



Patwin Elementary

March 22, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
3-22-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
3-22-10	Monday	7:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Night/ K rooms
3-25-10	Thursday	8:20 - 3:30	Kindergarten Registration/ MPR
4-1-10	Thursday		3/4 Grade Battle of the Books
4-2-10	Friday	10:00 am	All City Band Performance/ MPR
4-5-10---	Monday -		Spring Break
4-9-10	Friday		
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

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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"Walking on Sunshine" Patwin Walkathon 2010

Patwin Parents:

Every student should have brought home a 4-page packet giving you many details about our biggest FUNdraiser of the year. This year our theme is "Walking on Sunshine".

1. Sponsor sheet: This sheet is used for you child to collect sponsors if he or she would like to do so. They need to collect the donations at the time of request. There is an envelope attached to the forms which can be used to collect donations.

2. Cheer signs: We are doing something new and different this year. Friends or family can purchase Cheer signs for \$20. The signs are 24 x 18 inch signs and the donor can write a special "cheer" message on it. These signs will be posted on the walkathon path at the time of the walkathon. We will have examples of these signs at pick up and drop off throughout the next month.

3. Prize Palace: This is a new contest we are doing to create some fun excitement and incentives for the students to ask for donations.

4. T-shirt design contest

The Walkathon is a not only a fundrasier but it is also a great Patwin community event. We are planning to have lots of music and entertainment along with some great food at the event. We hope that you will all plan on coming out to celebrate Patwin on April 24th!

Make it a Sunshiny day!

Patwin Day is Coming... We Need Your "STUFF"

For those of you who are using spring break to do some spring cleaning, please think about Patwin Day (June 2--Kindergarten and June 4) before you throw out some of those craft-type items. This year we are trying to keep Patwin Day as "lean and green" as possible and re-use and recycle as many items as possible. If you find any of the following items, please save: **felt scraps, tissue paper (bright colors are great), card stock or heavy paper (to make cards), beads, buttons, tattoos and stickers**, and any other craft-type item you might be done with. We make use of almost anything and we will come pick it up if necessary. Also, Jennifer and Ann are coordinating Patwin Day for the last time as our children will be moving on to Junior High next year. *If anyone is interested in taking on the job next year, please give one of us a call and we will include you in the planning this year to help you learn the ropes.* More information will be coming regarding Patwin Day soon. If you have questions or want to volunteer for some behind the scene preparation (great community service for sixth graders), please call Ann Shuman (758-4755) or Jennifer Bavetta (757-7323).

Garden/Recycle Corner

Spring is upon us in a big way, a good time to go and check out the garden boxes to see the wheat in several stages of maturity. Also some of the lettuce is going to seed. We will save that seed for next year's lettuce garden.

The lunchtime garden club has been busy planting flowers at the entrance to the office and behind the science classroom. When you stroll by, look toward the chain link fence where the peas are emerging. We've also been weeding the area in front of the peas with hopes to do some more planting.

Students have been redeeming their Earth Bucks for ice cream and some toys. I could use a parent helper to manage the treasure box as I just donated 4 boxes of "treasures". It would entail organizing and "pricing" the items. I can't imagine it taking more than an hour or so. I could use another parent to supervise the selling of the treasure box items as it tends to be too big of a job for just me. If you would like to step up to help out, please let me know asap.

With regard to the treasure box, we can use donations of items. Anything that your child no longer uses and you plan on donating anyway, consider supporting Patwin's recycle efforts by adding them to the treasure box.

Thanks and Happy Spring! Contact

Ms. Joannie alias Recycle Mama at jmsiegler@hotmail.com



Please Support the Davis Schools Foundation's Dollar-a-Day Campaign 2010

Our school district faces a \$5.6 million budget gap for next year. The Davis Schools Foundation has launched its annual Dollar-a-Day Campaign to offset cutbacks in educational services and staff that DJUSD plans for 2010-11 in our schools.

Closing the budget gap means eliminating 11.9 percent of the DJUSD staff, or the equivalent of 88 full-time jobs. Remaining staff will educate the same number of children – about 8,500.

Impacts of the reductions will be felt at every grade level and at every school in the district through bigger classes, fewer course offerings, reduced secondary counseling, and a slashing of campus safety and support services.

Financing for our public schools demands a long-term solution. The Davis Board of Education is investigating the feasibility of asking voters to approve a new or replacement parcel tax to preserve programs and services currently targeted for elimination. However, a new or replacement parcel tax cannot be voted upon or take effect to benefit our students next year.

To retain a thriving school district, which benefits us all, DSF encourages us to come together and provide financial support to DJUSD now as a bridge to more durable solutions to the school funding crisis.

Gifts to the campaign are fully tax-deductible. How to give:

Donate online at www.davisschoolsfoundation.org.

Drop off a check in the "Little Red Schoolhouse" donation box at any DJUSD school or at the Davis Farmers Market any Wednesday or Friday through May 1.

Mail a check, with a downloaded donation form, to Davis Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 1154, Davis CA 95617.

Time is short. Due to the district's budget timeline, donations must be received by May 1 to rescind the "pink slip" layoff notices that have been issued. Thank you!

For more information, visit www.davisschoolsfoundation.org or call Karen Adams, DSF communications chair, at 530-220-4733.



