



Patwin Elementary

September 7, 2010 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9-06-10	Monday		Labor Day...No School
9-09-10	Thursday		All PTA Directory Forms Due
9-13-10	Monday	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting
9-16-10	Thursday	2:35-3:35 pm	Running Club Begins
10-08-10	Friday		Workday Reduction...No School
11-05-10	Friday		Elementary Teacher Work Day...No School
11-11-10 & 11-12-10	Thursday & Friday		No School
11-22-10 through 11-26	Monday - Friday		Thanksgiving Break

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<http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/patwin-pta-announce/>

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 editor at patwineditor@gmail.com. Please include a contact name and phone number.

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PTA Reminders:

-Our first PTA meeting is on Monday, September 13 at 7pm, we hope everyone can join us.

-If you haven't already, you can drop off your membership/directory forms in the labeled folders on the PTA table in the school office. (see attached forms)

-New to Patwin this year... include your business in the Patwin PTA directory for just \$10.00! Complete the attached information form and return to marked PTA folder in the office.

-Don't forget we have Patwin t-shirts for sale for \$10.00. Order forms are available on the PTA table in the office.

Newsletter Info

The Patwin newsletter is published each Monday as a PTA service for parents, students, and teachers of Patwin Elementary. Each week you will find a calendar of events, information from the principal and PTA presidents, and informational updates about upcoming and current school events. In addition, by signing up for the mail list, you will also receive urgent information from the PTA and school.

If you received the newsletter by e-mail last year you will automatically receive it this year at that address. However, if you are new to Patwin, or have a new e-mail address you will need to:

Go to the Patwin Elementary website at <http://www.patwinelementary.org>, and click on "Patwin PTA Mailman List Subscription" link and follow the instructions to change or add your e-mail address. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once the addition or change has been made. ***You must respond to this e-mail to finalize your addition to the list.***

We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to receive the newsletter electronically for financial, volunteer time-saving and environmental reasons. However, a paper copy is always available at the front office and extra copies are given to your child's teacher... just ask. You may contact the newsletter editor at patwineditor@gmail.com.

Garden/Recycle Corner

Welcome to all the new and returning students and families to Patwin. Periodically I'll have updates in the newsletter as to what's happening in the gardens and with recycling on campus. If you have anything to contribute, please let me know.

First off..... This is a call for someone to take over the Make No Waste Lunch Days. I was hoping actually to find 4 parents who are willing to coordinate this very popular program. Once a week (the day has not been determined yet for this year) students earn Earth Buck Tokens for bringing a waste free lunch to school. The students save up their tokens to buy prizes and/or treats. The program coordinators would arrange for a parent to distribute the tokens. Since there are only 2 lunch periods this year, the time commitment is 45 minutes a week. If four people manage it, each would only have to go once per month. If I don't get anyone to take over the program, Patwin will no longer be participating in it. So, please, someone step up to the plate so that we can keep this great teaching tool going.

Secondly..... Thanks to last year's lunch time garden club and our summer waterers we have a successful vegetable garden in the raised beds near the kindergarten playground. If you have an interest in gardens and would like your child's teacher to incorporate gardens into their curriculum, please let them know and offer to help them out. I will be maintaining the gardens and planting as the seasons change. There's lots of opportunity to help with planting, watering, harvesting, cooking, and food processing. The sky's the limit. If you feel creative and have the time to do a project or two with your child's classroom, let me know. We've got the tomatoes for a salsa making fest, and we have popcorn, amaranth, eggplant, cucumbers and hopefully some peppers will finally emerge.

That's all for now. Contact me, Joannie, at jmsiegler@hotmail.com, with questions, comments or offers of help.

Patwin Community Business Directory Advertisement



Dear Patwin Families,

This year in the directory we would like to add a section in the back displaying the businesses or services that many of you provide. The Patwin community would benefit from knowing and utilizing each other's businesses and services! We are asking for an annual one time amount of \$10 to have your listing printed in the directory. Your business will get great exposure and the \$10 will benefit the Patwin students through the PTA! If you would like to participate please provide the following information:

Type of Business/Service: _____

Name of Business/Service: _____

Address and Phone Number of Business/Service:

Person to Contact for services (if applies) _____

Your number, in case we have questions about your ad: _____

Please make checks payable to Patwin PTA. Forms are due back by September 9th.

Thank you,

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2010/2011 PTA Presidents



PTA Membership Form & Directory Information

Our PTA fills in some of the gaps that the state funding is unable to provide. Your Patwin PTA strives to build a culture of community that engages and involves students and families in the learning process. So, how can you help? Become involved and become a PTA member!

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

City and Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Student (first and last name):

_____ Grade: _____

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*Please print additional name(s) and grade level(s) on the reverse side.

The information above (on previous page) will be used in our Student Directory. Please mark the space below if you **DO NOT** want what your student's information shared in the directory. If left blank, your student's (and family) information provided will be added to the directory.

_____ please **do not** put my student's information in the Patwin PTA directory
Student Name: _____

Would you like to help out the PTA and Patwin this year? If so, please mark the space below.

_____ Yes, I want to support Patwin; please contact me with opportunities to support our school by volunteering.

Name _____

How can we best reach you?

Email: _____

Phone: _____ (best time to call: _____)

Family PTA Membership, Student Directory, & one student t-shirt = \$17

Family PTA Membership, includes Student Directory = \$10

Student Directory Only (or additional copies) = \$3 (x # of copies _____) = \$ _____

Total= \$ _____

Please submit payment with this form. Checks made payable to Patwin PTA.
Forms are due back to your teacher or the PTA box in the office by September 9th.

Thank you for supporting our school!

For questions please contact PTA Presidents:

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