



Patwin Elementary

September 28, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-28-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
10-06-09	Tuesday		Unfundraiser Kick-Off
10-07-09	Wednesday	6:15 - 8:00 pm	PTA Meeting
10-21-09	Wednesday		Bike Rodeo
10-27-09	Tuesday	11:00 am	Teacher/Staff Luncheon Provided by 6th Grade Families
11-06-09	Friday		Teacher Work Day No School/Elementary Schools
11-11-09	Wednesday		School Holiday

Next schoolyear, 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 2-3 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

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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DID YOU KNOW...?

If students are left standing outside longer than 10 minutes from their dismissal, they will be asked to go to the office. You can find them in the office or at the picnic tables.

A WASTE-FREE LUNCH includes :reusable lunch container; cloth napkins; stainless-steel forks and spoons; reusable drink containers; and reusable lunchboxes. EARTH BUCKS are given out on MAKE-NO-WASTE MONDAYS.

RECYCLE, help the earth, and support the fourth grade class's trip to Malakoff Diggins next spring! Please bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside room 15.

PTA EMAIL NOTIFICATION LIST: If you would like to add or update your email account for receiving notifications from the PTA, please visit <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/patwin-pta-announce/>.

School Savings Program Terminated

Unfortunately we are not going to be able to bring the school saving program back to our school. The bank that used to offer this program (Washington Mutual) was sold and the new bank, Chase, doesn't have the program. If your kids account has not been used (deposit and withdraw) for more than a year the bank recommends that you close the account. If your account is active there is no problem, just make sure that at least once a year you make a deposit or something similar. If you have questions, you can go to the bank, at E St. or call Justin Lawson, center manager @530- 756-8350.

Bike Rodeo

Wednesday, October 21
Volunteers are needed to work the trivia table, check-in, and assist the Davis Police Dept. 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.

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 only!

It is time to celebrate! Patwin showed the greatest increase in the entire district when it comes to API scores. We increased from 840 to 887. Yes, that is 47 points and proves that when you dream big, amazing things happen! Keep dreaming!

Math Night is Coming in October

Math night is coming back to Patwin. We are currently working on the date in late October and will publish it as soon as we get one set. Get ready to mark your calendars and plan on spending a night playing math games and learning math tricks to play with your children. More information will be forthcoming.

School Yard Supervision

If you are interested in volunteering for school yard supervision, please contact Michelle Flowers. If you signed up at orientation day, please also contact Ms. Flowers. The time can be as flexible as you need it to be, but it is a great way to get involved and help Patwin.

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 Bonus Box Tops.

BRAVO! Music Program

We are attempting to restore the Bravo! program which has proven to be a very enriching program to the Patwin students over the years. In case you're unfamiliar with the program, Bravo! is a music appreciation program for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Six different musical selections are presented each year for seven years. The goals of the program are to promote exposure to and an appreciation for classical music as well as to help students recognize and experience music as a form of creative expression. This program is entirely volunteer based and is dependent on parent volunteers to present the provided material to their respective child's class. There is a two hour training program led by the national coordinator of the program, Rita Docter, at the Pioneer Elementary School MPR each year. This year's training dates are as follows: Kindergarten training Tuesday, October 20th 7-9 pm, 1st to 6th grade training is Tuesday October 21st 8:30 am – 10:30 am and October 21st 7-9 pm. Only one training session is necessary to cover the material and view how it is presented.

To find out more about the program and/or to sign-up to present for your child's class we are scheduling a brief Patwin Bravo kickoff meeting –perhaps 30 minutes. In the interest of “getting something on the books” we'll make available Wednesday, September 30th at 8:35 am in the courtyard to meet and review the program with those interested and perhaps the following Wednesday, October 7th at 1 pm if necessary. I'm sure we're preaching to the choir so to speak to inform you all what a thrill the students receive from hearing this terrific music for the first time in a format to which they can relate. Please consider if this is something in which you'd like to participate by meeting us next Wednesday morning. Lastly, if you can't attend this meeting, that's OK, just get in touch with us so we can make other arrangements to discuss this with you.

Tricia Martin, co-coordinator Mariko Di Genova, co-coordinator

Blue & White Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament Adds Concert

The DHS Blue and White Foundation's fifth annual golf tournament will tee-off on Friday October 2nd, at Wildhorse Golf Course, 2323 Rockwell Drive, in Davis. Rounding out the 19th hole will be a new addition: Concert on the Green, sponsored by Watermelon Music, and featuring pop-rock artist Brandon Tyler, with special performances by The Urban Sherpas Jazz Band, and Davis' own pre-teen pop-rock band, Hotwire. The concert is open to golfers, and non-golfers alike.

The shotgun style golf tournament begins at noon, dinner and prizes at 6:00, and Concert on the Green opening with the Urban Sherpas at 6:00.

Registration fees for the golf tournament are \$150.00 and will include a box lunch, tournament and green fees, a buffet style Tri-Tip dinner, as well as the live musical performance. Contact Marty Morse at 758-5321 or visit www.dhsblueandwhite.org to download the registration form.

Tri-Tip sandwiches from the Davis Graduate and Woodstock's pizza will be sold at Concert on the Green. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and low profile lawn chairs.

Concert tickets are available at Watermelon Music, Armadillo Music or at the event. Adults are \$10; children 10 and under are \$5. Bikes or carpools are recommended.

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.

Garden/Recycle Corner

It's time to start the fall vegetable plantings. Many classrooms have expressed interest in getting some fall/winter crops in the ground. How about some broccoli, carrots, kale, peas, to name a few of the options? We're working out the logistics and hope to have some planted in the next few weeks, ready to harvest in a few months.

The first graders had the opportunity to be “little scientists” while they explored the world of worms. I was impressed with their ability to make observations about the worms physical appearance and behavior. They were very engaged and inquisitive, which is the right frame of mind to be in to learn. Ask your first grade children about their experience. They loved the worms!

We continue to have a good response to Make-no-Waste Mondays. If you've been sending your child to school with a waste-free lunch, congratulations and thanks. If you haven't yet done so, here's an opportunity for you to work with your child in a very constructive way. Talk with them about their current lunch and see if you can make the changes necessary to help them earn an Earth Buck Token. In the long run, you'll save money and do a good turn for the earth.

-Joannie Siegler, RISE leader and Garden Coordinator, jmsiegler@hotmail.com