



Patwin Elementary

September 8, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-07-09	Monday		School Holiday/Labor Day
9-09-09	Wednesday	6:15 - 8:00 pm	First PTA Meeting
9-16-09	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:50	MAGIC Parenting Video
9-25/09	Friday		Picture Day (retakes will be 11/5)

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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 Bike Rodeo

October 21, 1:45

We have 3 bike mechanics signed up. But we need more volunteers to man the other stations.

"VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

No experience is necessary to work the trivia table, check-in, assist the Davis Police in running skills courses. People who can check helmet fit, or with knowledge and tools for simple bike safety checks are also needed. It's a lot of fun and the students gain valuable bicycling skills and knowledge. If you can volunteer, please e-mail chrystal2waters@yahoo.com, and list what you would like to do."

1 - 2 - 3 MAGIC Parenting Video

Presented Wednesday, Sept. 16th , 6:30 to 7:50 p.m.

In The Library @ Patwin by Barbara Sells,
District Psychologist

Practical, Easy-to-learn parenting techniques for
children aged 2 -12.

This session addresses "stopping negative behaviors."

Adults only please. RSVP not necessary.

Flu Is Here

Dear Parents/Staff,
The school district is working closely with Yolo County Department of Public Health to coordinate monitoring and response to the flu outbreak. Please follow precautions to keep sick children and adults away from school until no fever for 24 hours. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water – that's the best way to avoid getting sick. Use hand sanitizer when hand-washing is impractical. And reinforce these routines with your children. If you have any questions or concerns the best resource for flu information is the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/flu. Contact the school nurse if you have specific questions or concerns about your student.

Lisa Musser, RN
School Nurse
DJUSD Health Services
530-219-8344

TALK Program at Patwin

A handful of folks have asked me about the TALK program -- not realizing the program will actually be offered at Patwin this year. Yes, it is an on-site program at Patwin in the MPR. TALK (Teach Another Language to Kids) has been offered at other schools in the District and at the Davis Art Center on a regular basis -- but is coming back to Patwin starting this fall. There is a continuous enrollment policy -- so it's never too late to join!

Spanish will be offered to K-3 students from 2:40-3:10 four days per week: no class on Wednesday. To find out more about the program, feel free to check out the DAC website at http://www.davisartcenter.org/catalogs/DAC%20Fall%202009_Final.pdf

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Music Program Parent Nights

DJUSD will offer intermediate grade students the following music classes for 2009–2010:

- Beginning string lessons for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.
- Beginning band lessons for 5th and 6th graders.
- Continuing lessons for some intermediate students who have already had 1 year of private or school lessons.

The music teachers will meet with the students during the first few days of school. They will demonstrate different instruments, give information about the program, explain how to enroll, and give your child information to take home. To enroll your child in a beginning class, you and your child must first go to one of these meetings:

Band (meets at Emerson Jr. High)

2121 Calaveras Ave

Sept. 8 @ 7:30 p.m. (Spanish language translator available)

Sept. 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Strings (Meets at Patwin Elementary School)

2222 Shasta Drive

Sept. 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 @ 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 @ 7:30 p.m. (Spanish language translator available)

Please contact a music teacher if you have questions at this time:

Band: Ken Bower kbower@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757–5300, ext. 274

Fred Lange flange@djUSD.k12.ca.us 753–5343

Clyde Quick cquick@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757–5430

Jeff DuPertuis jdupertis@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757–5445

Band & Strings: Sherie Wall swall@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757–5300, ext. 272

Strings: Kim Cole kicole@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757–5300, ext. 271

Garden/Recycle Corner

The initial assessment of the garden spaces at Patwin is almost complete and now comes the fun part! The teachers are showing a great deal of interest in incorporating gardens into their curriculum. Hopefully some parents will come forward to help out in their children's classrooms. If you are interested, please let your teacher know. Smiles.....

Some of the initial ideas are to create a "sensory" garden, have the 6th graders grow their own papyrus, divide up the iris bulbs in the garden area near the 2nd grade classrooms and either replant the overflow elsewhere or sell them. If you have any other ideas, please let me know.

Lunch time recycling is off to a good start. The first graders learned the ins and outs of waste diversion at lunchtime during a special training session just for them. Reminder: If you are sending lunch with your child, it makes it easier for them if you package it in reusable/recyclable containers and it has the benefit of helping out the earth.

As always, if you have any ideas, contact Joannie Siegler at jmsiegler@hotmail.com.

After School Recreation Program

ACCESS (After-school Rec Program) is now being offered at the Patwin MPR on all school days until 6pm.

The program includes homework help, snacks, outdoor recreation, enrichment offerings (language arts and math) small groups and fitness opportunities. Fees are based on the days attending. December and Spring Break programs will be offered.

See our website www.daviskidsklub.com or call us. 530-220-4731 Come join the fun!