and to improve school success.

- For:** Parents of children, ages 5-10
- When:** Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.
April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3
- Where:** North Davis Elementary Library
555 E. 14th Street – Davis, CA
- Registration:** Please come in person to the Davis Adult School Office. Class-size limitations apply. Parents will be registered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please plan to attend all 7 classes.
- Fee:** \$40.00
- Class Facilitators:** Dr. Deborah Kimokeo, 530-757-5400 x133
Jennifer McNeil, 530-757-5400 x148 (Habla español)



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