



# Patwin Elementary

April 20, 2009 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4/21/09	Tuesday	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
5/13/09	Wednesday	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Pizza Fundraiser at Vini's

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/>.

## 2009 Walkathon Wrap-Up

Well, Patwinners, you did a fabulous job Walking with the Stars at this year's Walkathon! We raised over \$10,000 (not an easy feat in this economy), and donated 181 pairs of socks/underwear to STEAC. There were 266 participants, a record turnout, who walked a total of 1939 laps—that's the equivalent of 775 miles! Wow!

The top 3 walkers were Mario Clarke (36 laps), Kinsey Nelson (30 laps), and Lily Batchelor (29 laps). The classes with the most participation and who raised the most money (and therefore will be receiving pizza parties) are Mrs. Wallace and Miss Moy. The classes with second-most participation (who will be receiving popcorn parties) are Ms. Darst and Mrs. Weir. In addition, Mrs. Weir's class walked the most laps combined, with a total of 197 laps.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way, from our teachers, office staff, trusty principal and custodian, to all parents and kids who chipped in before and at the event. Special thanks go out to Amy Irvine, Irene Joo, Julie Kuo, Kris Christensen, and Jennifer Kimzey. We couldn't have done it without you! We continue to be impressed and humbled by the commitment and generosity of our entire Patwin Community.

By the way, we still have a number of awesome purple shirts for sale for \$20. Contact Ellen at [the.shields@mail.com](mailto:the.shields@mail.com) or 753-2561 if you're interested!

Until next year,  
Ellen Shields & Grace DeMasi  
Walkathon 2009 Co-Chairs

## Congratulations Math League

Congratulations to our 6th grade students who ranked number three in our region (includes Contra Costa, Napa, Sacramento, and Yolo counties) in the Math League! The students scoring highest, comprising the "team", were Jonathan Jones, Katie Sanger, William Stukas, Alex Chen, and Robert Henderson.

## Running Club Volunteers Needed

Do your children attend running club? Are you interested in helping this group continue? We are down to a small (2) parents who are trying to run the program. HELP please. If you are interested, you can contact Grace DeMasi or Michelle Azevedo.

## CDC Swim Camp

Enrollment is now open for Pawtin CDC's Summer Swim Camp for K-6th grade. We will swim every afternoon at Arroyo Pool and will be exploring performing arts in the mornings: dance, music, acting, film production, and cooking. Prices are: 4/5 full days \$187, 2/3 full days \$139.00, 4/5 half days \$127, and 2/3 half days \$104. This includes breakfast, lunch and snack and all pool and fieldtrip fees. Registration is going on now at Patwin CDC- 530-756-1369.

## CDC Fundraisers

CDC will be selling lemonade every Wednesday in front of CDC for \$1.00. On Wednesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 20th we will be selling snow cones for \$1.00 as well.

# STAR Testing Begins April 27th

Students in second through sixth grade at Patwin Elementary School will be taking the state standardized testing (STAR) April 27th through May 1st. The test results are one of the measures used when assessing for promotion or retention or programs. Test results are mailed to families and schools in August. Our emphasis is that all students try their very best. Students have been told that this is their time to show off what they have learned all year. We do not want to cause anxiety, but encourage everyone to be confident. All students who give 100% and do not disrupt the testing environment will be invited to the Red Panda Acrobatic Assembly on May 13th. Again, we want all students to be rested, feel comfortable and confident, and prepared to show the world how great they are!

To help prepare your child for the testing, practice the following at home:

- Do not schedule appointments or trips during this time. Students not testing during class testing times will be testing in a mixed class setting during make up times. Research has found that students do their best testing in their own classroom with their own teacher.
- Get into a routine that includes an early bed time, breakfast and arriving to school on time. Students arriving late when a class is testing will not be allowed into the classroom until that section of testing is complete.
- Read, read, read with your child every day. Have your child read to you. Ask comprehension questions to ensure your child understands what they are reading.
- Practice basic math facts for your child's grade level. They should be automatic when they respond.

In addition, families should practice the following by grade level –

**Second Grade:** review high frequency words, count change and make up problems with money, practice reading non-digital clocks, identify shapes including sphere, cylinder, cube, cone, write letters to family and friends and check for proper format, punctuation (commas, periods, quotations) and capitalization.

**Third Grade:** Second grade items, plus: practice multiplication and division facts daily until they are automatic, practice math word problems, place value (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones), expanded notation ( $600+40+3=643$ ), practice telling time and elapsed time ( If the party starts at 5:00 and is over in one hour and 45 minutes, what time would the party be over?), discuss fractions, practice measuring line segments (straight and zigzag lines) using both inch and centimeter measurement. Problem solving skills are also key.

**Fourth Grade:** Previous items, plus: practice multiplication and division facts to ensure they are automatic, use a ruler (centimeter and inch) and know general distances (mile, yard, foot), use liquid measurement at home, know equivalents (2 cups= 1 pint, 2 pints= 1 quart, 4 quarts= 1 gallon), practice weight measurement ( ounce, pound, gram, etc.), practice finding the perimeter (outside) area of rugs, rooms, patios, desktops, use encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauruses, almanacs and atlases and know when to use each resource.

**Fifth Grade:** Previous items, plus: read various types of materials – books, magazines, newspapers, schedules, lists, advertisements, recipes, letters, practice correct usage of homophones (words that sound the same but spelling and meaning are different), practice and look for correct grammar usage, find opportunities to use math and geometry in the real world, note use of percentages and decimals on food packaging, prices, sales advertisements, practice rounding numbers to the nearest whole, tenth, hundredth, continue practicing math facts. Fifth grade also tests in Science on 4th and 5th grade curriculum.

**Sixth grade:** Previous items, plus: continue with all of the above, and interpret charts and graphs, add and subtract positive and negative integers, add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, know radius, diameter and circumference of circle definitions, practice area of rectangles, squares (length X width), multiply and divide with decimals, practicing plotting points on a graph.

For released test question examples go to the CDE website and click on Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) CDE/STAR website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

## April Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

**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 are posted on your child's classroom door. For information, contact Terri Clarke at [tclarke190@aol.com](mailto: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!

## CDC Parent's Night Out Campout!

**Patwin CDC will host a Parent's Night Out Campout Friday, April 24th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.**

We will BBQ turkey burgers and make S'mores while relaxing in tents in the side yard. Candle making, a scavenger hunt, and hide and go seek are just a few of the fun activities that will be offered. Once it gets dark we will have campfire songs and skits and play flashlight games!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
Cost is \$25 for one child or \$40 for two children. All proceeds go to the children and program of Patwin CDC

For more information or to sign up call 756-1369. We hope you can make it to this fun and special night!

## 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!

## 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](http://www.internationalhousedavis.org). For more information please contact Elisabeth Sherwin, executive director at I-House at [dir@internationalhousedavis.org](mailto: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](http://www.internationalhousedavis.org)

## 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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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**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.,

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