



Patwin Elementary

November 9, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
11-09-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
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

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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Patwin Provides Peanut Butter

CAN YOU DONATE A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER?

Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC) needs food for Davis Families:

STEAC is short of food and can't wait until the holiday season for the usual donations. The current economic news is being reflected in STEAC's food closet, where requests for food have steadily increased over the last six months. From last fall through now, requests have gone up about 50%, and STEAC is purchasing additional food every month in order to make sure families in need have nutritious meals.

The district has initiated a food drive for the weeks, November 2-13. Some boxes will be provided (much smaller than the ones for clothes given the weight of the food,). We are asking the Patwin community to drop off food in the identified STEAC boxes in the office. STEAC has asked for specific items. They will, of course, accept anything, but are hoping that the Patwin Community will give special attention to their need for Peanut Butter.

If comfortable doing so, please take a moment to talk with your students about donating food for our local needy families. Whatever donations are made will be greatly appreciated.

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.

We need your help!

ONLY 6 People have offered to help so far.
We need you to volunteer! - Children welcome



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.

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

Patwin Tee-shirts

You can still buy them in the office.

We have many sizes and styles available now for purchase.
You can just go in, pick out a shirt, and buy it. No Waiting!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 19th
Provided by 5th Grade
Parents

The PTA would like to make a point of showing thanks to our teachers and staff all year long. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Series is for ALL TEACHERS AND STAFF. There are approximately 45 teachers and staff personnel at Patwin who will partake. Each month, one grade level will provide lunch/snacks for the teachers and staff. The sixth grade parents did a great job hosting the first luncheon in October, the fifth grade parents will sponsor the November 19th luncheon, and so on. Other grades are scheduled throughout the year as noted here:
December 15th..4th Grade Provided
February 10th....3rd Grade Provided
March 16th.....2nd Grade Provided
April 21st.....1st Grade Provided
May18th.....Kindergarten Provided

Fifth Grade Parents, contact your Room Parents with what you would like to bring.

Don't Forget...

Wednesday, November 11
is a school holiday.

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

PTA Auditor Needed

The Patwin PTA needs to find a volunteer auditor to help audit our books. As a non-profit we need to do two audits a year, but we are behind. You do not need to be a CPA or accountant to be our auditor, but it does help if you are detail oriented. The Auditor would be working closely with our Treasurer and other PTA Board Members. The approximate time would be 3 hours per audit period. We need two audits done now, one more after December, and one in August. Most of the work will be checking off the audit sheet to make sure our books are in order. The tax returns have been done, so it should be easy. At least 95% of this work can be done at home.

Calling all Parents of Future DHS Students...

Order your personalized Brick or Paver now and commemorate your student's graduation year from Davis High School. The school's alumni association, the DHS Blue and White Foundation, through the Back On Track campaign, is offering you a way to both leave your child's mark and pay it forward. Funds raised will be used to support the second phase of the DHS Stadium Renovation. The personalized bricks and pavers will form the foundation of the walkways at the stadium. Be a part of the solution and order your gift today. But hurry prices are going up! After November 15th, bricks will be \$150 and pavers will increase to \$400! So don't delay, do it now and save!!! Visit: www.dhsblueandwhite.org and get the gift that gives!

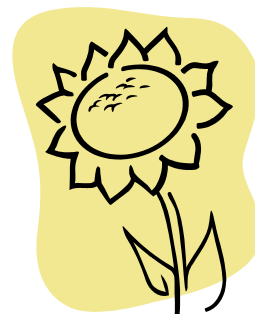
Garden/Recycle Corner

Planting has begun. We now have a "Flour Garden" started. Students in Ms. Darst's class planted wheat with the help of Mr. Matt and myself. The third graders will also plant some wheat. You may want to take a moment with your child(ren) to see if they get the homophone pun.

Treasure Box for Earth Bucks: Thanks to Lisa Carlock for bringing in a bag of toys for the Patwin Treasure Box. The students are enjoying them. If anyone else has any toys/books/pencils etc. that they no longer want to have around the house, but would be appealing to 1st through 6th graders, please consider donating them to the Treasure Box. It's a nice way to recycle and the children love looking to see what they can afford with their cache of Earth Bucks. Donations can be made at the office. Just make it clear on the bag/box etc. that it is for Patwin's Treasure Box. Thanks.

If you don't have any extra toys to donate, but want to contribute to the recycling effort, we can always use donations of Otter Pops. I know that they are not as eco-friendly as I'd like them to be, but they prove to be great incentives for earning the Earth Bucks.

Any suggestions? Contact Joannie, RISE Leader, Garden Coordinator, jmsiegler@hotmail.com



Box Tops Results are In...

Thank you to everyone who participated. You did a fantastic job trimming the box tops. Class room volunteers did a wonderful job counting box tops and turning them in on time. We collected 2228 box tops which earns \$223 for Patwin. Ten students won a prize for collecting 50 or more box tops, they were: Shyanne Carroll 127, Emily Chapman 61, Mia DiGenova 50, Grace Hickerson 60, Joey Huang 50, Matthew Lloyd 60, Ellery McIsaac 50, Stephanie Milbott 54, Vanessa and Veronica Wease. The popcorn party and trophy were awarded to Ms. Darst's 2nd graders for collecting 308 box tops. Our next collection will be in February, so keep saving those box tops. You can also go online at boxtops4education.com to get box top money for Patwin for a percentage of purchases made online with a variety of businesses.

	Teacher	Grade	OCT 2009
Rm. 1	Mrs. Sells	K	96
Rm. 3	Mrs. Bean	K	84
Rm. 20	Mrs. Hewell	1	85
Rm. 21	Ms. Zais	1	115
Rm. 43	Mrs. Finley/Mrs. Davis	1	257
Rm. 40	Ms. Darst	2	308
Rm. 44	Mrs. Warner/Ms. Harding	2	78
Rm. 47	Mrs. Wallace	2/3	156
Rm. 26	Mrs. Ryken	3	81
Rm. 46	Ms. Phillips/Ms. Anderson	3	206
Rm. 23	Mrs. Medeiros	4	145
Rm. 24	Ms. Ponciano	4	0
Rm. 25	Ms. Britz	5	40
Rm. 31	Ms. Bowen/Ms. Nahal	5	85
Rm. 32	Ms. Birse	5	125
Rm. 27	Mrs. B-E	6	63
Rm. 41	Mrs. Weir	6	64
Office			240
Total			2228