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From the PTA President..

The chill is in the air and the holidays are upon us. Please take time to remember how blessed each of us are and take a moment to reflect on the past year. Take time to enjoy your family and friends and let them know how much they mean to you.

Butter Braid sales were a huge success again this year! Thank you for supporting the PTA with your purchase. Enjoy the warm and delicious treat over the break. Thank you to Jill Lies and Susie Schwinn for handling the orders.

American Education Week was celebrated in November to honor our teachers. The staff enjoyed a beautiful lunch catered by Culinary Artistry/Claudia Biespiel. Many thanks to Sacha Renner and her helpers who assisted Claudia. Thank you to Liz Lawrence, Lori Rose and Karen Amundsen for organizing and assisting with the luncheon and to the many parent volunteers who donated delicious desserts.

Thank you Mrs. Rothmeyer, (Music Teacher) and 4th grade students for a wonderful Veteran's Day assembly. It was a wonderful way to honor our Veteran's and many students had special guests attend the assembly and spoke of their experience in the Armed Forces.

The Patterson Directory was distributed to all PTA members. Thank you to Pam Blanchard for the new design. It looks great!

Thank you to Eileen Boffa for chairing Reflections Committee and Community Service. Our community service project for December will be donating PJ's for children. Please see the community service article in the Press for more information. It truly is a wonderful feeling to give to those less fortunate and shows our children what it means to give back.

Due to the short month, we will not hold a general PTA meeting in December. However, please mark your calendar for the January meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room.

Please take a moment to stop by Room 107 to see the new Parent Resource Center. There are many books, articles and information available to parents regarding topics such as student anxiety, bullying, and many more!

As always, be kind to each other and please be patient in the car pool line. With the colder weather, the line is longer and our number one priority must be student safety. Remember, Albert Court is not a student drop off zone. Also, please do not cut into the car pool line from Carlyle or Grommon or make U-turns on Lawrence.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

Donna Widmann

PTA President

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL

WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 4

SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 7

From the Principal..

Dear Parents,

There is a chill in the air which means the car line is getting longer, and the holidays are just around the corner! We hope to see you at some of our special events this month at Patterson. Then we'll take some time off and enjoy Winter Break and return January 7th to a new year.

The weather has turned and so we prepare for the change at Patterson. Please remind students that we will continue to go out to recess (per dist. policy) as long as it is dry enough and the temperature is above 5 degrees F. with wind chill. Even those with a short jump from the car to the building should be prepared for recess with hats, gloves, boots, and a warm coat.

Cold weather means a longer car line at drop off and pick up. Those bikes have been packed away and our walkers are thinking twice. We understand, but please keep in mind that over 500 students go in and out of our front circle within a short time period. In the winter, we do lengthen the dismissal time frame for car riders and increase supervision. Please be patient in line and do what you can to speed things up. For example, have students ready to exit in the morning, pull up as far as possible allowing us to get as many cars in the circle to load and unload at a time, and carpool with friends and neighbors if possible.

In addition to seeing you in the car line, we hope to see you at some of our December events such as our Band and Orchestra concert on Dec. 10th. Our Chorus is presenting their Winter Concert on Tues. Dec. 11th at 6:00pm. The traditional Kindergarten Gingerbread Event will be held on Dec. 18th from 2:30 – 3:15pm for Kindergarten families only. On December 21st, our PTA has some fantastic activities planned for ALL Patterson students at the annual winter parties.

Winter break is held December 22nd through January 6, with school resuming on January 7th, 2013. We hope you all enjoy some wonderful time with family and friends. We at Patterson wish you and your family a safe and happy winter break!

Sincerely,
Michele Frost, Principal





Community Service

PJS. PAJAMAS. SLEEPWEAR. JAMMIES. JAMS. NIGHTWEAR.
SLEEPER. SLEEPING SUIT

Back by popular demand....Pajama Collection! In conjunction with the winter party, the PTA will be sponsoring a pajama collection. All new children's pajamas will be acceptable. We will be donating the collection to a charity identified by the Pajama Program. The children who benefit from this generosity live in various situations including group homes, shelters and temporary housing facilities and are shuffled often from one place to another. Many of them have been abandoned, abused or neglected. Some of the children are living with families below the poverty level, in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter. If you would like further information about this organization, please visit their website (pajamaprogram.org). The collection will be held through the month of December until the day of the winter party and last day before break.

