



Patwin Elementary

October 19, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
10-17-09-- 10-25-09	Saturday - Sunday		Red Ribbon Week
10-19-09	Monday		Make-no-waste Monday
10-20-09	Tuesday	2:35 - 3:35 pm	First Running Club of the Year!
10-21-09	Wednesday		Bike Rodeo
10-27-09	Tuesday	11:00 am	Teacher/Staff Luncheon Provided by 6th Grade Families
10-28-09	Wednesday		Turkey Trot Fundraiser Entries Due/office
11-06-09	Friday		Teacher Work Day No School/Elementary Schools
11-11-09	Wednesday		School Holiday
11-12-09	Thursday	6:30 pm	Parenting Workshop Pioneer Elementary

Patwin Bike Rodeo VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday - October 21, 1:45

No experience is necessary to work the trivia table, check-in, and 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

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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Patwin Bike Rodeo October 21

Teaching children to be safer and smarter bicyclists is the goal of four upcoming "bike rodeos" sponsored by the city of Davis. The Patwin rodeo begins after school on Wednesday, October 21st. The free event includes a bicycle check, helmet fitting, skills course, trivia game and prizes. Participants should bring their bikes and helmets as well as a signed permission slip, which will be sent home from school or may be downloaded at <http://cityofdavis.org/bicycles>.

PATWIN Kids Helping Kids

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? 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!**

Red Ribbon Week October 17-25

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.

At Patwin, we tone it down a bit and add healthy lifestyles (eat right, exercise, don't smoke, don't drink, etc. especially in the younger grades and add appropriate don't do drugs for the older grades). We will be tying red ribbons on the poles around school to symbolize our commitment to a drugfree environment and healthy living. The children will receive rainbow bracelets to be worn all week.

Volunteers Needed for Red Ribbon Week:

MONDAY, OCT. 17 - 8:30 a.m. Please meet in the office right after school starts to tie red ribbons around school. This should take no more than 30 minutes. We also need one or two people on Friday to help take ribbons down.

Turkey Trot School Fundraiser

Deadline for Entries
Extended to October 28

***Please Turn In Entries In
the Patwin Office to Make
EASY Money for Patwin!!!***

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.

Unfundraiser Thanks

Thanks to the following families for their support of this year's donation drive:

Mclsaac, Feng/Huang, Trisch, Warren, denDulk, Kalman, Clarke, Melendrez, Weiss, Chang, Lee, Oldham, Stewart/Savidge, Rasmusen/Christensen, Berdouskiy, Wang, Sylvian, Hickerson, Sekizawa, Kadege, Fulks, Beltrani/Price, Miller, Naganuma, Cox, Hoeft, Distelfeld, Park, Anastassatos, Tal, Larson/Alongi, Di Genova, Ali, Bugni, Batchelor, Quick/Wright, Martin/Miller, Wieking, Ward, Babcock, Angermann, Detweiler, Hoyer, Gellen, Joo, Everitt, Winograd/Cohen, Segoli, Heikkila, DeJong.

So far we are at just over \$3400 and counting from a total of 50 families. Keep those donations coming in – it's never too late! And remember, every little bit helps!!!

Street Smarts

The 2009-10 Street Smarts Poster Contest is underway. Davis students in grades K-6 are invited to create original Street Smarts messages and artwork focusing on the topics of Proper Helmet Use, Safe Bicycle Riding and Crossing the Street Safely. There are some great prizes for the finalists (like a Nintendo DSi and an Apple iPod Shuffle) and the winning poster will be used in Street Smarts materials like newspaper ads and other displays. Entry forms will be sent home with your kids, so check their backpacks!

For details on the contest, visit: www.cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts or contact Crystal O'Hara, Street Smarts coordinator, at 757-5640 or cohara@cityofdavis.org. Contest entries are due at the Public Works Department by 5 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Patwin Tie-Dyes

Thank you so much for supporting Patwin's Tie-Dye program, a joint venture between the Patwin PTA and Left Coast Love. So far this year over 100 shirts have been bought, which means easy money for Patwin's PTA! There will be more opportunities to show your school spirit by ordering shirts again this year, but in order to keep things moving along smoothly we have to begin using a new procedure. For now on there will be ordering periods, and the shirts will be ready about 5 weeks later. *Friday November 6th* is the deadline for ordering shirts again in 2009. This batch of shirts will be delivered to school by Monday December 14th, in time for the holidays. The Patwin office now has lots of shirts in stock which are available for immediate purchase, so if you don't want to wait for yours, check out what's already been made! We will have another ordering period in the spring - perhaps with different styles of shirts, so stay tuned for more info.

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.

Blue Devil Pride

For a lot of you this has true meaning, but for some who have yet to experience Davis High this isn't yet real, isn't yet tangible. But now is the time to think of the past, present and FUTURE!

Davis High Stadium is being renovated . . . after 50 years of faithful service to the community and to generations of Davis Blue Devils, Halden Field has finally undergone some major modernization: all new all-weather track and field, scoreboard and lights.

The bleachers, bathrooms and concessions need serious capacity, function and accessibility overhauls. So think Blue Devil Pride . . . not just for yourself but for the generations to come and give generously to finish the project. Visit www.dhsblueandwhite.org and find out how you too can be part of the solution.

