



Patwin Elementary

March 15, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
3-15-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
3-17-10	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:30	Walkathon Kickoff Assembly
3-22-10	Monday	7:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Night/ K rooms
3-25-10	Thursday	8:20 - 3:30	Kindergarten Registration/ MPR
4-2-10	Friday	10:00 am	All City Band Performance/ MPR
4-5-10--- 4-9-10	Monday - Friday		Spring Break
4-14-10	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Patwin Open House
4-19-10	Monday		STAR Testing Begins
4-22-10	Thursday		1st Grade Sponsored Teacher Luncheon
4-24-10	Saturday		Walkathon
5-15-10	Saturday	9:00 - 4:00	Patwin Beautification Work Party

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You are Invited to the Walkathon Kick-Off Rally

We will hold a Kickoff Assembly on March 17, 2010 from 1:00-1:30PM in the MPR. The theme for this years Walkathon is "Walking on Sunshine" and it will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 2010 from 9am- 1 pm! This is an especially fun event for the entire Patwin community! The course is a short loop around the Patwin field. Participants will earn a Walkathon T-shirt for meeting participation goals, and can win class prizes and individual awards for the event. Sponsor Sheets along with more contest information will be distributed to students in their classrooms that afternoon, and instructions for the t-shirt design contest will be given at the assembly. Wear a previous Walkathon (or Patwin) T-Shirt that day to show your school spirit!

2010/11 PTA BOARD OPEN POSITIONS:

Let your voice be heard and help make decisions on how PTA money is spent.

PTA President
PTA Vice President
PTA Parliamentarian

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Terri Clarke at Tclarke190@aol.com.

Thank you, Thank you From the Patwin Library

By Wendy Chason, Patwin Librarian

I would like to thank the 105 Patwin families and teachers that gave so generously to our 2010 Reading Olympics/Reading Rally. Each day there are still little brown envelopes with pennies, dollars or checks in my mailbox. As of this writing, \$2400. was donated to the library. I had told my friends, teachers and family, that if we collected \$500. that would be wonderful, so I was quite overwhelmed by everyone's generosity in these difficult financial times.

As the students recorded and read for minutes, I had some great discussions with many of them about what and how much they were reading—we could see a big difference in our daily checkouts and hope the trend continues. As a school, the students read One Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight thousand minutes. Our top reading class for the 4-6 graders were students in Mrs. BE's sixth grade class who read 26,352 minutes; our top reading class for the 1-3 graders were students in Mrs. Hewell's first grade class who read 17,301 minutes. A big thanks to all the parents and teachers who really encouraged students to read and took the time to record minutes read.

I would also like to thank my staff Meera Klein and Kate Bowen for all the time they put in getting our Reading Olympics organized, counting minutes read, and totaling up the money collected.

We will now have money to buy the rest of our award winning titles, and update some non fiction areas.

Reading events that are coming up in the new few months:

Third/Fourth Grade Battle of the Books- Thursday, April 1st (we could use a few more parent judges if you are available)

Fifth/Sixth Grade Battle of the Books – Friday, May 7th (the students will be hearing about their titles this week in the library).

A Reminder from The Garden/Recycling Corner

A WASTE-FREE LUNCH includes :reusable food containers; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes. EARTH BUCKS are given out on MAKE-NO-WASTE MONDAYS.

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Michelle Flowers, Principal

“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and ... soon they become inevitable.”

-- Christopher Reeve

Dear Patwin Families,

I want to thank you all for your continued support! Your child's education is truly a partnership that we all take very seriously. Our goal continues to be that each child at Patwin feel nurtured and challenged. Our upcoming fiscal challenges will not alter our goal they will just change how we get to our destination. We will need to work collaboratively, creatively, and positively but rest assured that we will get there...it will be inevitable!

Here are important dates and details...

March 11th: Patwin Fundraiser at Lamppost Pizza.

March 12th: Kindergarten play at 9:00 a.m.

March 17th: Walk-a-thon kick off assembly 1:00 in the MPR.

March 19th: Sixth Grade Promotion pictures.

March 22nd: Kinder Info Night 7:00 p.m. in the kinder rooms (childcare is available at CDC. Contact them at 756-1369 for more info.)

March 22nd: Climate Committee Meeting and Site Council meeting

March 25th: Kinder Registration in the MPR 8:20-3:30.

March 30th: Ms. Finley/ Ms. Davis class presents “The Red Hen” at 6:30 p.m.

April 1st: Battle of the Books (3rd and 4th grades) 9:30 in the MPR.

April 2nd: All City Band performs at Patwin at 10:00 a.m.

April 5th-9th: Spring Break!

April 14th: Character Ed Assembly 1:00 (Showing Perseverance) (Earth Day.)

April 14th: Patwin Open House 7-8:00 p.m.

April 23rd: Second grade sleepover in the MPR.

April 24th: Walk-a-thon

April 26th-30th: STAR TESTING

April 28th: Strings Performance at Harper Jr. High 7:30 p.m.

May 1st: This is the time to meet with me to share any information that might be helpful in determining your child's placement for next year.

May 4th: Patwin Fundraiser at the Davis Grad.

May 15th: Patwin Beautification Work Party 9:00-4:00 (come for any part of it!!!)

STAR testing is an opportunity for our students to shine. Last year, our students did exactly that. With the average district improvement being 7 points, our 47 point increase was truly impressive. We ask that you try to avoid any absences during the week of April 26th and that all students are getting plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast. Please make sure that your student knows that this test deserves their very best effort. If you have any questions about the assessment, simply let me know.

Remember that our success is inevitable!

With Gratitude and Great Hope,
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