



Patwin Elementary

August 31, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-01-09	Tuesday	am	Instrument Demonstration for 4-6th graders in MPR
9-01-09	Tuesday	6:00, 7:00, 8:00 pm	Back to School Night K-3rd Grade
9-02-09	Wednesday	6:00, 7:00, 8:00 pm	Back to School Night 4th-6th Grade
9-07-09	Monday		School Holiday/Labor Day
9-09-09	Wednesday	6:15 - 8:00 pm	First PTA Meeting
9-25/09	Friday		Picture Day (retakes will be 11/5)

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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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Back to School Night is Coming!

Everyone will meet in the quad before activities begin.

Principal Michelle Flowers will introduce staff and explain the schedule as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 1st

6:00-7:00p.m. K/1st grades

7:00-8:00 p.m. 2/3 grades

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

6:00-7:00 p.m.4th/5th grades

7:00-8:00 p.m. 6th grade

Science (on Wednesday)

6:30 p.m. 6th grade

7:00 p.m. 4/5 grade

From the Principal

I need to send out a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our orientation and teacher lunch. We are off to an amazing start...

If you have not turned in the following, please turn it into the office as soon as possible: Signature Summary page, Emergency card (one per student,) and the free and reduced form (one per family.) Do not forget to sign up for your PTA membership, your student directory, your PTA newsletter and ways to help the PTA.

Also, take note that the Primary recess time has changed to 10:05-10:20.

Check out the great new tie-dyed Patwin shirts for sale in the office. I have one, do you?

Michelle Flowers
Principal

From the PTA President

Welcome! Welcome all new students (and parents) to Patwin, and welcome back to all returning students (and parents). We are very excited to begin the new school year, the Patwin Parent -Teacher Association (PTA) has a number of events to help orient you to the school and/or to help re-engage you (the student) and you (the parent) back into the swing of a new school year at Patwin. We began with the "Welcome Coffee" on the first day of school, then there is the upcoming "Back to School Night" followed by the "Fall Math Night/Pizza Social", both in September.

As your PTA president I am encouraging you to think about what activities you want to volunteer for next year. I am hoping/counting on everyone to plan on volunteering 10 hours. We especially need the following: Room Parents for each classroom, Running Club Coordinators, Bravo Coordinators, Unfundraiser Coordinators. If you are interested in being a Coordinator, please contact me at TCLARKE190@AOL.COM. If you cannot be help with the above, perhaps you can make a dish for your grades turn to show appreciation for our teachers, volunteer for two hours at the bookfair, maybe even count box tops one evening every three months. If you choose to volunteer during school hours your children with love showing you off to their friends - they will brag about what Mom and Dad are doing for the school. If you can make/bring goodies for the teacher appreciation lunch, they will boast to their friends about it. Your actions will show them that school is important and you take pride in them. So remember - the school needs EVERYONE to give a little time - please find a way to give at least 2 hours a month.

Thank you , Teresa Clarke
Your PTA President

Volunteers Needed:

Coordinators Needed For BRAVO Program

BRAVO - music appreciation program

Welcome "Bach" to School

BRAVO is a music appreciation program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade - adapted to a K - 6 grade program at Pioneer. It is meant to supplement already existing music instruction or to provide a music appreciation experience if no program exists.

The kindergarten curriculum, Some of My Favorite Things, is a one-year curriculum that repeats every year, includes the music of Georges Bizet, Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, Modest Mussorgsky, Dmitri Kabalevsky, John Philip Sousa and Wynn-Ann Rossi.

The curriculum for grades one through six uses a different curriculum each year for four years on a rotating basis. All six grades will use the same curriculum during a year, with modifications for the ages of the children. Each yearly curriculum uses six different pieces of music. Lessons focus on rhythm, dynamics, mood, pattern, form, story music, and other musical elements.

Our 2009-2010, 6th year of the Bravo Music Program, is about to begin. We need a Coordinator & Parent volunteers for your child's classroom!

If you are interested in Coordinating this Program, Please Contact Teresa Clarke at TCLARKE190@aol.com
If no-one steps up to run this program - it will not happen this year.

