



Patwin Elementary

September 14, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-14-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
9-16-09	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:50	MAGIC Parenting Video
9-18-09	Friday		Yearbook & Directory Forms Due
9-25/09	Friday		Picture Day (retakes will be 11/5)

Next school year, we will need a new newsletter editor as well as a new webmaster. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact us at patwineditor@gmail.com. The newsletter takes about 3 hours a week, and maintaining the web site takes about an hour a month. (the upside is you can wear your pajamas for these volunteer positions!) We use Adobe "InDesign" to do the Newsletter. The program needs to be provided by the editor, or one could use a different publishing program as preferred. We would like to start training someone next spring.

Thanks, Sandy Batchelor & Mary Hudson Kelley

If you would like to delete your email account for receiving notifications/newsletters from the Patwin PTA, please visit <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/patwin-pta-announce/> to unsubscribe, otherwise you will continue to receive listserv updates and newsletters.

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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Directory Forms Due by Friday

All directory forms should be turned in the PTA box in the office no later than Friday, September 18th. Additional forms are available in the office. Unless requested, all information from the school records will be included in the directory.

Garden/Recycle Corner

Worms, worms and more worms.....

The kindergartners got their hands "dirty" this past week when they learned about "magic" worms and worm composting. The magic refers to the process by which worms can turn fruit and vegetable waste products into rich soil that can be used in the garden to help grow delicious food and pretty flowers. Excitement abounded as each child had the opportunity to gently handle and observe the red wiggler worms that are used for composting some of Patwin's fruit and vegetable waste. In the next week, the students will be taking ownership of their very own Kindergarten worm bin by signing their name on it. They know that if they sign their name, they are taking on the responsibility of caring for the worms in their Kindergarten Magic Worm Bin. This week they will start feeding the worms at snack time with their apple cores, banana peels, grape stems etc. Ask your children about it. They LOVE the worms.

"Make-no-waste Mondays" are starting up again. For bringing a waste-free lunch to school on Mondays, a student earns an Earth Buck Token. These tokens can be turned in for prizes throughout the year. For ideas on creating a Waste-Free Lunch visit the following website: <http://www.wastefreelunches.org/>.

The Big Clip

General Mills Is giving away 1 million Box Tops.

Visit: WWW.thebigclip.com to help Patwin have a chance to win.

GRAND PRIZE: 500,000 Bonus Box Tops
2 First Prizes: 250,000 Bonus Box Tops

For more Bonus Box Tops, look for specially marked packages with 2 extra Bonus Box Tops.

Coordinators Still Needed:

The following programs are still in need of a Coordinator/Leader.

BRAVO Music
Running Club (3 to 4 people)
Math Night
Reading Night
Book Fair (Co-Chair)

Please contact Terri Clarke @ Tclarke190@aol.com if you are interested.

Patwin Bike Rodeo

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Wednesday, October 21

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.

Check out the Patwin T-Shirts in the Office. We will continue to sell them all year long. Pick up an order form in the office.

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Red Ribbon Week

October 17-25, 2009

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Although the start end dates can vary slightly depending on the organization and source, Red Ribbon Week generally takes place the last full week in October, with the weekends before and following the last full week included as appropriate celebration dates. This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 17-25, 2009.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.

Parenting Video

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