"Walking on Sunshine"



Saturday, April 24th, 2010
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Raise Money – Win Prizes at the Walkathon Prize Palace

To make the walkathon even more fun we thought we would open up, for the first time ever a **PRIZE PALACE** at the Walkathon. Depending on how much walkathon sponsorship money you raise you will earn tickets to spend in the prize palace. You will be able to choose your prizes on the day of the walkathon by visiting the **Prize Palace** booth. If you are unable to come to the prize palace on the day of the walkathon we will have days available to select your special prizes after the event.

There are some great prizes! Some examples of the prizes you can choose from are **Bakugan, Lego sets, Polly Pockets, YoloBerry yogurt and Baskin Robbins gift cards, hula hoops, novelty erasers, and lots of games.** We also have **Game Stop and itunes gift cards!** Every Friday during lunch we will have a table set up on the quad so you can view the prizes that you could earn.

\$40 raised = 5 tickets
\$50 raised = 10 tickets
\$75 raised = 15 tickets
\$100 raised = 20 tickets
\$125 raised = 25 tickets
\$150 raised = 30 tickets
\$175 raised = 35 tickets
\$200+ raised = 40 tickets

Good Luck!

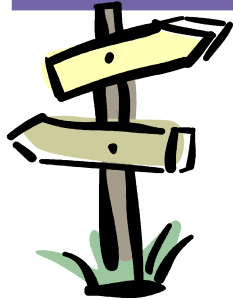


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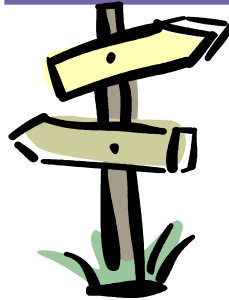


Want to cheer along your favorite Patwin Walker during the Walkathon?
 Then purchase a made-to-order "Cheer Sign" for \$25.00. All signs are 24" x 18" and will be placed
 along the walkathon route during the event on April 24th. Here are some suggested sayings:

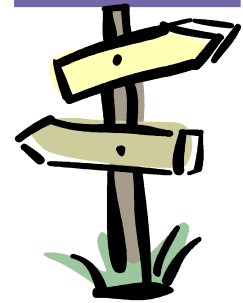
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TO GO
EMILY!!!



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GREAT
JASON!!



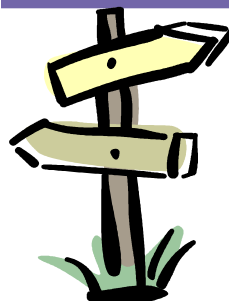
GO
MRS.
HEWELL'S
CLASS!!!



Keep
Walking
Lauren!!



Grandma
says
Great Job
Chase &
Cameron!!!



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CLARE!!

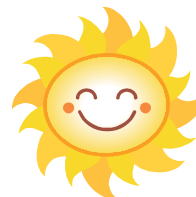


Cheer Sign Purchaser's Name and Phone Number	Message to appear on Sign (40 letters or less)

PLEASE NOTE: The \$25.00 donated for the Cheer Sign **does not** go towards the individual walker's registration costs. The \$25.00 will count towards overall \$\$ earned and counted towards individual walkathon prizes.



WALKATHON 2010 SPONSOR SHEET



Saturday, April 24th 2010
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____ GRADE _____ ROOM # _____

Parents and Patwin Supporters: All monies, along with this sponsor sheet, will be due by April 14, 2010 (this means that the money should be collected at the time the donation is made). ****Please return form with all money collected in the attached envelope to your teacher or to the office by April 14th, 2010.**** Late forms are not guaranteed a shirt at the event.

T-Shirt: Participants must raise a minimum of \$25 in order to earn a t-shirt.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PATWIN STUDENTS! Money raised will help pay for the many programs and activities sponsored by the PTA, with a special focus on technology this year.

Sponsor's Name and phone number	Amount Donated
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
(attach extra sheet if needed) Total \$ Amount Collected:	

- Suggested minimum pledge is \$5.00—checks are preferred.
- PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PATWIN PTA
- PLEASE PAY STUDENT AT TIME DONATION IS REQUESTED
- Donation is tax-deductible: taxpayer ID# 68-0277123

PERMISSION SLIP

For child to participate, a Parent or Guardian must sign this Sponsor Sheet
My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the Patwin Walkathon on **SATURDAY, April 24th, 2010** at Patwin Elementary School.

X _____
Parent Signature Phone number e-mail

_____ My child cannot participate in this year's event due to previous commitment, but we would like to sponsor Mrs. Flowers for this amount: ___\$10 ___\$25 (get a shirt!) ___ other

T-Shirt Size (Must be completed before returning Sponsor Sheet):

Child: S M L ADULT: S M L XL XXL

****Please fill out a separate sponsor sheet for each parent or non-Patwin sibling who is walking and would like a t-shirt. Each participant who raises at least \$25 will receive a shirt.****



WALKATHON 2010 SPONSOR SHEET



Saturday, April 24th 2010
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Attention All Patwinners: 2010 Walkathon T-Shirt Design Contest!

Patwin needs a really cool t-shirt for the Patwin walkathon to be held this spring, on April 24th, 2010.

So, we're holding a t-shirt design contest and we're hoping for entries from every one of you. If selected, your design will be worn by all participants in this year's walkathon. The theme for this year is "Walking on Sunshine".

All entries must be on an 8 1/2 X 11" (standard size) white paper, with your design in black ink.

You must submit your entry to your teacher by Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Please put your name, room number and teacher's name on the back of your paper,

We can hardly wait to see your designs! Thank you for your participation.

The PTA Walkathon Committee