



Patwin Elementary

February 16, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
2-15-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
2-15-10	Monday		School Holiday
2-16-10	Tuesday		Steve's Pizza T.A.L.K. Fundraiser
2-19-10	Friday		Box Top Collection
2-22-10	Monday		School Holiday
3-8-10---	Monday-		Patwin Bookfair
3-12-10	Friday		*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

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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Become Active in the PTA

!Now! More than ever before,
Patwin Needs Active Parent
Participation!

The school budget news is terrible, our schools need your help. Become an Active PTA leader of the Patwin Community, help lead our school during this upcoming critical time! PTA Elections Will Be Held In April.

Positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian. This week the position of Parliamentarian will be highlighted. If you are interested filling any of these positions, please contact Terri Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com.

Over the next few months, position descriptions will be posted or you could look them up at the PTA Website: CAPTA.ORG.

Remember: You accept the leadership of others if you are not willing to step up and be heard and/or lead.

We Raised \$135.38 for Haiti

Thank you to all our wonderful Patwinners who contributed to the Haiti Box. It started out with just pennies and dimes but after two weeks we've raised \$135.38 to help the earthquake victims in Haiti. The two little boys (would like to stay anonymous) who made the Haiti box would like to send a special Thank You to Ms. Flowers for letting them put the box in the office. When asked how they want the money to be spent, the boys said, "We hope they can buy enough water and food and stuff like that for everyone and a bed.... and Haiti can be rebuilt so everyone won't die."

Bookfair: Volunteers Needed

March 8 - March 12

A great Book Fair can never have too many cooks in the kitchen! Our school is ordering up a fantastic Fair to stimulate larger appetites for reading. Join our volunteer group to serve up a fun and creative BookFair event.

Setup - March 5 (9:00 to 3:00)
Mon. March 8 (1:15 to 3:45)
Tues. March 9 (1:15 to 3:45)
Wed. March 10 (1:15 to 3:45)
Family Night March 10 (5:30 to 7:30)
Thurs. March 11 (1:15 to 3:45)
Friday March 12 (1:15 to 2:15)
Packup (2:15 to 5:00)

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

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T.A.L.K./Steve's Pizza Fundraiser

Steve's Pizza will be donating 20% of earnings from 5-9pm on Tuesday, February 16 to the T.A.L.K. program. Just mention the T.A.L.K. (Teach Another Language to Kids) program when you dine-in, take-out, or have Steve's Pizza delivered – it's that simple! Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide T.A.L.K. scholarships and help keep tuition costs down.

Remember, it's never too late to enroll in beginning or intermediate Spanish offered after school at Patwin. Check out the Davis Art Center catalog at <http://www.davisartcenter.org> or call Patwin parent, Helen Sutton, at 756-5315 for details.

2010/2011 PTA Parliamentarian

Principles of parliamentary law are

...justice and courtesy to all;
...rights of the minority protected;
...rule of the majority reflected;
...partiality to none;
...consideration of one subject at a time.

Duties of the parliamentarian are listed in the bylaws:

- Review and study the bylaws and standing rules annually.
- Use the latest version of Bylaws for Local PTA/PTSA Units.
- Verify that the PTA council (if in council) and district PTA have a current copy of the unit's bylaws.
- Assist the president in preparing for meetings, when requested.
- Make sure the unit has a copy of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition and become familiar with the contents of the book.
- Provide the members and the executive board with training on simple parliamentary procedures; how to state a motion, rules of debate, quorums.
- Ensure each member of the executive board has a current copy of the unit's bylaws and standing rules.

Box Tops

I hope you have been saving your box tops! Our next collection date is Friday, February 19th. Prizes will be given to students turning in 50 or more box tops and there will be a popcorn party to the class with the most box tops. So far we have collected \$223 for Patwin. Our goal is \$1300 for the year.

Save the Date! The Walkathon Returns!

This year's walkathon will be on Saturday, April 24th from 9am-1pm more information is to come but please mark your calendars for this fun Patwin event!

Join in helping with the walkathon Interested in helping out for the walkathon? If you want to help plan and/or execute the walkathon we will be holding a brief planning meeting on Wednesday, February 17th from 7-8pm at the home of Grace DeMasi. 1721 Colorado Lane, Davis. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year so we could use as much help as possible. There are many jobs big and small. New and fresh ideas are welcome. Questions or to RSVP please call or email Grace DeMasi at 753-8609 or gracedemasi@earthlink.net. *** If you are unable to make it to the meeting but still want to help please call or email Grace. Thank you!

