

Patwin PTA
Welcome to Patwin Elementary – Home of the Hawks!

Who We Are

Patwin is a neighborhood school, made up of 420 students who currently live in the Patwin neighborhood. But, Patwin Hawks actually come from all around the world. Students at Patwin speak 19 different languages! And, many students have transferred from another school, another city, or another state. What does this mean for our students? Our students get a rich education with a diverse student body, with views from many cultures around the world plus they learn to make new friends!

Patwin is named after a group of California Native Americans, called the Patwin. Patwin means "person," or "the people." The Patwin people were a subgroup of the Wintun tribe; they lived in the inner coast range of California & in the Sacramento Valley.

Our School Community Events

Our school has several community events throughout the year, run by our parent volunteers.

Paperless Parade	Aug. 18th 3:30-5:30	Come to school to find out class placement
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On Friday, August 18th, the Climate Committee and Patwin want to meet our new families to welcome them and their children. Please find the Climate Committee's table in the MPR.

Welcome Coffee	Aug. 23rd	8:30-9:30am Parents/Guardians Only
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On our first day of school, Wednesday, August 23rd, please join us in the MPR for our PTA Welcome Coffee for all adults. Grab a coffee, piece of fruit and/or a baked good, plus meet other parents-guardians and talk with our PTA.

Back to School Night	Sept. 6th	6:00-7:30 – Parents/Guardians Only
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On Wednesday, September 6, please come to Patwin from 6-7:30pm for our annual Back-to-School-Night. Back-to-School-Night is a night for adults only. It is a night for teachers to open their doors to parents-guardians to talk about expectations, curriculum, key dates, and needs for the year. This is an excellent time to find out when and how to volunteer in the classroom, if your schedule allows.

Patwin's 25th Birthday and Annual Fall Festival	Sept. 22nd	5:00-7:00- free fun for the whole family
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On Friday, September 22, we will have the Fall Festival, a family-friendly time to gather at the picnic tables one beautiful fall evening. Families may purchase food from vendors or our 6th grade students (raising money for their Walker Creek trip) or may bring your own picnic dinner. A few activities are set up for the kids. But, mostly it is a time to catch up with old friends after the summer and to welcome new families. We'll start our festivities at 5pm in the MPR celebrating Patwin's B-day!

Fundraising and Volunteer Opportunities

PTA supports our school through fundraising in order to fund enrichment opportunities as well as community events. Patwin has four main fundraising events per year. Put these on your calendar now. Other opportunities include our famous Lamppost Pizza family nights (4x/school year) and our Tamale Sale (Spring).

The Un-Fundraiser	Aug-Sept.	Goal \$10,000-\$20,000
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In the fall, our school hosts an Un-Fundraiser, so-named because children are not asked to sell chocolate bars or wrapping paper. Instead, families are asked to donate a pay-what-you-can amount cover the cost of many of the PTA-sponsored items of the year. Our ask is \$100 per child, or \$250 per family but all donations help. The Un-fundraiser is crucial as it is what helps fund our teacher-specialist supplies, science curriculum, our free events like the Fall Festival and our Movie Day, plus ongoing investment in recess and technology equipment.

Walk-a-Thon	Nov. 4th 9am-1pm	Goal \$10,000
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Our Walk-a-Thon is moving from the spring to the fall this year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 4TH! The Walk-a-Thon is both an athletic event (in which families walk ¼ mile laps around the grass) and a festival (with food booths, games, and entertainment). Our kids are most excited about this event!

Scholastic Bookfair	Nov./March	Goal: As many books as we can!
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Two times throughout the year, we have a Scholastic Book Fair in the library. This is a time for children and parent-guardians to come buy books at the school, with profits going to purchase more books for the school library. This is usually held during Parent-Teacher Conference weeks (which will be November 13-17 & March 19-23).

Patwin's Auction	March 10th evening	Goal \$10,000
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Mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, March 10th, for our annual School Auction. The School Auction is held in the spring each year. This is an adults-only event, during which parents-guardians and community members bid on some big items and events as well as smaller items – plus just have a great kid-night out!

The events above are only possible because of the volunteers who help run them. The children look forward to these events with the changing seasons. *Our hope is that each family will choose one major event to help with each year*, so that the load is shared by many and no one carries too large a load. We ask that each family pick a volunteer role, and agree to give Patwin at least 5 hours of your volunteer time in any given year. We will send out an email with the volunteer sign-up sheet for your child's class.

Important Websites to Stay Connected

School Communication and Resources: <https://pat-djUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>

PTA Communication and Directory: <https://patwinelementary.beehively.com>

PTA Forms and Resources: patwinpta.org (look for a new Patwin PTA mobile app and web site soon!)

For those of you who are new, welcome. For those who are returning, welcome back!
Go Hawks!!!

Gratefully,

The Patwin PTA and Patwin Climate Committee
on behalf of our students, staff, and teachers