



# Patterson Press

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## From the PTA President...

I hope you are enjoying the early spring weather that mother nature has bestowed upon us! As the weather warms up, please remember there will be many more bikers and walkers. Be cautious and obey the speed limit. Remember, no cell phone use in school zones. Please remind your children to cross with the crossing guards and not in the middle of Lawrence Drive.

Thank you to **D'Ann Searls** and **Gretchen Greever** for chairing our first Cookie Dough sale. It was a great success. Remember, these type of fundraisers help us to provide dollars to our students for field day, school assemblies, field trips and books to the LMC.

Variety Show is upon us! Friday, April 13 will be a night to remember. We have over 130 students performing in over 50 acts. Good luck to all!

**Linda Herwalt, RN**, Coordinator of Health Services for District 204 attended the March PTA meeting to discuss lice. She shared a wealth of information and those who attended were surprised at some of the facts that they were not aware of. Please visit [www.identify.us.com/](http://www.identify.us.com/) headlice to learn the truth about lice. Also, the Patterson website will have information from the meeting and lice tips under the PTA tab, general information. It was stressed that we should not be lack in checking our children just because no new cases have been reported. Checking your child on a regular basis (weekly or daily) is the best prevention. Include lice checks with daily hygiene routine is the best practice.

If you missed the recent heroin presentation at the Naperville Library, you will have another opportunity to attend. Two presentations are scheduled: April 3 at 7pm at Naperville North High School and April 5 at 7pm at Neuqua Valley High School. This is an excellent presentation on what are children are facing and truly is an eye opener for many parents that have attended.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 9:30am. We will be voting on the recent bylaw changes and nominating slate that was presented at the March meeting. We hope you join us!

Have a wonderful spring!  
**Donna Widmann, PTA President**



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## Kindergarten Pre-Registration Reminder—Spread the Word!

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012, or know of a neighbor with children this age, they are eligible for kindergarten next year. Parents of incoming Kindergarteners should contact the office at 428-6500 now to ensure their child's name is on our list. Registration materials will be mailed to kindergarten parents. Thank you for your assistance in this communication!



# From the Principal...

Dear Patterson Families,

The Fourth Quarter has just arrived at Patterson and we begin our final quarter of the 2011-12 school year. The last 2 months of school are always exciting and busy times. Students and staff alike are thrilled to welcome spring and all the outdoor sports and activities that come with it, along with end of the year celebrations at school. At the same time, our students are in the final stretch of the school year academically, working to master essential skills for their grade level. We greatly appreciate your support in helping students maintain an academic focus, balancing spring activities with school work, in this last quarter of the school year.

We are pleased to let you know that Patterson Elementary School has been awarded the 2011 Academic Excellence Award by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). This is the 6th consecutive year that we have received this prestigious award. Schools must meet the following criteria to obtain the award: (1) For PK-8 schools, 90% of students must have met or exceeded state standards in both reading and math for at least three consecutive years and (2) the school must have made Adequate Yearly Progress in 2010. Congratulations to our students, parents, and staff on earning this ISBE award! Our state certificate is displayed in the front hall near the main entrance.

Patterson will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Thursday, April 26 from 2:30pm-3:15pm for all our volunteers this year. It is our way of saying thank you for all you do, all year long, to make Patterson such a great place! We would especially like to recognize the 2011-2012 PTA Executive Board for their outstanding leadership this year. Thank you to President **Donna Widmann**, Vice President of Administration **Karen Amundsen**, Vice President of Finance **Janet Juarez**, Vice President of Enrichment **Elieen Boffa**, Treasurer **Terri Maas**, and Secretary **Alissa Chrisos**. We hope that you will be able to join us for this celebration.

Other exciting April events are: The Magic Story Teller visits Patterson Students on April 4, Report Cards go home on April 5, and there is no school on April 6. Elections for the 2011-2012 PTA Executive Board will take place at the PTA Meeting on Tuesday April 11 at 9:30am in the MPR. Our Second Grade Literacy Night is Thurs. April 12 at 6:30pm, our PTA Variety Show is April 13 at 6:00pm, and Our Spring Chorus Concert is Tues. April 24. Remember the Volunteer Appreciation Tea is at 2:30pm on April 26 and Teacher Appreciation Week starts April 30. We hope to see you at one of these exciting events at Patterson!

**Principal Michele Frost**

# Registration for 2012-13 School Year

Having accurate student numbers for the upcoming school year is crucial to us NOW. Important decisions are soon being made in regard to staffing allocations for Patterson and class sizes. **Please help spread the word.** If you have neighbors with children that **attended private kindergarten this year, they may be eligible to start 1st grade;** they should **contact our office NOW for pre-registration materials.** If you are planning to relocate prior to the start of the new school year, please contact the office to let us know. Not only does it help us plan, but we can help ensure a smooth transition for your children by getting all important transfer documents ready. Registration packets for returning students will be sent home in late April. Please complete this information and return it to the office as soon as possible. Please call our office at 428-6500 if you have any questions.

