



# Patwin Elementary

April 26, 2010 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
4-26-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
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
5-31-10	Monday		School Holiday
6-4-10	Friday		Patwin Day
6-10-10	Thursday		Last Day of School Dismissal at 12:00

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](mailto:patwineditor@gmail.com). Please include a contact name and phone number.

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## Garden/Recycle Corner

FAMILIES are needed to sign up for SUMMER WATERING of the VEGETABLE GARDENS we plant this spring. It is our hope to plant some veggies this spring to harvest when school resumes. The produce will be used for classroom cooking projects.

Here's the hitch. We cannot do the planting this spring unless we get at least two families per week to sign up for watering and weeding over the summer.

If you are interested, let me know, so we can go ahead with the gardens. If you don't already have your own garden, this will be a wonderful way to feel a part of the process of growing your own food. If you already have a garden and just want to help out to make sure that this project happens, please sign up. It can be a family venture. It's amazing to see the interest that students take in the plants and food that they had a part in growing.

Once I receive a listing of waterers, I'll be contacting you with a calendar to fill in your names. Thanks, Joannie, [jmsiegler@hotmail.com](mailto:jmsiegler@hotmail.com)



## Flutist's Fiesta

The Davis Youth Flute Choir under the direction of Maquette Kuper and Sacramento's Camellia City Flute Choir under the direction of Martin Malicherak will perform a benefit concert on Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Davis Art Center at 1919 F Street. The choirs will create a program, Flutist's Fiesta, which will include a concert, dessert and raffle, to benefit the music program at Harper Jr. High. The Davis Youth Flute Choir will also use some of the proceeds to fund their trip to the National Flute Convention in August. Featured works on the concert are Seven Southern Sketches by Sunny Burnette, which will be performed by the Davis Youth Flute Choir, Balcony Suite by Kathleen Mayne, which will be performed by the Camellia City Choir, and How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place, a work by Brahms arranged by Martha Rearick, which will be performed by the combined choirs. The choirs produce a uniquely remarkable sound, performing on piccolo, flute, alto flute, bass flute and contrabass flute.

Both the Davis Youth Flute Choir and the Camellia City Flute Choir were awarded the honor to perform at the 37th annual National Flute Association convention in August. The convention attracts flutists from all over the world and features performances by some of the most internationally recognized flutists today. Flute choirs will be coming from as far away as Hong Kong and Japan as well as Arizona, Texas and various points in California.

The Davis Youth Flute Choir is in its 28th year under the direction of Maquette Kuper. In June 2008 it represented the city of Davis in a tour of Japan and in the first cultural exchange with its sister city, Inuyama. It specializes in both classical and jazz music. It began as an ensemble of flute players and, about 16 years ago, grew into two full choirs. There is a junior high choir and a senior high choir. The younger choir is for students approximately 12-14 years old, and the senior high group is for students about 15-21.

The Camellia City Flute Choir was established in 1999 under the direction of Dr. Melicharek. The ensemble began with seven performers, five playing C flutes, with one alto and bass flute. A second alto and bass flute were added over the next several years. In 2003 the group acquired a contrabass flute. Last year a second contrabass flute was added. There are now 16 members performing on five different types of flutes. Members of the flute choir come from all walks of life. Half of the group members are professional flute or music teachers. The rest are in fields such as science, business and education. Many continue to study the flute with private teachers and in master classes, and are performing members of community and professional orchestras, bands and chamber groups.

For further information call the Davis Art Center at (530) 756-4100. Advance purchase tickets are \$8.00 General and \$5.00 Student at the Davis Art Center. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00 General and \$8.00 Student.