Kindergarten Gingerbread Holiday Program

The Kindergartners are going to celebrate the season with a Gingerbread Holiday Program and activity. It will be held on:

Tuesday, December 18, from 2:30-3:15pm

KC, KM, and KR classes

This program will take place in the Multi-purpose room. The students will be singing two holiday songs: *Frosty the Snowman* and *Jingle Bells*, presenting a seasonal letter poem, and then making their own gingerbread houses. Two parents or two adult chaperones per student are invited. Mark your calendars. More information will sent with your child soon. We look forward to seeing everyone for this fun holiday program©



Jet's Pizza Night

Busy getting ready for the Holidays?
Take a night off from cooking,
support your PTA, and treat your family
to a delicious meal from Jet's Pizza!

Jet's day/night is

Tuesday, December 18

Jet's will give our school 20%
of your order!

**BE SURE YOU MENTION YOU ARE WITH
PATTERSON SCHOOL WHEN YOU ORDER!**

Delivery is available.



Winter Party Nutrition Information

The snack for the winter parties will be sugar cookies from Smiley Cookies. They are from a tree nut free and peanut free facility. Nutrition information is provided below.

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 cookie (56g)	
Servings Per Container 12	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 250	Calories from Fat 80
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 9g	14%
Saturated Fat 4g	20%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 15mg	4%
Sodium 105mg	4%
Total Carbohydrate 40g	13%
Dietary Fiber 1g	5%
Sugars 15g	
Protein 3g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 0%	Iron 4%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than 65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than 20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	375g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

INGREDIENTS: SUGAR COOKIE MIX (WHEAT FLOUR, SUGAR, VEGETABLE SHORTENING (INTERESTERIFIED SOYBEAN OIL, FULLY HYDROGENATED COTTONSEED AND/OR SOY OIL), DRIED EGG YOLKS, SOY PROTEIN, NONFAT DRIED MILK, SALT, BAKING SODA, CORN STARCH, IMITATION VANILLA FLAVOR, MONO- AND DIGLYCERIDES, SOLUBLE DIETARY FIBER, CORN SYRUP SOLIDS, AND SODIUM CASHEATE.

SMILEY'S ICING: SUGAR, WATER, MALTODEXTRIN, SORBITOL, CORN SYRUP, LESS THAN 2% OF THE FOLLOWING: SODIUM BENZOATE, SODIUM PROPIONATE, TITANIUM DIOXIDE, VEGETABLE GUMS, HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, POTASSIUM SORBATE, GLYCERINE, ARTIFICIAL FLAVOR, CITRIC ACID, MODIFIED FOOD STARCH, FD&C (YELLOW #5, YELLOW #6, RED #3, RED #40, BLUE #2, BLUE #1).

CONTAINS WHEAT, EGG, SOY AND DAIRY INGREDIENTS.

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EAT'N PARK, 410 VISTA PARK DR.,
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205
PACKAGED ON:



Birthday Book Club

Celebrate by Giving the Gift of Reading

Thank you for ALL of the great Birthday Book donations! Happy Birthday or half-birthday to the following students:

Olivia	3Kr	Madison	5Sh
Andrew	1H	Anna	2A
Gavin	1W	Paden	5S
Ethan	2E	Delaney	1W
Keira	2C		

If your child would like to donate a book to the LMC in honor of their birthday or half birthday, simply have them bring a book to school on or around their birthday. Your child's picture will be taken and displayed on the Birthday Book Club bulletin board in the LMC and a special label will be placed inside the book.

Looking for a suggestion of a great book to donate? Check out the PTA section of the Patterson website for a new LMC wish list full of wonderful ideas.

Questions? Contact Jen Wiltshire at 630-922-4289 or jen.wiltshire5@gmail.com.



Thank You from the Hospitality Committee!

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the following people that contributed desserts and beverages for the American Education luncheon for the teachers. The luncheon was a Mexican Fiesta Feast catered by Culinary Artistry /Claudia Biespiel. The staff enjoyed all of the great food!

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| Lisa Pearce | Amy Sutcliffe |
| Geanine Sitkowski | Rita Malloy |
| Jennifer Vollbrecht | Maura Finnerty |
| Laura Barreto | Betty Anthony |
| Carmen Estopare | Lorna London |
| Laura Dabezic | Danielle Minnerick |
| Jamie King | Laura Remack |
| Karen Young | Rachel Anderson |
| Denise Harrison | |



Patterson Elementary PTA

Support the Patterson PTA and purchase your Downtown Naperville Gift Cards!

