



# Patwin Elementary

April 27, 2009 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4/27-5/1/09	Monday - Friday		STAR Testing
4/27-29/09	Monday - Tuesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Scholastic BOGO Sale (MPR)
5/6/09	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:30	Character Education Assembly: Integrity
5/7/09	Thursday		Battle of the Books (4th - 6th grade)
5/12/09	Tuesday	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Pizza Fundraiser at Uncle Vito's
5/13/09	Wednesday		Red Panda Acrobatics Assembly
5/15/09	Friday		Jump for Life with the American Heart Assn
5/17/09	Sunday		Positive Energy Kids Triathlon (Arroyo Park)
5/20-22/09	Wednesday - Friday		Fourth Graders to Malakoff Diggins
5/20-21/09	Wednesday - Thursday		Third Graders to One Room Schoolhouse
5/25/09	Monday		School Holiday: Memorial Day
6/3/09	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:30 pm	Character Education Assembly: Good Citizenship
6/3/09	Wednesday	9:30 am	Kindergaretn Patwin Day
6/3/09	Wednesday		Third Grade to Arroyo Pool
6/5/09	Friday	8:30 - 11:30	Patwin Day
6/8/09	Monday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sixth Grade to Arroyo Pool
6/11/09	Thursday		Last day of school (12:30 dismissal)

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. **PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO RUNNING CLUB. Refills will be provided, but we no longer will be providing cups.**

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/>.

## Please Remember . . .

Please let help us reinforce the rule that there is **NO sharing of food** at school. This is for many reasons. I have also announced this to all students.

Please make sure your student is **ready for the hot weather**. Layers of clothes are recommended, sunscreen, and hats (baseball caps are to be worn the intended way only.) Please note that flip flops are not allowed at school since they are not safe for outside play.

Although Patwin full of animal lovers, we ask that you **do not bring your pets on campus** even if they are on a leash. This is a district expectation that is for safety reasons.

## Taco Bar Tuesday Starts 4/28

Beginning April 28, a Taco Bar will be offered on Tuesdays!

**Come build your own taco!!!  
Bean, Beef, or Chicken**

### Price:

Full-\$3.25 Reduced-\$0.40  
Free-\$0.00

### Additional charges:

Sour Cream or Guacamole \$0.25

## Reading Program Envelope Donations

The Patwin Reading Program needs envelopes, any size or light color, with or without return addresses. If you know a company that is going out of business, their old envelopes can find a useful home with us. Please bring them to Room 32.

## Math Challenge Test Dates

Emerson has scheduled the dates for incoming 7th grade students who are wanting to place into either Algebra or Geometry. We will be administering both the end of the year Transition final and the Algebra final on Monday May 18th and 19th at 3:30 in room A-2. Please call Michael Leahy, Emerson counselor, if you have questions at 757-5430 ext. 109.

## Thank you, First Grade!

TO: First Grade Parents - THANK YOU! The teachers loved the Spring themed Salads and desserts. They enjoyed them tremendously the first day and the second. Thank you all for pulling it together and Extra Kudos go out to Kris Christenson, Diana Zaragoza and Hellen Sutton, as the main Coordinators. Again the teachers were totally thrilled and enjoyed the Lunch.

## Kindergarteners, You're Up!

Kindergarten Parents - We need 3 parents to step up and be the Coordinators for the Kindergarten Classes turn providing lunch for all the Teachers and Staff (around 50 people) in May. Please contact Teresa Clarke at [TClarke190@aol.com](mailto:TClarke190@aol.com) or your child's teacher to volunteer. This is an easy job. All you need to do is come up with a theme, (Schools Out, Summer's Com'in, etc) and send email or communicate through your teachers weekly newsletter and provide a sign up sheet outside the classroom.

# 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>

## Student Safety Alert

Over the last few days the district is aware of three separate incidents where strangers may have been following students or actually approached student to engage them in conversation which made them uncomfortable and/or suspicious. The Davis Police Department has responded immediately in each instance. At this time, interviews lead the police to believe that the incidents are unrelated but they are continuing to investigate two of the three. Additional information will be posted if there is an alert status to any incident.

As beautiful spring days bring more children out to walk or ride to school, this is a good time to speak with our children about safety whether they are teens or in primary school.

