



Patwin Elementary

October 5, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
10-05-09	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

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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Volunteer Opportunity

Parent Education Chair needed to coordinate and work with other elementary schools in Davis to enhance programs.

The job is to provide opportunities to educate/support the parents to learn alongside their children both about our particular school as well as on topics more relevant to parenting and how to connect what happens at school to the home environment.

This year I (Raychel Kubby Adler) am joining together with people at other elementary schools in Davis who are in a similar position to my own on the PTA, or are just interested in this idea and bringing this kind of activity to their schools. At this point we have built a collaboration with CCE, Montgomery, Pioneer and Korematsu.

We have two events coming up. The first was a workshop with Diana Zeragoza, the DJUSD Math Specialist, to learn about the new math curriculum on Monday September 21st at Pioneer. The second is a workshop on Parenting with Passion is on Nov 12th at 6:30 pm with Psychologist Lara Hono.

We are also working on putting together a "Parent University" sometime in February which will be a half-day conference on various parenting related topics with a dynamic keynote speaker and several breakout sessions.

We hope to do one or two more Parent Education nights in the Spring as well. Thanks and be well, Raychel

Raychel Kubby Adler, MPH, CWC

Director and Wellness Coach

CHOICEPOINT WELLNESS www.choicepointwellness.com

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Raychel at the above address and Teresa Clarke of Patwin PTA at Tclarke190@aol.com.

Turkey Trot School Fundraiser

Help raise money for your school programs while promoting and participating in a fitness-related event.

Good for you...good for your school!

Participate in the 22nd annual Davis Turkey Trot and help stuff your school with money. A Change of Pace Foundation will contribute money to your school for each student's Turkey Trot entry turned into the school office by Oct. 15. A Change of Pace Foundation will donate \$3 for each kid's race or relay race entry or \$5 for each 5K/10K entry run by a student. This is a "Student Run Program" and only applies to student entries.

The Davis Turkey Trot is a family and community-oriented event that takes place each year on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. We offer eight different events and distances, with something for every age group and ability. New this year is a three person team 3K relay challenge. The 22nd Annual Davis Turkey Trot will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Civic Center Field.

For More information on the Turkey Trot, including race distances and start times, visit: http://changeofpace.com/davis_turkey_trot.html

To download an entry form visit: http://changeofpace.com/Documents/2009_Events/2009_TT_EntryForm.pdf

In an effort to encourage fitness and exercise within our school district, this local icon is a fun and healthy way to get kids moving and motivated to exercise while helping to maintain or save certain schools programs they enjoy.

ESCRIP at Safeway

Good news! Some of your hard earned dollars spent at Safeway and other merchants can be easily donated to our school in a special promotion ESCRIP is running now through OCT 13th. If you are already registered with Escrip, your contributions are automatically recorded! THANK YOU! If you shop at safeway and you are not enrolled in this program please send me your safeway club card numbers (please also include your name address and phone number) via email (kristin@stansby.net) ASAP. Once again, this money is already spent by us, and can come straight to Patwin if we simply enroll our cards into the website on <http://www.escrip.com> or just send them to me, and I can enter them in a batch for you. This is very easy money, which our school desperately needs to continue to provide the amazing environment we've grown so accustomed to. If you have any questions at all regarding escrip, and how you can raise even more money for the school by entering all your credit cards and grocery store cards online, please send me an email to kristin@stansby.net or call my home at 758-3333. Please help meet a goal of enrolling 100 new families to the program by October 13th!

Garden/Recycle Corner

This is a short note. I am looking for anyone who might have a food dehydrator to loan to Patwin for periods of time. I hope to do some dehydrating of fruits and vegetables in some of the classrooms and could use a few dehydrators. The more, the better. If you have one you are willing to share, let me know. Thanks. Contact Joannie, RISE leader, Garden Coordinator, Patwin, with any questions or suggestions. jmsiegler@hotmail.com

Unfundraiser 2009!!!

Dear Patwin Families and Friends:

For the past four years we have had a very successful "Unfundraiser" donation drive during which our very generous school community has raised about \$10,000 each year. Not only has this money contributed to many necessities for Patwin (such as computers, library books, assemblies, and scholarships), but it has also made possible many enrichments (such as BRAVO, science enrichments, and extra money for teachers to use in their classrooms).

This year we would like to continue to raise money through an "Unfundraiser" where kids don't have to sell anything, parents don't have to buy anything, and 100% of your donation goes directly to classroom and school needs. In the past, spending \$50 on Innisbrook products would raise only \$25 for Patwin. Why not have all our money go to support our children's education?

Where will this year's money go?

This year's goal is to raise \$15,000 for Patwin. This money will continue to fund the necessities mentioned above, but in addition, this year's fundraising will be used to provide new microscopes for the science labs; benches for the new shaded snack area in the old bike area by the playground; technology carts for the 4th and 5th grade classes to share; outdoor education scholarships; and supplement the Counselor and Bridges programs.

The Patwin community includes approximately 300 families. If each family gives an average of \$50 (just \$5 a month for the 2009-10 school year), we will meet our goal. We invite you to give whatever you can—no amount is too small. If you're able to make a larger donation, please consider doing so, since not every family will be able to contribute. Just complete the attached form and send it with your donation by October 28th — that's it!

To download and send a copy of this letter to relatives and friends who may have supported our "Unfundraiser" in prior years, please go to www.patwinelementary.org. And, if any of your family members would like to honor a Patwin student with a donation in his/her name, we will print it in the newsletter!

Thank you very much for your generosity and interest in making Patwin an even better place for our kids to learn!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name(s) of child(ren): _____

Grade(s)/Teacher(s): _____

Please note: All donations are tax deductible.

For your tax records, the Patwin PTA Tax I.D. number is 68-0277123.

I'd like to make a Patwin Hawks Donation in the amount of:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$150 Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Patwin PTA and write your child's name on the memo line of the check. Donations may be handed in to teachers, dropped in the Unfundraiser box at the school office, or mailed to: Patwin PTA, 2222 Shasta Drive, Davis, CA 95616 by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please detach and keep this portion for your tax records:

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2009 Patwin Hawks Donation Drive

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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