Looking to advertise your business or company?

ALSO if you or a business you know would like to sponsor this event please contact me. Your name or business name will be displayed on the t-shirt as well as on all signage related to the walkathon. This would be a great way to support our school! For more information please call Grace DeMasi 530-753-8609.

Davis Joint Unified School District Presents:

Parent Information Night: Explaining the IEP Process

Gay Bourguignon, Director of Special Education
Patrick McGrew, Program Specialist
A'Delle Duggan-Laws, School Psychologist

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Davis Joint Unified School District Office, 526 B Street
East Conference Room

Parent University Recap

There were over 360 people at the Parent University Workshop last Saturday, February 6. The key speakers were Liz Applegate (Nutrition), Mitchel Adler (Parenting with Emotional Intelligence) and Christine Carter (Raising Happiness). All the speakers were funny and informative.

Dr. Liz Applegate listed 8 foods you should be feeding your families. 1. Bagged Spring Mix Lettuce, 2. Beans, 3. Lean Meats, 4. Nuts, especially Almonds, 5. Yogurt with live cultures, 6. Citrus, 7. Whole Grains, 8. Sit down and eat dinner together, even if it is only 10 minutes.

Dr. Mitchel Adler spoke about Parenting with Emotional Intelligence and ask parents to write a Personal Parenting Mission Statement for raising children, 5 people said they would do it. He laughed and asked them to email him letting him know if they actually did it. One of his biggest tips was to Relate with Intention, Show up mindfully, not just in body when speaking with your children. Pay attention to them, Listen, Tell the truth, and be curious about your judgements, rather than controlled by them. Also, learn to identify and manage the four basic emotions (Mad, Sad, Glad, & Scared). Also, Eat Dinner Together.

Dr. Christine Carter spoke about Raising Happiness. Teaching your children about compassion, gratitude and its okay to make mistakes. She was very funny and open. Some of the questions you should ask as your family Sits Down to Dinner Together are: 1. What are you grateful for today? 2. What mistake did you make today? Don't worry about the answers so much as it makes us practice thinking about what we need to be grateful for and that it is okay to make mistakes and we can forgive ourselves.

Davis Schools Foundation had a display table and raised \$904 including Avid Reader's donation of 10% of sales of the book "Raising Happiness by Christine Carter." Over 75 books were autographed and sold that morning. AVID reader will continue to donate 10% to the Davis schools Foundation throughout the month of February from sales of the book "Raising Happiness" by Christine Carter. "sponsored by "Parent Ed Committee community Wide. The workshop was video taped and the committee is working with the district to figure out the best way to share the information with our schools.

February 3, 2010 PATWIN PTA BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting commenced: 6:17pm

President's Report

Introductions

Approval of December minutes- a motion was made and seconded to approve December 2009 minutes. PTA bylaws have been on display in Patwin office with only minor changes made.

A motion was made and seconded to legally adopt bylaw revisions. There was no further discussion.

Principal's Report – Michelle Flowers:

New budget that was updated on 01/21/2010 is now requiring 5.5 million in district cuts.

All DJUSD schools will be impacted.

Title I funds will not be touched-Title I funding is based on percentage of children that qualify for free lunch.

K-3 classes will have 10 more students each and have a 30-1 ratio.

4-6 classes will have a ratio of 32-1.

Activities, class size, and configuration will change. There may be more combo classes.

Patwin will not be closing.

Language Arts blocks will be impacted and parent participation will be essential if blocks are to continue.

Custodial Staff- Five full time employee positions will be eliminated.

Site secretary positions will most likely be cut at all elementary schools.

Noon duty supervision positions will also be eliminated.

One full time employee position will be cut from grounds and maintenance.

Summer school, intervention, and jump start program will be eliminated

SLB (school library block) will be cut by 80%. This will impact supplies, Para educators, counseling position, and tech position. Schools have been advised to find other funding for these positions or they will be eliminated.

1.5 days of counseling cost is \$7700.00.

Noon duty cost is \$8600.00 (funded three at Patwin for 2009/2010).

Site secretary position cost is \$24000.00.

Educational environment will change significantly for all students.

Davis School Foundation is starting to organize. Foundation has the ability to earmark money.

