



# Patwin Elementary

October 26, 2009 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
10-26-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
10-27-09	Tuesday	11:00 am	Teacher/Staff Luncheon Provided by 6th Grade Families
10-28-09	Wednesday		Turkey Trot Fundraiser Entries Due/office
11-06-09	Friday		Teacher Work Day No School/Elementary Schools
11-11-09	Wednesday		School Holiday
11-12-09	Thursday	6:30 pm	Parenting Workshop Pioneer Elementary

### Last Week for the Unfundraiser!!!

Do you appreciate not buying and selling stuff?

For the past four years we have had a very successful "Unfundraiser" donation drive during which our very generous school community has raised about \$10,000 each year from the approximately 300 Patwin families. Thus far, we have raised just short of \$5,000 from 68 families. Please don't forget!! Money raised will continue to fund the necessities such as such as computers, library books, assemblies, and scholarships, but in addition, this year's fundraising will be used to provide new microscopes for the science labs; benches for the new shaded snack area in the old bike area by the playground; technology carts for the 4th and 5th grade classes to share; outdoor education scholarships; and supplement the Counselor and Bridges programs. Please complete the attached form and send it with your donation by October 28th...every donation helps!

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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## After-School Reminders

We are asking that parents wait in the quad area for their students to be released from class. This is to ensure that students are not distracted by seeing their parents and/or siblings. We also ask that students who are dismissed at 2:35 and their siblings not play, run, or climb in the quad area or halls. This again, is to avoid distracting students who are still in class. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a reminder that we ask that parents not use the large staff lot. The front lot is for parents, but it causes a safety issue when parents use the large lot for drop off and pick up. Thank you for helping us make campus safe for all students.

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.

## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? Davis children have participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF for over 25 years, and the students at Patwin raised \$2,785 in 2008! Permission slips are coming home with students now, or you can complete and return the permission slip from this newsletter (to either the classroom or the Patwin office.) For more information, contact Ann Larsen @ 758-9446 or [ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net), or visit [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

## RUNNING CLUB IS BACK!!

Running Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. The Club meets on the field adjacent to the playground. Permission slips MUST be signed by parents prior to participation. Forms are available on this newsletter, in the office, on our website, and on the field. Please have your child bring a WATER BOTTLE! As per last running club will be canceled due to rain or extreme weather.

### PLEASE NOTE:

We can not do the club this year unless we get YOUR help! If you have a child that would like to participate in running club please make an effort to volunteer to "run" running club for one OR two SHIFTS PER MONTH. The shifts are from 2:20-3:00pm and 3:00-3:45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is an easy and fun way to support and maintain our running program...all you need to do is set up/take down the running charts, fill up the water jug, facilitate lap counting and, of course, cheer on the runners.

You can sign up for a volunteer shift by visiting the running club station on Tuesday or Thursday or by emailing Barbara Fineberg at [patwinrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:patwinrunningclub@gmail.com). Let's work together to make this great program stay strong at Patwin!

***Everyone save your change—the Trick-or-Treaters for UNICEF are coming to your house this Halloween!***

## Unfundraiser Thanks

Thanks from the Patwin PTA to the following additional families for their support of this year's donation drive:

Kelley, Gritts/Kozlowski, Mould, Kimmel, Osleger/Montanez, Bell, Premzic, Coombs-Hahn, Bhat, Sutton, Starsinic, Strandgaard, DeMasi, Taylor, Holm/Bryne, Hutton, Hillhouse/Schoenig

***We are in the final stretch of the 2009 Unfundraiser with only one more week to go! So far we are at just over \$4900 and counting from a total of 68 families.***

***Keep those donations coming in... (see attached form) it's never too late! And remember, every little bit helps!!***

## Street Smarts

The 2009-10 Street Smarts Poster Contest is underway. Davis students in grades K-6 are invited to create original Street Smarts messages and artwork focusing on the topics of Proper Helmet Use, Safe Bicycle Riding and Crossing the Street Safely. There are some great prizes for the finalists (like a Nintendo DSi and an Apple iPod Shuffle) and the winning poster will be used in Street Smarts materials like newspaper ads and other displays. Entry forms will be sent home with your kids, so check their backpacks!

For details on the contest, visit: [www.cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts](http://www.cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts) or contact Crystal O'Hara, Street Smarts coordinator, at 757-5640 or [cohara@cityofdavis.org](mailto:cohara@cityofdavis.org). Contest entries are due at the Public Works Department by 5 p.m. on Nov. 6.