Patwin's Running Club - Coordinators Needed

Patwin's running club was started in 2006 and has provided hundreds of Patwinners the opportunity to make healthy choices and discover that with perseverance they can accomplish huge goals. The program is run entirely by parent volunteers and supported generously by Fleet Feet Sports in Davis. Fleet Feet has provided the club water bottles for children who reach a half-marathon and they cover the cost of the famed marathon t-shirts, designed by our own runners. It's a wonderful program for our students and the Patwin community.

If you are interested in learning more about leading this program - Please contact Teresa Clarke at TCLARKE190@aol.com. If no one steps up to lead this program it will not run this year.

Room Parents Needed - 1 to 2 per classroom

Serve as a liaison between the PTA and your child's classroom – mostly by email.

Responsibilities include:

- *Attend PTA meeting – As many as you can.
- *Maintain a class email and phone lists – provided by Teacher/PTA
- *Distribute information to your classroom's families regarding PTA activities or announcements.

Examples:

"The PTA needs a parent from our grade level to assist with the book fair. Volunteers can contact XXX."

"At the next PTA meeting, Mrs. A will be discussing our grade level's math curriculum."

"It's our turn to sponsor the ___ Grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. The theme is....."

Please contact Jenn Detweiler at jenndetweiler@yahoo.com

Science Presentation at Back-to-School Night Fall 2009

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend a science presentation at Back-to-School Night. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the new science curriculum and textbooks. If you are unable to attend, please let me know so that I can send home the materials handed out that evening. The Science email site is patwinsci@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Pat Wong, Science Teacher

When: Wednesday, September 2

Where: Multipurpose Room

What time:

4th and 5th Grade Parents @ 7:00 P.M.

6th Grade Parents @ 6:30 P.M.

TALK Program at Patwin

Dear Friends,

A handful of folks have asked me about the TALK program -- not realizing the program will actually be offered at Patwin this year. Yes, it is an on-site program at Patwin in the MPR. TALK (Teach Another Language to Kids) has been offered at other schools in the District and at the Davis Art Center on a regular basis -- but is coming back to Patwin starting this fall. There is a continuous enrollment policy -- so it's never too late to join!

Spanish will be offered to K-3 students from 2:40-3:10 four days per week: no class on Wednesday. To find out more about the program, feel free to check out the DAC website at http://www.davisartcenter.org/catalogs/DAC%20Fall%202009_Final.pdf

Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested. I'd hate for folks to miss out simply because they didn't hear about the program or had the wrong information. Thanks a bunch -- and see you tomorrow!

Helen Sutton
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After School Rec Program

ACCESS (After-school Rec Program) is now being offered at the Patwin MPR on all school days until 6pm.

The program includes homework help, snacks, outdoor recreation, enrichment offerings (language arts and math) small groups and fitness opportunities.

Fees are based on the days attending. December and Spring Break programs will be offered. See our website www.daviskidsklub.com or call us. 530-220-4731
Come join the fun!

Garden/Recycle Corner

Welcome to the new school year at Patwin. Check for this weekly column in the Patwin Newsletter giving updates on what's going on with the Gardens and Recycling at Patwin.

Lunchtime waste reduction continues at Patwin with the new students and first graders learning how to divert their lunch waste. Returning students can act as mentors as they separate out their recyclable paper, metal, plastic and glass from the trash. They also divert any leftover fruits and vegetables to the compost bucket and any unopened food to the food rescue.

Parents and students are encouraged to pack lunches in reusable containers. Rewards for waste-free lunches will be given out once a week in the form of Earth Buck Tokens. Those tokens can be turned in for prizes. Stay tuned for what day of the week that will be.

Patwin Gardens and garden-based curriculum will be enhanced this year as we now have a Garden Coordinator. After years without one, I've decided to step up to the plate. First on the agenda is to assess the current status of the various gardens and programs. Plans are in the works to incorporate, into the curriculum of interested teachers, lessons on vermiculture, composting, and growing various herbs and foods. And to complete the cycle some food processing (dehydrating, for one) and cooking lessons will be offered to interested classes.

As always, I can use any volunteers. Feel free to email me at jmsiegler@hotmail.com with questions, comments or offers of help. - Joannie Siegler, RISE leader and Garden Coordinator, Patwin Elementary.