# Bicycle Safety Reminder

As spring slowly begins, more and more students will be riding bicycles to school. The rules for riding bikes to Patterson are important. If it has been awhile since you had a "family talk" about bike safety, now is a good time to do so.

**For bike riders who travel to and from school along either the East or West side of Lawrence Drive:**

- \* All bikers must walk their bikes on school grounds and along Lawrence until they cross Grommon. (On the way to school, children must dismount bikes before they cross Grommon and walk their bikes all the way to the bike racks behind Patterson.)

**For bike riders who travel to and from school along Orwell:**

- \* All bike riders must walk their bikes on school grounds across Lawrence until they cross Branford. (On the way to school, children must dismount bikes before they cross Branford and walk their bikes all the way to the bike racks behind Patterson.)

**All bike riders:**

- \* Bike riders will be dismissed from the classrooms early. This will allow extra time for bike riders to vacate the area surrounding the school and lessen congestion for walkers. Walkers will be dismissed at 3:35.
- \* We strongly recommend that students wear helmets when bicycling to school or at any time.
- \* All bikers should stay on sidewalks, at all times and follow the crossing guard's instructions.

# Patterson Entries Advance in Reflections Competition

The Patterson PTA is proud of the creativity and involvement of the students who submitted 75 entries for this year's Reflections competition. 47 Patterson entries were advanced for consideration in the District 204 Indian Prairie Parents Council (IPPC) level of the competition.

Northern Illinois PTA District 36 considered submissions from throughout the western half of DuPage County and advanced 23 entries to the Illinois State competition. **Brooke D.**, 5CN, advanced to the Illinois State competition with her dance choreography entry and received an Honorable Mention. **Grayce S.**, 5H, and **Trevor C.**, 2A, both advanced to State in the category of film. Grayce also received an Honorable Mention; **Trevor C.** won State and is continuing on to Nationals! Best of luck, Trevor! The three State Advancers were honored at a ceremony in Schaumburg this past weekend.

# Birthday Book Club

*Celebrate by Giving the Gift of Reading*

Students wishing to celebrate their Birthday, or half Birthday, at school are encouraged to donate a book of their choice to the LMC in honor of their Birthday. Simply have your child bring in a book on or around his/her Birthday. Your child's picture will be taken and displayed on the Birthday Book Club bulletin board in the LMC, a special label will be placed inside the book, and your child will be recognized here in the Patterson Press. Contact **Jen Wiltshire** at (630)922-4289 or jen.wiltshire5@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for ALL of the great book donations and Happy Birthday or Half Birthday to the following students:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Reese B.</b> . . . . . 2E       | <b>Hannah B.</b> . . . . . 4A  |
| <b>Meredith K.</b> . . . . . 3Ka   | <b>Claire L.</b> . . . . . 1R  |
| <b>Luke B.</b> . . . . . 1R        | <b>Kyle K.</b> . . . . . 4V    |
| <b>John Vernon K.</b> . . . . . 1D | <b>Sweta J.</b> . . . . . 3T   |
| <b>Anvi D.</b> . . . . . 4A        | <b>Dylan K.</b> . . . . . 1S/H |
| <b>Clark M.</b> . . . . . 1W       | <b>Cesar P.</b> . . . . . KR   |
| <b>Alexa Y.</b> . . . . . KW       | <b>Jack C.</b> . . . . . KC    |
| <b>Chase P.</b> . . . . . 2E       | <b>Matt H.</b> . . . . . 3T    |
| <b>Annie W.</b> . . . . . 1D       | <b>Mary C.</b> . . . . . 1S/H  |

# Donations Needed for Teacher Appreciation Week

**APRIL 30—MAY 4**

On Monday, April 30, the Patterson PTA will be providing breakfast for the teachers and is asking for your donations to assist in that effort.

In addition to hot breakfast items, we will be providing a yogurt bar. Donations would be appreciated for the following items:

- yogurt, granola, strawberries, blueberries, bananas, clementines, muffins, banana bread, coffee cake, and mini bagels with cream cheese.**

Please contact **Liz Lawrence** at lizlaw875@att.net or (630)637-1417 to volunteer for specific sizes and quantities. Thank you for helping us acknowledge the superb teachers we have at Patterson.

# Patterson 2012 Variety Show

Are you looking for an exciting and entertaining evening? Mark your calendar for Friday, April 13 at 6:00pm. Come one and all to show your school spirit and support your classmates. Don't miss the amazing and wonderful displays of talent at the Patterson 2012 Variety Show. What a great opportunity to see talent in action right here at Patterson! Light snacks will be available for purchase. Performers— Please watch your emails for information on rehearsal times and dates.

