



Patwin Elementary

September 21, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-21-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
9-21-09	Monday	4:00 - 9:00 pm	DHS Blue and White Foundation Fundraiser YoloBerry Yogurt
9-25-09	Friday		Picture Day (retakes will be 11/5)
10-06-09	Tuesday		Unfundraiser Kick-Off
10-07-09	Wednesday	6:15 - 8:00 pm	PTA Meeting
10-27-09	Tuesday	11:00 am	Teacher/Staff Luncheon Provided by 6th Grade Families

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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Garden/Recycle Corner

Make-no-waste Mondays are off to a great start. There were about 60 students who participated last week. Let's keep working on bringing those numbers up. At the same time, we'd like to take down the size of the garbage cans used on Mondays. Remember, children who bring their lunches from home on Mondays and have no waste to throw away at the end earn Earth Buck Tokens. No waste lunches include reusable containers for sandwiches, crackers etc. No bags of chips or individually wrapped snack items. Studies show that waste-free lunches can actually save money over highly processed and packaged lunches. Give it a try!

The kindergartners now have their own Magic Worm Bin installed. They are saving their fruits and vegetable waste at snack time and feeding the worms with it. The first graders are going to get a chance to learn about worms in their classrooms this week. And plans are in the making to start some winter vegetables from seed in a number of the classrooms.

We are fortunate to have a new helper with recycling and gardening. He's currently taking college classes related to gardening and is passionate about it. If you see him working in the gardens around Patwin, give him a warm welcome. His name is David and you will recognize him by his blue dreadlocks.

As always, you can contact Joannie Siegler at jmsiegler@hotmail.com with questions or ideas related to recycling or gardening at Patwin.

6th Science:

All students were expected to choose their Topic for the Science Fair Project by Friday, September 18. Work will begin on writing the Introduction to the Science Fair.

Next PTA Meeting
October 7 - 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.
PTA Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month through June. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

DHS Fundraiser

Do you like frozen yogurt and want to help out the DHS Blue and White Foundation? On Monday, September 21 from 4-9 PM you can do both. Enjoy frozen yogurt treats at YoloBerry Yogurt located at 316 C Street and YoloBerry will donate a portion of their proceeds to the DHS Blue and White Foundation.

TALK...New Sign-ups Welcome

TEACH ANOTHER LANGUAGE TO KIDS (TALK) is a lively and interactive whole body learning experience for students being taught Spanish. Teachers use games, role-plays, music, cultural and other innovative activities to promote conversational Spanish and learn vocabulary in meaningful contexts. It's way FUN. Students can enroll on a continuous basis – it's never too late to start! (Tuition amounts will be prorated according to start date) Beginning Spanish is being offered for grades K-3 at Patwin in the MPR on M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-3:10. (No class on Wednesdays due to early dismissal).

Call the Davis Art Center, DAC, to enroll by phone 756-4100 or use the online DAC application available at: http://www.davisartcenter.org/catalogs/DAC%20Fall%202009_Final.pdf and scroll down to page 17. The class number for Patwin is: AC: 319607A. Full tuition for the fall semester (through January 29, 2010) is \$265 per child. Please contact Helen at casasutton@gmail.com or 756-5315 for more information.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheons

The PTA would like to make a point of showing thanks to our teachers and staff all year long. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Series is for ALL TEACHERS AND STAFF. There are approximately 45 teachers and staff personnel at Patwin who will partake. Each month, one grade level will provide lunch/snacks for the teachers and staff. The sixth grade parents will host the first luncheon in October, the fifth grade parents will sponsor the November luncheon, and so on. Other grades are scheduled throughout the year as noted here:

October 27th.....6th Grade Provided
November 18th..5th Grade Provided
December 15th..4th Grade Provided
February 10th....3rd Grade Provided
March 16th.....2nd Grade Provided
April 21st.....1st Grade Provided
May 18th.....Kindergarten Provided

BRAVO Music

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to help this year with Bravo. Tricia Martin and Mariko Di Genova have graciously agreed to be the Co-coordinators for the program. Once they have received training and recruited class volunteers, the program will begin.

Unfundraiser Campaign Begins October 6th

Keep an eye out for our Annual Unfundraiser Fundraiser Letter - This year the Unfundraiser Campaign will begin Oct. 6 and end Oct. 28th. This is one of our main fundraising events for the year, so please give generously...all money given to the Unfundraiser Campaign is for PATWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL only.

News and Notes from the Patwin Library

Patwin Library Opens on Monday, September 21

I am really happy to let everyone know that our school library will open to students and families on Monday. We have been busy processing the hundreds of textbooks for the new math adoption which unfortunately delayed our opening. I would like to thank our many volunteers in addition to our library staff that helped moved this program along:

Parents Mary Kelley, Sandy Batchelor, and Tobi Warren, second grade teacher Sue Darst and her daughter Annie came in before school started to help unbox and barcode books, community members Sharon Hallberg (former Davis High librarian), Rita MtJoy and Darlene Boyce, and a new face for a few months as well, my library student intern working on a library degree, Yong Xiong. Yong will also work on projects with some of our third graders this year.

Of course, the biggest thanks to my staff members Meera Klein and Kate Bowen for their hard work.

A few reminders about our library program to returning families, and updates for new parents. Every student in our school has a scheduled library time once a week (please check the schedule on the library doors, or your child's teacher for that information); students in grades K-2 have a strong literature based program based on monthly themes, and a checkout time.

Kindergarten and first graders check out one book at a time, second graders, two books, third graders take up to three books; 4-6 graders take up to four books, more if needed for special projects. Please help your child find a safe place for their books, and check barcodes for our library if you are also checking materials from the public library.

Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will have some special library research projects to work on, Internet safety discussions, as well as learning about great authors and their writing. We also sponsor our popular Battle of the Books reading program in the spring.

Library Hours are:

8:10 – 3:15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

We are closed Wednesday after school for staff and other meetings.

We are closed Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:05 for a scheduled class.

Students in grades K-3 must be accompanied by an adult to use the library from 2:30 – 3:05.

Lunch Hour Schedule:

We are open each day at lunch from 12-1 except on Thursdays. Students use the library at lunch to read, do homework, check out or renew books, or play a variety of quiet board games.

We hope you will stop by and enjoy our library—it was repainted over the summer and looks wonderful!
Patwin Librarian, Wendy Chason
Meera Klein, Library Technician
Kate Bowen, Library Technician