



Patwin Elementary

April 19, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

| DATE | DAY | TIME | EVENT |
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| 4-19-10 | Monday | | Make-No-Waste Monday |
| 4-19-10 | Monday | | STAR Testing Begins |
| 4-22-10 | Thursday | | 1st Grade Sponsored Teacher Luncheon |
| 4-24-10 | Saturday | | Walkathon |
| 5-7-10 | Thursday | 1:00 - 2:45 | 5/6th Battle of the Books |
| 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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The Walkathon is Almost Here!

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. Thank you to those of you who have gotten your donations in. For those of you who haven't had time..it is NOT TOO LATE!! You can still send your form in or register AT the walkathon. We would love to see all Patwinners there! We have lots of new things happening at the Walkathon this year and some favorites will be back. Here are some details you may want to know:

Volunteers:

This event could not happen without our fabulous Patwin parents. If you are interested in helping out on the day of the walkathon there is a sign up sheet in the communication area just outside the MPR. Or you can email Krista Wilcox at: wilcox.krista@gmail.com.

Cake Walk:

Because of the great success of the Cake Walk last year we are bringing it back. The Cake Walk will begin at 10am and go until we run out of cakes. We will be asking people to donate cakes to the cake walk again this year. And, just like last year, there will be fun categories for judging the cakes. More information is attached to this newsletter.

Food:

We will be offering some great food at the walkathon this year. Hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, nachos, and other snack items and drinks will be available for purchase. You can count on feeding your family at a great price. We will have picnic tables set up for you to enjoy your lunch with your family and Patwin friends.

Sunshine Auction: NEW

The Walkathon Committee had many Davis businesses donate items to be used for an auction. We don't usually host a "auction" at the Walkathon but we thought it would be fun for all Patwinners to get a chance to purchase some great items while donating to Patwin. Exact details and a complete list of the donated items will be sent out next week.

Entertainment:

We have lots of great entertainment coming to the walkathon. Music Matt will be master of ceremonies and will be playing fun music throughout the event. The Cal Aggie band -uh will start us off at 9:00am. The Davis High School Madrigals will perform as well as the demo team from Bacciarini Martial Arts Studio. We are also having an area set aside for jump roping and hula hoops...this is NOT just for the students...parents are welcome. AND what would a walkathon be without the walking! We will be doing the same course as last year which is a loop around the soccer fields...just under 1/2 mile.

Cheer signs: NEW

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: NEW

In an effort to incentivize the students to get out and ask their friends and relatives to donate to our school we set up 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 Mrs. Ryken's classroom will host 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 on April 26th after the walkathon.

We can't wait to see you next week! Get those walking shoes ready!
The Walkathon Committee

Did You Order Your Yearbook?

Don't let your memories fade away,
order your yearbook today!!!!

Last day to buy your yearbook is April 30th

Yearbook cost \$20

Order forms are found inside the school office

Soccer Clinic

The Davis AYSO U19 Select Girls Soccer Players will be providing a fun youth soccer clinic on April 24th at Nugget Fields in Davis. Any player ages 5 to 12 who registered for last fall or this spring AYSO season is eligible to participate. The cost is \$20 per 3 hour sessions. 1st session 9 am-noon, second session at 1pm -4pm. Clinic fees will be used to help send the team to the Florida National games in July! Please email clinic@davisayso.net or download more information at: www.davisayso.org/downloads/fundraiser/2010-04-24-fundraiser-soccer-clinic.pdf.

Garden/Recycle Corner

The wood chips arrived! Thanks to Evergreen Arborist, we now have an abundance of wood chips available to use for garden paths. During Tuesday's garden club, students worked hard loading wood chips into wheelbarrows and dumping them on the paths around the garden boxes. So, if you haven't already seen the improvement in that area during Open House, stop by for a look. Also, you can stop by for a taste test of the lettuces. There are five different types planted and they will start going to seed soon. The classes are finished with projects and so, please help yourself to some taste testing.

We also were blessed with the help of three UCD students from the Nutrition Club during our garden club time. They helped with weeding and wood chips.

I encourage any parents who wait around the gardens for their children, to put their time to good use. There is still much grass to pull. I will check into providing garden gloves and will leave instructions as to where to put the weeds once pulled.

We will continue using the wood chips to improve the paths in the gardens. If your child hasn't already helped in this venture, you may want to encourage them. The students had great fun last time and had a real feeling of accomplishment when they could see the results of their labors.

Recycling: We've kind of hit a plateau on the numbers of waste-free lunches brought on Mondays. Thanks to those of you who have been engaged in this project. If your child brings lunch from home and you need some ideas on how to pack a waste-free lunch, check out the following websites. <http://www.wastefreelunches.org/>, <http://www.epa.gov/osw/education/lunch.htm>, and <http://www.reusablebags.com/facts.php?id=22>. There are many more sites, this is just a start. It may sound a bit daunting at first, but once you change your habits, you'll find that it actually is easier and less costly to pack waste free. In addition, you can use lunch prep time as a special time for you and your child to work together. It can be a teaching moment or merely something you do together or both.

Smiles to all, happy April. Those April showers are bringing lots of flowers for us to enjoy. Get out at smell the roses!

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WALK FOR A CAKE!

Back by popular demand...THE CAKE WALK!!

Starts at 10am on Saturday, April 24th, 2010 at the Walkathon. It will go until the cakes run out.. around 12pm.

What is the Cake Walk?

A fun way to support your teachers' classroom funds. 100% of the money raised from the ticket sales will go straight to the teachers – just like the old cupcake sales!

How will it work?

When you need a break from walking your laps, look for the signs to the **Cake Walk:**

- Purchase your Cake Walk tickets at the Cake Walk table
 - **\$1 per ticket**
- Get in line and get ready for the fun!
- You'll see 20 numbered chairs arranged together – 20 people walk at a time!
- When the music starts, everybody walks. When the music stops, find a chair.
- Cake Walk leaders will pick a number out of a hat - if they call the number on your chair, you win a cake!
- You will receive a "cake claim ticket" to pick up your winning cake from a nearby classroom.
- You can walk as many times as you buy a ticket! But, you will need to get back in line after you've used a ticket, to redeem another one. We want to make sure everyone gets the chance to "cake walk"!

Bake a Cake for the Cake Walk!

We will need LOTS of cakes for this fun event! The more cakes we have, the greater the chance for you to win one! Our goal is to get 5 cakes per class!

Feel free to bring any cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies...just about any sweet treat will do. We will be having a fun **CONTEST** with the following categories:

- "The Purplest" cake – with the most Patwin school spirit!
- Most beautiful/elegant
- Most creative
- Craziest cake
- Most colorful
- Most interesting shaped cake
- Best "Walking on Sunshine" cake
- Most disgusting looking



Cakes can be delivered to school (**in the MPR**) at the following times:

1. Friday, April 23rd, from 8am - 8:45am (drop-off)
2. Friday, April 23rd, from 2:15pm – 3:30pm (pick-up)
3. Saturday, April 24th , before 9am (at the Cake Walk area)

** Please make sure your cakes are wrapped/sealed for overnight storage (we want to avoid ants!)

If you have questions or would like to help with the Cake Walk, please contact Amy Irvine at 758-5010, or amy.irvine@comcast.net. See you at the Walkathon!!