



Patwin Elementary

May 10, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
5-10-10	Monday		Make-No-Waste Monday
5-15-10	Saturday	9:00 - 4:00	Patwin Beautification Work Party
5-18-10	Tuesday		Kindergarten Sponsored Teacher Luncheon
5-20,21-10	Thurs/Friday	2:35 pm	BOGO Book Fair
5-31-10	Monday		School Holiday
6-2-10	Wednesday		Kindergarten Patwin Day
6-4-10	Friday		Patwin Day
6-9-10	Wednesday		6th Grade Grad Night
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. Please include a contact name and phone number.

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CAKE WALK PLATES

There are a few Cake Walk bakers who accidentally sent cakes on "nice plates," and would love to get those plates back.

If you think you have one of these plates, please return it to the Patwin Office! Specifically, we are looking for the winner of the "turtle cake".... Thanks so much!

Patwin Running Club... Final Hurrah!

Come on out for our last three weeks of Running Club! We've looked over the boards, and there are a number of runners who are very close to their marathons and half-marathons - don't miss your chance to get a water bottle or tee-shirt and celebrate your achievement. Running Club will be held, unless there is rain, on May 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27.

The last two days of Running Club will be special! On Tuesday the 25th, we'll take our club photo, and on both Tuesday and Thursday the 27th, Running Club will give out double dots for laps, treats to beat the heat, sign a giant thank you card to Fleet Feet for sponsoring us, and hand out ribbons to all our marathoners and half-marathoners! Don't miss our last weeks of fun before school ends!

Thanks,
Running Club co-coordinators,
Barbara Fineberg and Camille Kirk

Walkathon Class Winners:

Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Phillips 3rd grade class for winning the class that had the MOST participation AND most money earned for the Walkathon. Their class raised \$1687 with 90% of the class participating. They will be treated to a pizza party followed up with some ice cream. Great Job!!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Hewell's 1st grade class for winning (a tie) the most participation for the walkathon. They also had 90% participation. They will be treated to an ice cream party!

Because they did an exceptional job with both participation and donations, honorable mention goes to Mrs. Medeiros 4th grade class. They raised \$1316.. They will be treated to donuts.

Lastly, a big congratulations goes to Daniel Lee from Mrs. Britz 5th grade class. Daniel walked 42 laps! Check out the Walkathon plaque in the office and you will see Daniel's name.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Walkathon and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

The Walkathon Committee

Bike Loopalooza

Celebrate spring and May is Bike Month on the Bike Loopalooza! Join other families in riding the Davis Bike Loop on May 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stations along the loop will have information on how to use the city's great bike paths and lanes and lanes to safety bike to school. Each station will also have an activity or goodie geared to elementary school students. Activities include helmet checks, bike checks, skills course, tattoos (soluble, of course!), face-painting, water balloon toss, and birdwatching and tree identification at the southern end of the loop. Elementary students will receive passports at the first station. Three stamps on the passport earns the student a small prize at the third station. Completion of the entire 12-mile earns anyone a bike loop completion certificate. Join the loop at any point.

The Bike Loopalooza is sponsored by Davis Bicycles! and the City of Davis. A suggested donation of \$1.00 to \$5.00 per participant is requested to help defray the cost of printing and insurance. We still need volunteers, especially "runners" to bike between stations carrying materials for stations that have run out. High school students with signed permission of the parent are welcome to be runners. Volunteers should also be available to attend a pre-event meeting on May 14 at 7:30 PM. Please e-mail Christal Waters at chrystal2waters@yahoo.com if you or your student would like to volunteer.

"Patwin Day" Needs Your Help!

Sign ups for Patwin Day (Friday June 4) are on the bulletin board outside the MPR. Please consider spending a couple of hours having fun with your kids.

Also, there will be a "work" party after school on Wednesday May 19 at 1:30--right after school.. Great opportunity for sixth graders to get some community service time!

There will be a box in the office for donations such as small, clean jars, toilet paper rolls, and rolled newspapers. Start rolling now so we will have enough to create some big structures on the quad. This is always a favorite station at Patwin Day.

Feel free to call Ann Shuman with any questions or offers to help. Thank you.

Please welcome and thank the following people for stepping up and offering to lead Patwin's PTA next year. The following people were voted in for next year:

Jennifer Chapman - Co-President
Leslie Blevins - Co-President
Geri Brown - Co-Vice President
Teresa Clarke - Co-Vice President
Cathy Tanner-Miller - Treasurer
Hillary Alejo - Secretary
Helen Sutton - Parliamentarian

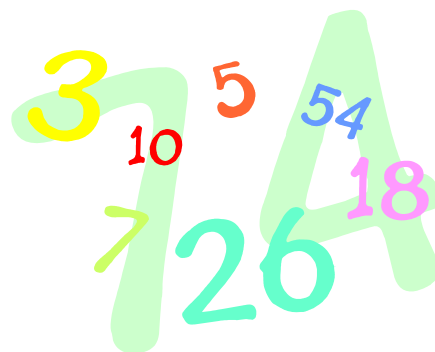
We have a great team and they need your support to help transform Patwin into a community that fosters learning in a fun, comfortable and safe environment.