# 2012 Reading Programs

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's reading programs. Kane County Cougar tickets will be passed out the week of April 9. Look for Six Flags passes to come home in early May.

We look forward to a wonderful Kane County Cougars game on Saturday, April 21. As an extra bonus, Patterson Chorus will be singing the National Anthem. Go Cougars!

# Cookie Dough Pick Up!

*Don't forget to pick up your delicious cookie dough*

**Thursday, April 19**

**3:00 to 5:00** In the Multipurpose Room

*If you are unable to pick up your order, please have a friend or neighbor get your order for you!*

***Thank you for supporting our school!***

Questions? Contact **D'Ann Searls** dksearls@hotmail.com or **Gretchen Greever** glgreever@msn.com

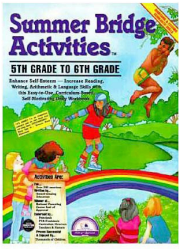


# You're invited!

## PATTERSON ELEMENTARY'S 2012 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA



- WHO** Everyone who has volunteered at Patterson during the 2011-2012 school year
- WHEN** Thursday, April 26, 2012  
from 2:30pm - 3:15pm
- WHERE** Patterson Tea Room  
(Aka: The MPR)
- WHY** We appreciate all you do for Patterson Elementary!



## Patterson PTA and Summer Bridge Activities Workbook!

The Patterson PTA is offering families the opportunity to purchase The Summer Bridge Activities™ workbook series that bridges the educational gap during the summer. The PTA is offering these workbooks in conjunction with The Chalkboard store. The cost of each workbook is **\$14.95 (the same price as in the store)** with up to \$3.00 from each book going back to the PTA.

For more information about the workbooks, visit [www.thechalkboardcatalog.com](http://www.thechalkboardcatalog.com). Search keywords “Summer Bridge Activities”.

To place your order, choose the book corresponding to your child’s current and future grade and complete the order form below. Return it with your payment to your child’s teacher or the Patterson office on or before **Friday, April 20th** in an envelope marked “**Patterson PTA – Summer Bridge**”. The workbooks will be sent home in the backpacks in May. Questions about this program may be directed to [JillLies@aol.com](mailto:JillLies@aol.com).

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### Summer Bridge Activities Workbook Order Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Magic of Storytelling Assemblies</b> 9:15-2:15 4 sess. <b>Gr. 5 Robert Crown Follow-up</b> in Classroom 2:00 <b>Mandatory PTA Variety Show Rehearsal</b> 3:45-6:00	<b>5</b> <b>Orchestra</b> 7:50-8:50 <b>Fire Drill</b> 10:15 <b>Ice Cream &amp; Recess PPP</b> <b>Quarterly Rewards</b> 2:45-3:15 <b>Spring Postal Club, Session I</b> 3:35-4:30	<b>6</b> NO SCHOOL Local Holiday	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Chorus</b> 7:50-8:50  <b>PTA Meeting</b> 9:30  <b>Gr. 4 Spring Garden Club</b> 3:35-4:30	<b>11</b> <b>KC &amp; KW to DuPage Children's Museum</b> 9:10-12:45  <b>Mandatory PTA Variety Show Rehearsal</b> 3:45-6:00	<b>12</b> <b>Orchestra</b> 7:50-8:50 <b>KR to DuPage Children's Museum</b> 9:10-12:15 <b>Gr. 4 Be Smart, Be Safe</b> 1:15-3:15 <b>Spring Postal Club, Session I</b> 3:35-4:30 <b>Gr. 2 Literacy Night</b> 6:30-7:30pm	<b>13</b> <b>Spirit Wear &amp; Walk/Ride to School Day</b>  <b>Band</b> 7:50-8:50  <b>PTA Variety Show</b> 6:00-8:30	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Chorus</b> 7:50-8:50 <b>Gr. 4 Spring Garden Club</b> 3:35-4:30	<b>18</b> <b>Band &amp; Orchestra Assembly</b> 9:30-10:00 <b>Spirit Council</b> 3:35-4:15	<b>19</b> <b>Orchestra</b> 7:50-8:50 <b>Gr. 4 Be Smart, Be Safe</b> 1:15-3:15 <b>Spring Postal Club, Session I</b> 3:35-4:30	<b>20</b> <b>Band</b> 7:50-8:50	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Chorus</b> 8:50-8:50 <b>Chorus Assembly</b> 9:30 <b>Gr. 4 Spring Garden Club</b> 3:50-4:30 <b>Chorus Concert</b> 6:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Gr. 4 Be Smart, Be Safe</b> 1:15-3:15 <b>Spring Postal Club, Session II</b> 3:35-4:30 <b>Crone Reps visit Grade 5</b> 2:00-3:00 <b>Gr. 5 Parent Orientation, Crone</b> 6:30pm	<b>27</b> <b>Band</b> 7:50-8:50	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Teacher Appreciation Week Begins</b>					