Parenting Workshop Offered

In Collaboration with the Davis Elementary School PTA's, we present:

"PARENTING WITH PASSION"

Dr. Lara Honos-Webb will present a free workshop, where she will discuss how parenthood can be a time to fulfill your deepest needs and desires. Dr. Honos-Webb's work has been featured in Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal and on national radio and television.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 pm Place: Pioneer Elementary

Inquiries & questions please contact Parent Ed Coordinators: Jodi Liederman (JLiederman@cs.com) and Raychel Adler Kubby (raykub@gmail.com)

RUNNING CLUB IS BACK!!

Patwin students have been asking daily when running club is returning. We will be starting Tuesday, October 20th and meet Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:35. The Club meets on the field adjacent to the playground. Permission slips **MUST** be signed by parents prior to participation. Forms are available in this newsletter, in the office, on our website, and at on the field. And please have your child bring a **WATER BOTTLE!** As per last year, running club will be canceled due to rain or extreme weather.

PLEASE NOTE:

We can not do the club this year unless we get **YOUR** help! If you have a child that would like to participate in running club please make an effort to volunteer to "run" running club for one OR two **SHIFTS PER MONTH**. The shifts are from 2:20-3:00pm and 3:00-3:45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is an easy and fun way to support and maintain our running program...all you need to do is set up/take down the running charts, fill up the water jug, facilitate lap counting and, of course, cheer on the runners.

You can sign up for a volunteer shift by visiting the running club station on Tuesday or Thursday or by emailing Barbara Fineberg at patwinrunningclub@gmail.com. Let's work together to make this great program stay strong at Patwin!

Save A Gallon of Gas and Win a Prize

Starting Monday, October 19th, students can log alternative transportation miles using "saveagallon.org" for a chance to win prizes all year long. This will be like the May Is Bike Month contest last year, only it will last the whole school year.

Rules:

- 1, Students only. No parents, teachers or other adults.
2. Carpooling miles count if they include two or more non-related students.
3. Parents driving students to school does not count as carpooling.
4. You have to join one of the Davis school teams on the saveagallon.org website.
5. All alternative transportation miles count (walking, bicycling, skateboarding, public transit, carpools as above) as long as otherwise the trip would have been made in a car.

Here's how:

Go to www.saveagallon.org

Click on Create new account

Enter a Username consisting of first initial and first three letters of the last name. If that name is taken, add a 1 or other number.

Enter an E-mail address and a password. (note: No one can track the student's user ID back to the e-mail address. Notices of prize winners will be sent to the elementary classroom teacher, or posted on secondary school daily bulletins.)

User Profile information is optional

Answer the CAPTCHA question (a means of identifying spammers)

Click on Create new account

If you entered everything correctly you should see "Thanks for Joining Saveagallon.org!"

Click on SAG Settings

Choose a Default Transportation Type.

Choose a Team: Elementary students should select their classroom teacher, secondary students (Junior or Senior High) should select their school.

That's it! You can now log in and begin posting your mileage.

Prizes:

Each month students can compete for a valuable prize based on criteria such as most days logged or most miles logged. Small prizes will also be awarded randomly once a month to anyone who has logged miles at each participating school. At the end of the year an iPod Nano will be awarded to the student with the most days logged and a \$200 gift certificate to any Davis bicycle shop will be awarded to the student with the highest number of miles x days (mileage multiplied by days logged).

Contact, if questions: Christal Waters at crystal2waters@yahoo.com

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 Elementary Running Club Permission Slip and Release Form

I have read the Running Club program description and my initials and signature below indicate that I give permission for my child (Child's name) _____ to participate in the Patwin Elementary Running Club program at the dates and times indicated. _____ (Parent/Guardian Initials)

I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child for this program. My child will leave school by: _____ (Parent/Guardian initials)

Walking _____ Biking _____ Car _____ CDC _____

I, as parent/guardian, understand that by permitting my child to participate in this club, I have waived all claim against the organizers and the Davis Joint Unified School District and its employees for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of participation in this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

Child's Grade & Teacher's Name

Phone where you can be reached after school

Email address

The Patwin Elementary Running Club
Parent/Guardian Emergency Procedure/Insurance Verification

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010
(NOTIFY CLUB ORGANIZERS OF ANY CHANGES)

(I)(We), the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby authorize the PATWIN RUNNING CLUB, representative as agent(s) for the undersigned in our absence, to consent to x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and/or hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the Medicine Act, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at any duly licensed medical facility.

It is understood this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis treatment, or hospital care required, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent in any medical emergency to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of best judgment may deem advisable. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the CIVIL CODE OF CALIFORNIA.

The undersigned agrees to bear all costs incurred as a result of the foregoing. This authorization shall remain in effect for the duration of the academic year.

Father or
Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Mother or
Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone: _____

Alternate Emergency Phone#: _____

Allergic Reactions: _____

Medical/Accident Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Policy/Group No.: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Special Instructions:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to update this information. Please notify the club organizers of any changes.

The Unfundraiser Continues...Don't Forget!

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!

"Unfundraiser" 2009!! Patwin Elementary School PTA

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:

Patwin Elementary School PTA
2009 Patwin Hawks Donation Drive
Donation Amount: \$_____
Patwin PTA Tax I.D. number: 68-0277123
Patwin Elementary School PTA
2222 Shasta Drive Davis, CA 95616

PATWIN Kids Helping Kids 2009

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? Read on!

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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!