Math Carnival

Come One / Come All to
Patwin's Math Carnival
May 12th, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

There will be a variety of Math Games to learn and play. Children volunteers will teach parents how to play various math games with their children to enhance math skills in a fun way. Come learn new and old games to keep your child learning math throughout the summer.

Pizza, Water and a Cookie will be provided at no cost to all Patwin families who attend.



Gardening/Recycle Corner

The lunchtime Garden Club has been working hard shoveling wood chips into the wheel barrows and delivering them to the garden paths. Good job garden helpers! Once again, thanks to Evergreen Arborists for the donation of the wood chips. There are still more to use. Any parents that may want to help out, let me know.

Peas are up and close to being harvest ready. Lettuce is starting to go to seed. Anyone who would like to harvest some while it is still edible, help yourself. We will be pulling it out soon to replace with summer veggies.

Some of the wheat is ready to turn into bread and Sue Darst's second grade class will be harvesting some of it, grinding it into flour and making bread this coming week. Then the third grade classes will follow suit.

I'm still looking for volunteers to sign up for summer watering so that we can plant veggies to harvest in the fall. Let me know if you are willing to take on a week or two this summer.

Regarding recycling, don't forget to send your kids with as waste-free a lunch as possible, EVERY day. They earn Earth Bucks on Mondays. To be redeemed for prizes later on.

As always, any questions, comments or offers of help, contact Joannie at jmsiegler@hotmail.com

News From the Patwin Library

By Wendy Chason, Patwin Librarian

As the school year begins to wind its way into May and June, many library programs are moving along to completion.

Just for families to know, in order to inventory our entire collection, the library will close to students on MAY 23RD. All student books and materials are due on MAY 14TH. If your family has been receiving overdue book notices, it's good to start looking around now, or pay for the lost materials. Report Cards are held until student clear their debts; student schedules are held at the junior highs for incoming 7th graders if books are not cleared here at Patwin.

Kindergartners through third graders had a good time these last few months listening to, then voting on their favorite California Young Reader Medal titles. The book *Millie Waits For the Mail* by Alexander Steffesmeier won here at Patwin and all around California (check the CYRM website for more details).

Third graders have been learning how to search the Library computers for books, and how to find them on the shelves. They have chosen a topic to highlight, will select books, and will eventually put together a visual display of their results to share with their classmates.

The Third/Fourth Grade Battle of the Books was a great success; our winning teams just celebrated with their pizza party in the library. Our winning teams were:

Corey Jaquinod, Fiala Janata, Nathan Kong, Phoebe Levine
Luke Maffly, Jack Premzic, Dylan Starsinic, Zachary Thornburgh
Riley Holden, Ewan McNeil, Ryan McNeil, Hillel Rosenheim
Tyler Brown, Ryan Everitt, Emily O'Flaherty, Maddie Price

Fifth Graders have been busy painting their titles from the picture they created for their Newbery Project. Later this year, the tiles will be mounted on the outside Library walls, as a lasting memory of these students and their artwork. The project was funded by a grant from the Davis School Arts Foundation.

Sixth graders are finishing their country research for the Internet Cruise Project—it's always interesting to discover what country the students choose, and the places of interest they select as they work through this project.

Pennies for Peace Project

If you have a fifth or sixth grader at Patwin, you may know that the junior edition of *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson, was one of our Battle Books. We have read the picture book version of this book, *Listen to the Wind* to the younger students and are encouraging our students to contribute to the Pennies For Peace Program if they would like to do that.

Students can choose to bring in pennies to their classroom or the library and I will send the money in at the end of our collection time: May 7th- May 23rd. This money helps to fund school children's needs in Pakistan and Afghanistan. You can find out more information, look at videos and book selections at their website: penniesforpeace.org.

As our own school district is struggling with budget reductions and other problems, I've had some interesting comments from the students about how lucky we are to have our wonderful school, supplies and our library, in contrast to many children around the world who have so little.

A Lifetime Experience

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For 4 years, our kids triathlon has become an **EXCITING, ENCOURAGING** and **FUN** event for kids 4–15 years of age. Our PEKT doesn't focus on ability level but more on

the actual experience and "completion."
We know Fitness can be Fun if it is designed that way.

Isn't it time your kids take a FUN PLUNGE?

Event Features:

- T-shirt & Finisher's Medal for all kids
- New Parent/Child division for ages 4–10
- Spectator-friendly courses
- Post-race festivities include jumpy houses, face painting, crafts and sno cones



Positive Energy Kids Triathlon



Arroyo Park

Sunday

MAY 23

Davis, Ca

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www.changeofpace.com

Proceeds to benefit the A Change of Pace Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Our mission is to "encourage, educate and motivate kids to inspire life-long habits towards a healthy lifestyle."

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