



Patwin Elementary

November 2, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
11-02-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
11-06-09	Friday		Teacher Work Day No School/Elementary Schools
11-11-09	Wednesday		School Holiday
11-16-09 -- 11-20-09	Monday - Friday		Conference Week 1:30 Dismissal
11-16-09-- 11-20-09	Monday - Friday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Book Fair
11-17-09	Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Family Night at the Book Fair
11-23-09-- 11-27-09	Monday - Friday		Thanksgiving Break

Don't Forget...

There is no school on Friday, November 6th and
Wednesday, November 11th!

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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Garden/Recycle Corner

If you are reading this before Halloween, remember to check out the Avenue of the Scarecrows at the farmer's market on Saturday, October 31. Look for the fantastic dentist made by the students in Mrs. Nahal's class.

Did you know that papyrus was used by the ancient Egyptians to make a kind of paper? We are going to buy some papyrus plants for the 6th grade to coincide with their study of Egypt. Trying to grow it will be an experiment as we're not quite sure how it will do, but it's worth a try. If you are wondering what papyrus plants look like, stop by either Ms. BE's or Mrs. Weir's room in a few weeks.

In the next week or so, Mrs. Hewell's first grade class will be planting 5 different variety of lettuces in the garden boxes. You can start observing them mid-November.

The number of students bringing in waste-free lunches continues to rise every week. Let's keep it up. If your child has yet to participate, think about encouraging them to pack a waste-free lunch on Mondays for Earth Bucks (and every day to be Earth friendly).

If your child brings a lunch from home, why not instruct them to bring home what they don't eat. That way you can have a better idea of what to pack the next day. Also, I see a lot of large apples with just a few bites taken out of them going into the compost. Consider buying smaller apples for lunches.

We're still going strong recycling all of the rigid plastics. Thanks to all of the student helpers who have come forward to sort, rinse and stack them.

As always, email me with any suggestions. Joannie, RISE leader, Garden Coordinator, jmsiegler@hotmail.com

The Book Fair is Coming... Monday, Nov. 16th - Friday, Nov. 20th

Book Fair Volunteers - We need your help!

- 8 - 10 people to help set up in the library, Friday Nov.13
- 4 parent volunteers every day (Monday - Friday) 1:15 to 3:15
- 2 parent volunteers to run "Kindergarten only" hour
- 2 - 4 parent volunteers for Family Night, Tuesday, Nov.17 5:45 -8:00
- 8 -10 people to take down the fair on Friday Nov. 20 from 3:15 -6:00
- 1 creative person: Are you creative? Do you enjoy decorating? The bookfair committee needs help, Neither of us is particularly creative and would love to have help from someone who is. We need to decorate the library in this years theme.
- 1 Team leader: Are you an experienced bookfair person from another school? Can you give us just one day of your time? The book fair runs so much smoother when we can have a different person in charge each day. If you have experience working the bookfair and don't mind taking charge (just for two hours), please volunteer.

Please volunteer to: Teresa Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com or Lisa Carlock at lcarlock@jps.net or sign up in the library.

Please help!
**The bookfair only works
if we have enough volunteers.**

Note: We also need four 6th grade students to help watch the doors and run games each day during the fair. A sign-up sheet will be available in each classroom for your 6th grade student to sign up and get their volunteer hours in.

Unfundraiser Appreciation

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

Kimball, Wittman, Haws, Chen, Fox, Hosking/Feder, Hargadon, Tanner, Sanchirico, Wesson, Carlock, Sutcliffe, Huber, Wenner, Strong, Irvine, Anderson, Schmid, Selvin, Nilsson, Mayfield

We are in the final stretch of the 2009 Unfundraiser! So far we are at just over \$7350 and counting from a total of 94 families. Keep those donations coming in – it's never too late! And remember, every little bit helps!!

Running Club

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 in the office, on our website, and at on the field. Please have your child bring a WATER BOTTLE! As per last year, running club will be canceled due to rain or extreme weather.

PLEASE NOTE:

Thank you to all the parents whom have already signed up for a running club volunteer shift. We could not run the club without your participation. We still have some volunteer slots to fill. 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.

Running Club t-shirt Design Contest

Would you like to be the designer of the 2009-2010 running club marathon t-shirt? All students who complete a marathon (that is 26 miles) receive a marathon t-shirt. All T-shirts are provide by Fleet Feet Sports Store in Davis. Thank you Fleet Feet!

Submit your design entry to the Running Club Box in the office by 3PM on NOVEMBER 5th.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All entries must be submitted on 8.5 x 11 unlined paper and in black ink or pencil. See the attached form for more details. The chosen design will be announced on Tuesday, November 10th.

Don't Forget...

Conference Week is
Monday, Nov. 16th
through Friday, Nov. 20th.
Dismissal will be at 1:30
every day that week!

ALL PATWIN RUNNERS!

Here is your chance to design the
2009-2010 Marathon T-shirt
for the Patwin Running Club.

Thanks to Davis' Fleet Feet Sports Store,
each runner who completes a marathon
(26 miles) will be presented with a t-shirt
designed by one of you.

Submit your entry to the Running Club Box in
the office by 3 p.m. on Thursday, November
5th, 2009. The winner will be notified on
Tuesday, November 10th.

**VERY IMPORTANT: All entries MUST be
submitted on 8.5 x 11 unlined paper. Please
use black pen or pencil!**

Good Luck Artists!

Please attach this form to your entry.

Name:

Home Phone Number:

Grade: Room Number:

DHS Musical...Once Upon a Mattress

Davis High School (DHS) Drama students are putting the finishing touches on medieval castle sets, brushing up on their sword fighting, and memorizing the words of the royal court...all to bring a theatrical and musical treat to your entire family. Once Upon A Mattress, or the "real" story of the Princess and the Pea, is a hilariously silly, fast-paced production directed by Gwyneth Bruch and featuring delightful music conducted by William Zinn. The production is suitable for all ages and runs Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7 at 7pm, Sunday, November 8 at 2pm, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 12-14 at 7pm at the DHS Brunelle Performance Hall at 315 W. 14th Street. Admission for adults is \$12, and students and seniors are \$8. This year features a family ticket (\$30) for any number of your children plus two adults. For tickets or questions, call (831) 224-0005. Tickets will also be available at the door.