## Turkey Trot School Fundraiser

Deadline for Entries  
Extended to October 28

**Please Deposit Entries in  
the Marked Envelope in  
the Patwin Office to Make  
EASY Money for Patwin!!!**

Participate in the 22nd annual Davis Turkey Trot and help stuff Patwin with money. A Change of Pace Foundation will contribute money to Patwin for each student's Turkey Trot entry turned into the school office by Oct. 28. **A Change of Pace Foundation will donate \$3 for each kid's race or relay race entry or \$5 for each 5K/10K entry run by a student.** This is a "Student Run Program" and only applies to student entries.

The Davis Turkey Trot is a family and community-oriented event that takes place each year on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. We offer eight different events and distances, with something for every age group and ability. New this year is a three person team 3K relay challenge. The 22nd Annual Davis Turkey Trot will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Civic Center Field.

For More information on the Turkey Trot, including race distances and start times, visit: [http://changeofpace.com/davis\\_turkey\\_trot.html](http://changeofpace.com/davis_turkey_trot.html)

To download an entry form visit: [http://changeofpace.com/Documents/2009\\_Events/2009\\_TT\\_EntryForm.pdf](http://changeofpace.com/Documents/2009_Events/2009_TT_EntryForm.pdf)

In an effort to encourage fitness and exercise within our school district, this local icon is a fun and healthy way to get kids moving and motivated to exercise while helping to maintain or save certain schools programs they enjoy.

## Patwin Tie-Dyes

Thank you so much for supporting Patwin's Tie-Dye program, a joint venture between the Patwin PTA and Left Coast Love. So far this year over 100 shirts have been bought, which means easy money for Patwin's PTA! There will be more opportunities to show your school spirit by ordering shirts again this year, but in order to keep things moving along smoothly we have to begin using a new procedure. For now on there will be ordering periods, and the shirts will be ready about 5 weeks later.

\*Friday November 6th\* is the deadline for ordering shirts again in 2009. This batch of shirts will be delivered to school by Monday December 14th, in time for the holidays. The Patwin office now has lots of shirts in stock which are available for immediate purchase, so if you don't want to wait for yours, check out what's already been made! We will have another ordering period in the spring - perhaps with different styles of shirts, so stay tuned for more info.

## Garden/Recycle Corner

This week some 2nd and 3rd graders will be planting wheat in the planter boxes near the kindergarten. They will watch it grow and in the spring will harvest it, grind it into flour and make some bread with it. Exciting!

Bowen/Nahal's 5th grade has taken on the challenge to create a scarecrow for the annual Avenue of Scarecrows to be held at the Farmer's Market on Halloween. Hopefully it will be on display in the office before it needs to be taken down to Central Park. But if you don't get a chance to see it there, head on down to the Avenue of the Scarecrows and see all of the ones on display. Ours was pre-ordered by the dental office of Alex Tomaich, oral surgeon and the funds will go straight to our garden budget. Thanks to Ms. Nahal and her students for taking this on. It should be fun.

We're off to a good start with the 5000 pound challenge to reduce our carbon footprint in Davis by recycling rigid plastics marked with #3,5,6,7. Thankfully there is no shortage of helpers who want to rinse those plastics and stack and store them. This is a great way for hot lunchers to earn Earth Bucks. Thank you to Mary Tallyn who has generously offered to take the plastics down to Davis Waste Removal every week.

Congratulations to the 3rd and 4th graders (and those 2nd graders in Ms. Wallace's class)! Almost half of those who brought their lunch from home had a waste-free one last Monday. The 1st/2nd graders came in second with over 40% waste-free. Great job! The numbers are increasing for the 5th/6th graders, but they are still around 25%, so there's room for a lot of improvement. Here are the details for October 19th, 2009:

Grades	#of Waste-free lunches	# of Students Bringing Lunch from Home	% of Waste-free Lunches from Home
1/2	27	63	43%
3/4	45	92	49%
5/6	23	87	26%
All Grades	95	242	39%

Happy Halloween! Joannie, RISE and Garden, [jmsiegler@hotmail.com](mailto:jmsiegler@hotmail.com)

# The Patwin Elementary Running Club Permission Slip and Release Form

I have read the Running Club program description and my initials and signature below indicate that I give permission for my child (Child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Patwin Elementary Running Club program at the dates and times indicated. \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Initials)

I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child for this program. My child will leave school by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian initials)

Walking \_\_\_\_\_ Biking \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ CDC \_\_\_\_\_

I, as parent/guardian, understand that by permitting my child to participate in this club, I have waived all claim against the organizers and the Davis Joint Unified School District and its employees for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of participation in this activity.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Print Name

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Child's Grade & Teacher's Name

Phone where you can be reached after school

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Email address

**The Patwin Elementary Running Club**  
**Parent/Guardian Emergency Procedure/Insurance Verification**

***FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010***  
***(NOTIFY CLUB ORGANIZERS OF ANY CHANGES)***

(I)(We), the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, do hereby authorize the PATWIN RUNNING CLUB, representative as agent(s) for the undersigned in our absence, to consent to x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and/or hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the Medicine Act, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at any duly licensed medical facility.

