



Patwin Elementary

January 11, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1-11-10	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
1-18-10	Monday		School Holiday
2-3-10	Wednesday	6:16 pm	PTA Meeting/Library
2-6-10	Saturday	9:00-12:00	Parent Education Day Raising Healthy, Happy, Well-Behaved Kids
2-11-10	Thursday		Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (3rd Grade sponsored)

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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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.

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/>.

Nature Bowl

Anyone interested in running the Patwin Nature Bowl, an environmental education program for students in 3rd-6th grade, please contact Laurie Seban at lseban@sbcglobal.net or 792-1848.

Parent Education Day

Raising Healthy Happy,
Well-Balanced Kids

Saturday, February 6

free for all parents...
co-sponsored by Davis
PTA's

Garden/Recycle Corner

Happy New Year to the Patwin Community!

The gardens are coming alive. Before break, the third graders planted beets, broccoli, mustard greens and kale in addition to wheat seeds. Ask your child to take you on a tour to see the plants. They are located next to the kindergarten playground in the boxes and in the two courtyard gardens between the classrooms. You may only see grass and weeds upon first inspection, but, fear not, the plants are there. The weeds will be coming out in the next few weeks, making the vegetables more noticeable. There will be some cooking with the vegetables when they are ready to harvest.

Starting Tuesday, January 12, and continuing on Tuesdays through the end of the year, there will be a lunch time Garden Club for interested students. During that time, students can earn Earth Buck tokens for weeding, watering, planting etc. Students do not have to sign up for the club, they can decide at lunch time whether or not they want to participate on that Tuesday. Hopefully, this will help us get more connected to our gardens and ultimately increase the size and scope of gardening at Patwin.

Recycling: Congratulations are in order. Right before Christmas break, and the first time since the Make-no-Waste lunch days were started, we had more than 50% of home lunches waste-free. The third and fourth graders continue to lead the effort with the fifth and sixth graders needing to pick up the slack. We'll be starting a program where we use a smaller garbage can on Make-no-Waste Mondays to show how little waste we create on those days.

If there are any parents who would like to help with gardening during the Tuesday lunchtimes, let me know. You don't have to be there for all of the lunches, you can help out during your child's lunch and leave afterwards.

Any questions or suggestions, email Joannie, RISE and Garden Coordinator, at jmsiegler@hotmail.com.