Please reinforce these safety tips.

- Be aware of your surroundings and tell school staff or parents when things do not look right.
- Do not engage in conversation with a stranger.
- When in doubt, run away.
- Report any strangers who approach you or invite you to go with them.
- NEVER get into a car with a stranger.

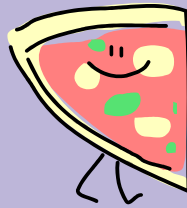
For parents, consider having your child walk or ride a predictable route to and from school and always notify school officials and the police when your child reports suspicious persons or situations. We wish you all a safe and wonderful spring.

## Pizza Fundraiser

**UNCLE VITO's PIZZA,  
Slice of New York  
(530) 758-3000  
524 2nd Street**

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009  
5:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Dine at Uncle Vido's Slice of New York and 15% of your total bill will be donated to Patwin.**



## Jamba Juice Fridays Fundraiser

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!

## Regards from Marshall!

Our friendly "waving" crossing guard, Marshall Rice sends regards to his Patwin friends. He was sad to inform us that he will be out the rest for the year do to a fall and a broken ankle. He wanted to let the kids and families know what a pleasure it has been to see them each morning and that he misses them and will see them again next year.

## Patwin Day is Coming

Patwin Day is Friday, June 5. (June 3 for Kindergarten). We have some new activities planned such as making a colossal race track, and some new games on the playground.

We need lots of volunteers to man the stations, set up, provide donations, and clean up. Look for sign up sheets posted on the PTA bulletin board outside the MPR.

We set up about 8 am and clean up at 11:30 am. If you cannot make it the whole time, think about splitting a shift with a friend. Other ways to help are by sending in snacks for the volunteers or donating items for the event.

In honor of Earth Day, we are trying to go as green and use recycled items as much as possible. Drop off donations to the box in the office of used costume jewelry with big beads, wooden blocks and "hot wheel" type tracks, toilet paper tubes, small clean jars, and colorful rubber bands. Thanks to those who have donated items already.

In addition, start rolling the newspapers! If anyone is interested in taking on the tye-dye, let one of us know. Thank you for your participation.

For questions, call Ann Shuman (758-4755 or email [andreanna.bennett@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:andreanna.bennett@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu)) or Jennifer Bavetta (757-7323).

## The BOGO Book Fair is Back!

THE BOGO Book Fair is back! Buy One / Get One Free!

Monday, April 27, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Any and All Parent Volunteers Welcome.

**BOOK FAIR**

**BUY ONE**

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**GET ONE**

**FREE!**\*

\*All free items must be of equal or lesser value than the ones you buy.

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## 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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.

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# Positive Energy Kids Triathlon

swim • bike • run

2009



## SUNDAY, MAY 17

**WHERE EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES BECOME THE  
FOCUS AND FUN BECOMES THE SUBJECT**



**ARROYO PARK/POOL-WEST DAVIS  
2000 Shasta Drive**

### “Positive Energy Campaign”

The **Positive Energy Kids Triathlon** is part of several events that comprise the **Positive Energy Campaign**. Our campaign was created by **A Change of Pace** to get kids energized about exercise through outdoor activities. Our focus is to promote youth participation, promote healthy development in youth and to increase access to achievable participatory events. Through this campaign, it is our hope that both the kids and their parents will have a greater understanding of the importance of how exercise and living a healthy lifestyle will impact their future.

**Start your summer off on a  
positive note.**

### EVENT FEATURES

- OFFICIAL T-SHIRT
- CUSTOM FINISHER'S MEDAL
- POST RACE REFRESHMENTS
- FREE SNOW CONES FOR ALL KIDS
- SPECTATOR FRIENDLY COURSE
- FUN POST-RACE ACTIVITIES

**FIELD LIMIT: 500**

Designed for kids  
4-15 Years old



## REGISTER TODAY!

Flyers/entry forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded off our website.

 **changeofpace.com**

Proceeds to benefit: **The A Change of Pace Foundation**

Our Mission: “to encourage, educate and motivate kids to inspire life-long habits towards a healthy lifestyle.”



**Clip and flip! Save 10 Box Tops and these fishy friends will flip!**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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