



Patwin Elementary

March 29, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
3-29-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
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--- 4-9-10	Monday - Friday		Spring Break
4-14-10	Wednesday		Walkathon Forms and Donations Due
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

There will not be a newsletter published for the weeks of April 5th and April 12th due to Spring Break. The newsletter will return with the April 19th edition.

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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Patwin Running Club Is Back!

Come get your legs in shape for the upcoming Patwin Walkathon! Patwin Running Club is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. Bring a water bottle and your happy feet. Meet us at the field to rack up miles towards a marathon and a cool tee-shirt!

Spend an Afternoon Singing and Performing with the DHS Madrigals

The DHS Madrigal Choir, an award winning chorus at Davis High School, will be presenting their annual Choral Workshop (for students in K-9) on Sunday, April 18 from 12:30-5PM. This year's lively theme is "Broadway Favorites," and each grade level group will work with a team of Madrigals to learn an age appropriate selection and a finale ("Climb Every Mountain") to perform in a concert with the Madrigals at 4:30P in the Richard Brunelle Concert Hall at Davis High School. Many current Madrigals participated in this workshop themselves when they were younger! Registration will begin at 12:30P, and snacks will be provided. Applications can be found in the school office, or call Mindy Manville at 753-2042. Student applications postmarked by April 9 will receive a Madrigal Workshop t-shirt. Registration cost for an afternoon of singing and fun is just \$20, and a limited number of scholarships are available. Please contact Mindy Manville at 753-2042 or minmanmusic@comcast.net

What's Going on at The Library

By Wendy Chason, Librarian

I would like to thank the parent volunteers who helped to make our second book fair so successful, and of course to our amazing co-chairs, Lisa Carlock and Terri Clarke. The students were really excited about the huge selection of great books.

The third and fourth graders are down to the countdown for their Battle of the Books which will be held in the MPR on Thursday, April 1st from 9:30-10:30—families are welcome to come and watch their students compete.

As the third/fourth grade Battle comes to an end, the fifth and sixth grades are just beginning checkouts for their Battle which will be held on Thursday, May 7th from 1:00-2:45—we will be looking for adult judges if any of you are available and would like to help out.

The Battle titles for these students are:

Blood on the River, by Carbone

A Crooked Kind of Perfect, by Urban

First Test, by Pierce

Found, by Haddix

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, by Gantos

The Lightning Thief, by Riordan

Shiloh, by Naylor

Three Cups of Tea (Young Readers Edition), by Mortensen



Students in grades K-3 have been listening to the California Young Reader Medal nominated books for this year. This is a state wide reading program for students. The books are nominated by students, voted on by students—a student even gives the award to the author at the state library conference each year. I am the Chairperson of this committee for next year, so I'll be selecting one of our students (grades 4-6), if interested, to come and present at the Conference in November.

Our students are voting on their favorite title at, choosing their favorite (in secret balloting), and are anxiously awaiting which book will win at Patwin, and then later throughout the state.

6th Grade Science Fair Projects are due on Friday, April 2.

If a student needs an extension until after the Spring Break, the student will need to submit a written, signed request from a parent.

Patwin Walkathon Notes

Saturday, April 24th from 9am-1pm.

This year's theme is "Walking on Sunshine". We hope you all can join us for the biggest Patwin event of the year. Hopefully all of you have seen the walkathon packet that was sent home with your student last week. We will have a full outline of Walkathon events, food options, and entertainment schedule in the next issue of the newsletter.

Walkathon Forms Due date:

In order to be guaranteed a t-shirt for the event we ask that you turn your Walkathon sponsor forms along with the money collected NO LATER than Wednesday, April 14th. All students who turn their forms in on time will be guaranteed a t-shirt AND receive a coupon for a FREE meal at Habit Burger.

Cheer signs:

This is something new we are doing this year. You can purchase a "cheer" sign for \$20.00 and write a special message to your "Patwin walker". The sign, which is similar to a campaign sign, will be posted around the grass field on the day of the walkathon. You can choose to make your sign (we will supply you with the materials) or we can make it for you.