Big concern for Patwin is noon duty for child safety and employing a counselor.

Financial crisis is due to the state of California's financial crisis.

\$90,000 is needed to fund noon duty throughout the DJUSD.

Parents can volunteer for noon duty, but will require training.

Patwin will be losing 2-4 teaching positions and classrooms.

Additional information and updates will be put out in Patwin newsletter and on announcement system.

There will be additional meetings as things become clearer.

Additional proposal is to cut the school year by 5 days.

This is a statewide problem.

Teachers and DJUSD are working together.

Treasurer Report

Approval of prewritten checks

A motion was made to approve all prewritten checks. Motion was seconded and there was not further discussion.

Check # 654 -\$184.10 DJUSD

Check # 655- \$855.69 Science program supplies

Check # 656- \$29.34 PTA food

Check # 657- \$1963.21 Remit balance 09 book fair

Check # 658- \$184.21 BRAVO

Check # 659- \$150.00 Parent Education

Walk-a-thon

Walk-a-thon kick off will be on 03/17/2010.

Walk-a-thon will be held on 04/24/2010.

Additional details to be discussed at future PTA meeting.

7:16 pm - Meeting Adjourned

"SWIFTER, HIGHER, STRONGER"* BE AN OLYMPIC READER!

Dear Parents and Students,

This year the Patwin Library Staff will be planning the return of the Reading Rally on **Wednesday, March 3rd**. On that day students read in their classrooms (usually for the morning only), and attend other reading events as well. This has been a very popular event in our school in the past, and has often been used as a fundraiser for the Library. As many of you know, budgets are extremely tight throughout our schools. We are planning to use any money raised to buy books for our Battle of the Books program, Caldecott, Newbery and California Young Reader Medal books—programs that support every reader and teacher in our school.

We are tying our Reading Rally to the theme of the Olympics. Students will be asked to record how many minutes of reading on reading record sheets—and will be asking family members to pledge any amount of money that is affordable as the students read. The students can count minutes they read independently, read with an adult, or read to them—in class minutes will count as well such as Literature Circles, class read alouds, etc. We will **not** count textbook reading. Teachers and parents will verify minutes read on the students' reading record sheets.

We will begin counting reading minutes on:

Tuesday, February 16th and finish recording on Friday, February 26th.

Teachers and students will "light and extinguish their Olympic Reading Torches" during that time period. We will announce our Gold Medal Teams on **Wednesday, March 3rd** at the end of the assembly that day. Each classroom teacher has chosen an Olympic Team Sport (see back of this page); there will be a class medal for a Kindergarten team; a team from students in grades 1-3, and grades 4-6 for the most minutes read. You may want your child to follow their class's team event during the coverage of the Games on the official website of the Olympics.

We will also be talking with our students about the many countries that participate in the Olympics. Each classroom teacher will receive a folder describing the class's Olympic event; a bibliography of books in the Patwin collection on the Olympics; the Olympic schedule and a description of the Olympic mascots since they tie into the legends of the Pacific Northwest.

Student reading logs, and an envelope for donations will go home with each child on **Tuesday, February 16th**. Your students and teachers will hear all about the reading for minutes challenge and the Reading Rally during their library time this week—February 8-12.

Thanks, in advance for your help and support.

The Patwin Library Staff: Wendy Chason, Kate Bowen, Meera Klein

Any questions or comments, please call the library (757-5393), or email Wendy Chason at wchason@djuds.k12.ca.us

2010 READING PATWIN READING OLYMPIC TEAMS

TEACHER	GRADE	SPORT
Mrs. Bean	K	Ice Hockey
Mrs. Sells	K	Snowboard
Mrs. Hewell	1	Nordic Combined
Mrs. Zais	1	Cross Country
Mrs. Finley/Davis	1	Giant Slalom
Mrs. Warner/Mrs. Harding	2	Figure Skating
Mrs. Wallace	2/3	Aerials
Mrs. Darst	2	Speed Skating
Mrs. Phillips/Mrs. Anderson	3	Bobsleigh
Mrs. Ryken	3	Short Track
Mrs. Medeiros	4	Alpine
Mrs. Ponciano	4	Ski Jumping
Mrs. Bowen/Mrs. Nahal	5	Luge
Ms. Britz	5	Curling
Ms. Birse	5	Snowboard-Halfpipe
Mrs. Weir	6	Biathlon
Mrs. BE	6	Skeleton