



Patwin Elementary

October 12, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
10-12-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
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

Don't Forget the Unfundraiser!

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.

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.

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 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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BRAVO! Training Schedule

Please note the amended times for the Bravo training later this month at Pioneer Elementary (MPR), located at 5215 Hamel Street.

Tuesday, October 20th

7-9 pm (grades 1-6)

Wednesday, October 21st

8:45-10:45 am (Kindergarten only)

Wednesday, October 21st

7-9 pm (grades 1-6)

This is a slight amendment from the previously published schedule. Only one training session needs be attended.

PATWIN Kids Helping Kids

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" began in 1950 when a group of kids in Philadelphia collected \$17.00 on Halloween to help children whose countries were devastated by World War II. Davis children have participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF for over 25 years, and the students at Patwin raised \$2,785 in 2008! Permission slips are coming home with students now, or you can complete and return the permission slip from this newsletter (to either the classroom or the Patwin office.) For more information, contact Ann Larsen @ 758-9446 or ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net, or visit www.unicefusa.org

UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) is the leading children's organization in the world. A recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace, UNICEF works in more than 160 countries and territories to provide children with lifesaving medicine, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, education and emergency relief.

Everyone save your change—the Trick-or-Treaters for UNICEF are coming to your house this Halloween!

BOX TOPS

Last year Patwin earned almost \$1300 by collecting box tops! For those of you new to this fundraiser, box tops are little 10 or 30 cent coupons printed on boxed food items you can buy at the grocery store. When you cut out the coupon and return it to your child's teacher, Patwin gets that money for its budget. Yes, it's really that simple and you give Patwin money that costs you nothing! Box tops are due for our first collection contest on Friday, October 23rd. Send all of your neatly trimmed box tops with your child to be placed in the collection box or bag in his or her classroom. Go the extra mile and volunteer with your child's teacher to count box tops for the class. It's very easy, normally taking 15-30 minutes and makes tallying the box tops for the whole school so much easier. PRIZES! If you have 50 or more box tops, put them in a bag with your child's name and they will receive a prize at the next school assembly in November. The class collecting the most box tops in October will receive the prestigious and very large trophy to keep in their classroom and will be treated to a popcorn party. We will have two more collections this school year, in February and May.

For anyone who shops online, retailers will give a percentage of your online purchase as a cash donation directly into our box top account. There are many retailers, including Office Max, Office Depot, Staples, Home Depot, Flower companies, Expedia, Oriental Trading Company, clothing retailers, Target and Walmart. Go online at www.boxtops4education.com to see all retailers and to order.

If you have any questions you can contact Teresa Erickson at finjann@gmail.com or 753-0302 or Jennifer Chapman at jenniferchapman2003@hotmail.com or 757-6910. New this year, we are not asking children to fill collection sheets. It didn't really save time counting and just added weight to the shipping. If your child is very disappointed, you can still find collection sheets at the box top website, but we won't be giving prizes for collection sheets at the assembly unless they collect 50 or more.

Save A Gallon of Gas and Win a Prize

Walk, bike, skateboard, carpool with another student, or otherwise avoid getting into the car and enter a year-long contest to win prizes ranging from jamba juice to an Ipod Nano. The contest will begin October 19 and run through May 2010. Register through the Davis Schools team at saveagallon.org. Elementary school students register under their school and classroom. Secondary students register under their school. Look for more information in the Davis Bicycles! column of the Davis Enterprise on October 9, and in future newsletters and listserv announcements. This contest is made possible by the Davis Bicycles! School Committee and is endorsed by the Green Schools Initiative. The committee still needs parents or teacher volunteers to fully implement the contest at Korematsu, Patwin and Pioneer Elementary and at Davinci and King High Schools. To volunteer, please contact Christal Waters at chrystal2waters@yahoo.com.

Garden/Recycle Corner

Awesome job to all of the grades for increasing the number of Waste-Free lunches brought to school on Make-No-Waste Mondays. As you can see from the following chart, the first through fourth graders really picked it up. Now it's time for the fifth and sixth graders to follow suit. Here are the stats:

Number of Waste-Free Lunches

(Percentage of Home Lunches that are Waste-Free)

Grades	9/14/09	10/5/09
1/2	19	30 (42%)
3/4	22	42 (45%)
5/6	18	20 (21%)
All grades	59	92 (35%)

Students can start turning in Earth Buck tokens for ice cream cups (donated by our own lunch duty helper, Marshall. Thanks Marshall), or otter pops. I hope to have the Patwin treasure chest available soon for prizes that can be bought with Earth Buck tokens. Would any parent like to coordinate the treasure box? If so, please let me know. I'd love to have it up and running throughout the year.

If there are any students who routinely get hot lunch but would still like to earn Earth Buck tokens, they can help with the following project to earn the tokens.

We're looking to get involved in the 5000 Pound Carbon Diet Challenge to reduce rigid plastics in DJUSD, but I need some help to get this going. The program is only to last for a month, so if someone is interested in spearheading it, you'll only need to commit yourself for a short period of time. The idea is to recycle the rigid plastics (#3, #5, #6, and #7) that usually go into the trash. The difficulty is that these must be cleaned, stored and then delivered to DWR between October 12 and November 13. Students who help collect and clean the plastics after their lunch will earn Earth Buck tokens. Please, someone step forward to help so that Patwin can contribute to the Challenge.

As always, contact Joannie (RISE Leader and Garden Coordinator) with ideas or offers of help at jmsiegler@hotmail.com.

Turkey Trot School Fundraiser

Deadline for Entries
Extended to October 28

Good for you...good for your school!

Participate in the 22nd annual Davis Turkey Trot and help stuff Patwin with money. A Change of Pace Foundation will contribute money to Patwin for each student's Turkey Trot entry turned into the school office by Oct. 28. 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.

Have you checked out the Patwin T-Shirts in the Office? We will continue to sell them all year long.

6th Grade Science Students Alert!
Dear students,
Your DRAFT Introduction is due on Tuesday, October 13.
Mrs. Wong

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Trick or Treat for UNICEF

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But I'm just a kid. How can I save lives?

"Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began in 1950 when a group of kids in Philadelphia collected \$17.00 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children whose countries were devastated by World War 2. Over the years, more and more kids got involved. The pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters collected by children add up. As of last year, young people had raised over \$125 million through "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF."

For the last 25 years, Davis children have participated in Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Last year alone, they raised almost \$16,000, including \$2,785 raised by the students at Patwin Elementary! In fact, the children of Davis have been named official "UNICEF Emissaries" by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in recognition of their contribution to UNICEF. This year we hope to raise more money than ever.

I'm convinced that kids can help kids. How do I sign up?

Simply return this permission slip to the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box in the Patwin School Office by Wednesday, October 28 so that a collection box can be issued to you. Have questions? Contact Ann Larsen @758-9446 or ann.larsen@sbcglobal.net or visit www.unicefusa.org

PATWIN SCHOOL

I give permission for _____ to collect for "Trick-of-Treat for UNICEF." He/She will return the collection box to school on November 2.

Teacher's name _____ Room # _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Phone _____

(You don't have to go Trick-or-Treating to collect for UNICEF. Any time is a good time for family members, neighbors and friends to put their spare change in your UNICEF collection box.)

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!