Prize Palace:

In an effort to incentivize the students to get out and ask their friends and relatives to donate to our school we have a fun way to earn prizes while raising money for Patwin. For example, if your child obtains \$50 in donations they will receive 10 tickets that they can "spend" at the prize palace. At the walkathon there will be an area designated for the prize palace. Prizes include: erasers, pencils, games and gift cards. ***If your child is UNABLE to come to the walkathon on April 24th they CAN still participate. We will have the prize palace set up at lunch and after school at designated times after the walkathon.

T-Shirt Design contest:

All entries are due on Wednesday, March 31st.

Volunteers:

If you are interested in helping out on the day of the walkathon there will be a volunteer sign up sheet posted soon. Or you can email Krista Wilcox at: wilcox.krista@gmail.com.

Thank you,
The Walkathon Committee

DAVIS JUNIOR BLUE DEVILS

The Davis Junior Blue Devils, a tackle football program for youth ages 6-14, are now accepting registration for the Fall season!

Hurry - - - time is running out to take advantage of the
Junior Blue Devil Special!

Mail in your Registration before April 10th or hand deliver your registration on April 13th from 6-9 PM at THE GRADUATE (805 Russell Blvd.) and save \$75 off of the regular registration fees.

For more information and registration forms, please visit our website at www.juniorbluedevils.com

Garden/Recycle Corner

The wheat is setting seed, stop by for a look. Also, the mustard is going to seed, not the lettuce as I mistakenly reported last week (I looked from afar, oops). Pea plants are getting taller, winter vegetables are almost ready to harvest and the flowers look lovely. With the rains ending, the garden club will be spending some of our time making sure that the plants are watered. If anyone is interested in bridging the gap between Tuesday garden clubs and is willing to do some watering on Fridays or Saturdays, let me know.

Soon it will be time to start summer vegetables (ready for harvest the end of August - think of all of the wonderful harvest/cooking project possibilities). If you want your child to participate in a garden project, let your child's teacher know. I offer projects to all of the teachers, but they need to accept my offer in order for us to proceed.

Remember those Waste-Free Lunches. Every time we pre-cycle (don't even use something that is new) we do the Earth a good turn. Work with your child to establish good habits when they are young and it will become second nature to them. Parents, you can use lunch making time as an opportunity for your child to encourage you to change your habits to more Earth-friendly ones, too.

As always, any questions, suggestions, offers of help, contact Joannie, RISE/Garden jmsiegler@hotmail.com



"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!

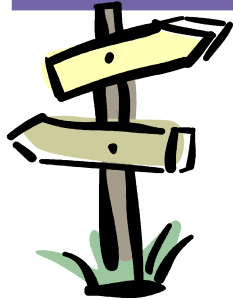


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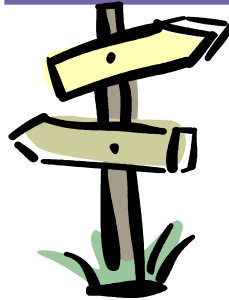


Want to cheer along your favorite Patwin Walker during the Walkathon?
 Then purchase a made-to-order "Cheer Sign" for \$20.00. All signs are 24" x 18" and will be placed
 along the walkathon route during the event on April 24th. Here are some suggested sayings:

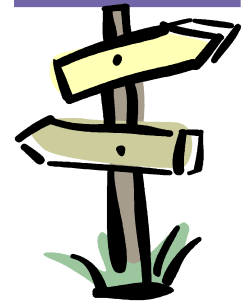
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EMILY!!!



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GREAT
JASON!!



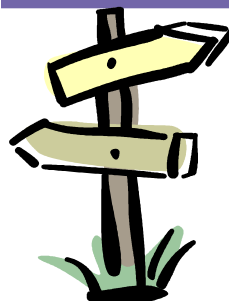
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MRS.
HEWELL'S
CLASS!!!



Keep
Walking
Lauren!!



Grandma
says
Great Job
Chase &
Cameron!!!



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CLARE!!

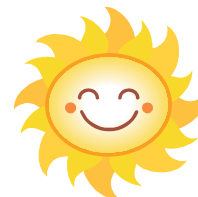


Cheer Sign Purchaser's Name and Phone Number	Message to appear on Sign (40 letters or less)

PLEASE NOTE: The \$20.00 donated for the Cheer Sign **does not** go towards the individual walker's registration costs. The \$20.00 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