**Indian Prairie School District #204**  
**Elementary Lunch Menu-One Page Summary**  
**April 2012**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 *Mini Maple Burst Pancakes w/Syrup with or without ***Sausage Patty or **Corn Dog Sweet Potato Tots Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	3 Hamburger on a WG Bun or *Make Your Own Pita Pizza with or without Pepperoni Seasoned Carrots Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	4 Nachos w/Cheese & Taco Meat or *Vegetarian Refried Beans or Breaded Popcorn Chicken w/WG Roll Fiesta Rice Chilled Applesauce Choice of Milk	5 ***Turkey Roast w/WG Roll or *Macaroni & Cheese w/WG Roll Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans Cinnamon Apple Slices Choice of Milk	6 <b>No School Today</b>
9 *WG Pancakes w/Syrup with or without ***Sausage Patty or **Hot Dog on a WG Bun  Potato Wedges Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	10 *Cheese Stuffed Breadstick with Marinara Sauce or Baked Breaded Chicken Nuggets w/WG Roll  <b>Golden Corn</b> <b>Chilled Pears</b> Choice of Milk	11 Soft Shell Tacos w/Chicken Fajita Meat or *Vegetarian Refried Beans or Hamburger on a WG Bun  Fiesta Rice Chilled Applesauce Choice of Milk	12 <b>WG Chicken Patty on a WG Bun</b> or **Pasta & Marinara Sauce w/Whole Grain Roll <b>Peas &amp; Carrots</b> Baked French Fries <b>Chilled Apricots</b> Choice of Milk	13 *Cheese Pizza or ***Pepperoni Pizza or **Corn Dog  Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
16 Breaded Chicken Nuggets w/WG Roll or Meatball Sub Sandwich  Green Beans Glazed Sweet Potatoes Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	17 *French Toast Sticks w/Syrup with or without ***Sausage Patty or Sloppy Joe on a WG Bun  Baked Tator Tots Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Nachos w/Cheese & Beef Taco Meat or *Vegetarian Refried Beans or Chicken Patty on WG Bun  Golden Corn Chilled Applesauce Choice of Milk	19 Baked BBQ Chicken w/ WG Roll or Cheeseburger on a WG Bun  Potato Wedges Cinnamon Apple Slices Choice of Milk	20 *Cheese Pizza or ***Pepperoni Pizza or ***BBQ Rib Sandwich on a WG Bun  <b>Vegetarian Baked Beans</b> <b>Chilled Peaches</b> Choice of Milk
23 *Cheese Stuffed Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce or Chicken Patty on WG Bun  <b>Golden Corn</b> <b>Mixed Fruit</b> Choice of Milk	24 *WG Pancakes w/Syrup with or without ***Sausage Patty or Chicken Lo Mein w/Vegetables  Seasoned Peas Baked Tator Tots Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	25 Cheeseburger on a WG Bun or **Hot Dog on a WG Bun  Baked French Fries Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	26 Baked Breaded Chicken Nuggets w/WG Roll or *Pasta & Marinara Sauce w/Whole Grain Roll  Seasoned Carrots Chilled Applesauce Choice of Milk	27 *Cheese Pizza or ***Pepperoni Pizza or Meatball Sub Sandwich  Vegetarian Baked Beans Rice Pilaf Chilled Apricots Choice of Milk
30 *Mini Maple Burst Pancakes w/Syrup with or without ***Sausage Patty or **Corn Dog  Potato Wedges Chilled Pears Choice of Milk		<b>Lunch Meal Prices:</b> Paid Lunch: \$2.35 Reduced Lunch: \$0.40 White Milk: \$0.40 Chocolate Milk: \$0.50 <b>*This menu item is vegetarian **This item contains Turkey ***This item contains Pork WG=Item is made with Whole Grain</b>	 Balanced Choices Meals are meal combinations that meet precise nutrition standards that endorse healthy eating guidelines for students. BC meals are in bold	

**Alternate COLD Lunches Offered Daily:**

**\*Soybutter & Grape Jelly Sandwich, Entrée Salad, or Grab & Go Bagged Lunch (See Detailed Menu for Choices)**

**-Food bar with fresh fruits and vegetables offered daily.**

**What is included in a lunch meal? You MUST choose 1 Entrée & MUST choose at least 1 side and CAN choose up to 3 sides for the same \$2.35 lunch price**

**Daily Milk Choices Include (milk is counted as a side item): Fat Free White, 1% White, and Fat Free Chocolate**

Find menus posted at: [www.chartwellschooling.com/ipsd204/content/menus.asp](http://www.chartwellschooling.com/ipsd204/content/menus.asp)

**Menu Questions or Comments?**

Please Call Director of Dining Services: Greg Manning at 630-428-6570

**Menu subject to change without notice.**

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