It is understood this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis treatment, or hospital care required, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent in any medical emergency to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of best judgment may deem advisable. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the CIVIL CODE OF CALIFORNIA.

The undersigned agrees to bear all costs incurred as a result of the foregoing. This authorization shall remain in effect for the duration of the academic year.

Father or  
Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother or  
Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Emergency Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergic Reactions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/Accident Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy/Group No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions:  
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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to update this information. Please notify the club organizers of any changes.

# The Unfundraiser Continues...Don't Forget!

Dear Patwin Families and Friends:

For the past four years we have had a very successful "Unfundraiser" donation drive during which our very generous school community has raised about \$10,000 each year. Not only has this money contributed to many necessities for Patwin (such as computers, library books, assemblies, and scholarships), but it has also made possible many enrichments (such as BRAVO, science enrichments, and extra money for teachers to use in their classrooms).

This year we would like to continue to raise money through an "Unfundraiser" where kids don't have to sell anything, parents don't have to buy anything, and 100% of your donation goes directly to classroom and school needs. In the past, spending \$50 on Innisbrook products would raise only \$25 for Patwin. Why not have all our money go to support our children's education?

## Where will this year's money go?

This year's goal is to raise \$15,000 for Patwin. This money will continue to fund the necessities mentioned above, but in addition, this year's fundraising will be used to provide new microscopes for the science labs; benches for the new shaded snack area in the old bike area by the playground; technology carts for the 4th and 5th grade classes to share; outdoor education scholarships; and supplement the Counselor and Bridges programs.

The Patwin community includes approximately 300 families. If each family gives an average of \$50 (just \$5 a month for the 2009-10 school year), we will meet our goal. We invite you to give whatever you can—no amount is too small. If you're able to make a larger donation, please consider doing so, since not every family will be able to contribute. Just complete the attached form and send it with your donation by October 28th — that's it!

To download and send a copy of this letter to relatives and friends who may have supported our "Unfundraiser" in prior years, please go to [www.patwinelementary.org](http://www.patwinelementary.org). And, if any of your family members would like to honor a Patwin student with a donation in his/her name, we will print it in the newsletter!

Thank you very much for your generosity and interest in making Patwin an even better place for our kids to learn!

## "Unfundraiser" 2009!! Patwin Elementary School PTA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s)/Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: All donations are tax deductible.

For your tax records, the Patwin PTA Tax I.D. number is 68-0277123.

I'd like to make a Patwin Hawks Donation in the amount of:

\_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$150 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Patwin PTA and write your child's name on the memo line of the check. Donations may be handed in to teachers, dropped in the Unfundraiser box at the school office, or mailed to: Patwin PTA, 2222 Shasta Drive, Davis, CA 95616 by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Please detach and keep this portion for your tax records:

Patwin Elementary School PTA  
2009 Patwin Hawks Donation Drive  
Donation Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Patwin PTA Tax I.D. number: 68-0277123  
Patwin Elementary School PTA  
2222 Shasta Drive Davis, CA 95616

# PATWIN Kids Helping Kids 2009

## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? Read on!

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the leading children's organization in the world. A recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace, UNICEF works in more than 160 countries and territories to provide children with lifesaving medicine, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, education and emergency relief. An estimated 7 million children are saved each year by the efforts of UNICEF and its partners.

But I'm just a kid. How can I save lives?

"Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began in 1950 when a group of kids in Philadelphia collected \$17.00 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children whose countries were devastated by World War 2. Over the years, more and more kids got involved. The pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters collected by children add up. As of last year, young people had raised over \$125 million through "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF."

For the last 25 years, Davis children have participated in Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Last year alone, they raised almost \$16,000, including \$2,785 raised by the students at Patwin Elementary! In fact, the children of Davis have been named official "UNICEF Emissaries" by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in recognition of their contribution to UNICEF. This year we hope to raise more money than ever.

I'm convinced that kids can help kids. How do I sign up?

Simply return this permission slip to the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box in the Patwin School Office by Wednesday, October 28 so that a collection box can be issued to you. Have questions? Contact Ann Larsen @758-9446 or [ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

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PATWIN SCHOOL

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to collect for "Trick-of-Treat for UNICEF." He/She will return the collection box to school on November 2.

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(You don't have to go Trick-or-Treating to collect for UNICEF. Any time is a good time for family members, neighbors and friends to put their spare change in your UNICEF collection box.)

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!