One of the most purchased gifts in Naperville is the downtown Naperville gift card. Redeemable at over 150 locations throughout downtown Naperville, the gift cards which are available in \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments make the perfect gift for any occasion.

Surveys show this is what teachers want! Also purchase them for relatives, coaches, religious education teachers, bus drivers, office gifts, etc!

To purchase the gift cards use the form below and **5%** of your purchase goes directly to the Patterson PTA!

It's easy, just fill out the form below and return it to school with your check payable to Patterson PTA in an envelope labeled "PTA Gift Cards" by **Friday, December 7th**. You may pick up your Gift Cards on **Thursday, December 13th from 9:10am to 10:00 am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm** in the front lobby of Patterson School. (Due to the cash value, the gift cards will not be sent home in the students' backpacks.)

Any questions, please contact: Jill Lies at JillLies@aol.com or 630-219-3045

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Downtown Naperville Gift Cards

Due Date: **Friday, December 7th.**

Please make checks payable to **Patterson PTA**. (No Cash, checks only please!)

Your name: _____

Child's name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of gift cards ordered in the following increments:

_____ \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check Number: _____

Pick Up: Patterson Front Lobby, Thursday 12/13, 9:10-10:00am and 3:00-5:00pm

PATTERSON CALENDER

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Grade 5 Ukulele Club 3:35 – 4:30 Band Concert Rehearsal; Crone Cafeteria 4:30-5:45	4	5	6 Postal Club 3:35 – 4:30	7	8
9	10 Grade 5 Ukulele Club 3:35 – 4:30 Orchestra Concert; Crone 6:15 Band Concert; Crone 7:30	11 Chorus Assembly 6:00	12	13 Postal Club 3:35 – 4:30	14 Grade 3 to Nutcracker 9:15 - Noon	15
16	17 Grade 5 Ukulele Club 3:35 – 4:30	18 Kindergarten Gingerbread Program; MPR 2:30 – 3:15	19 Spirit Council Meeting 3:35 – 4:15	20 Postal Club 3:35 – 4:30	21 Winter Parties 2:30 - 3:15	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	28 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break					



Chartwells School Dining Services at Indian Prairie School District #204
Elementary Lunch Menu December 2012

Student lunch \$2.35 Reduced price \$.40 White Milk \$.40 Chocolate Milk \$.50. If a student is eligible for FREE or REDUCED Lunch, they are also eligible for FREE or REDUCED (.30 cents) BREAKFAST.

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, up to three (3) vegetable side dishes, one (1) fruit side dish, and milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

A cold vegetable and fruit bar is available daily on which we feature a variety of vegetables and fruits including locally grown when seasonally available. Each week we feature deeply colored, nutrient-rich vegetables including red/orange and dark green varieties, as well as beans and other additional choices. See back of menu for this month's featured selections. We also offer at least one hot vegetable daily on our serving line.

*** = Meatless Entree Choice **=Entree Choice Contains Pork**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-Dec	4	5	6	7
*French Toast Sticks with or w/out **Sausage Grilled Chicken on Whole Grain Bun *Yogurt Cup with Whole Grain Muffin Baked Tator Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Bosco Stick with Marinara Sauce Turkey Corn Dog Chicken Caesar Salad w/Crackers & Croutons Seasoned Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	Fajita on a Whole Grain Tortilla w/Chicken or *Refried Beans Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun *Soynut Butter & Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread Mexican Black Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Pasta w/Marinara Sauce with or w/out Meatballs Breaded Chicken Nuggets *Hummus with Veggie Sticks & Corn Tortilla Chips Seasoned Mixed Vegetables Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Tony's Cheese Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust **Tony's Pepperoni Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust Turkey & Cheese on Whole Grain Bun Seasoned Peas & Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar
10	11	12	13	14
*Bosco Stick with Marinara Sauce **BBQ Pork Rib on Whole Grain Bun *Veggie Burger on Whole Grain Bun Seasoned Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	Soft Shell Taco on Whole Grain Tortilla w/Taco Meat or *Refried Beans Turkey Hot Dog on Whole Grain Bun *Soynut Butter & Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread Seasoned Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Mini Maple Burst Pancakes with or w/out **Sausage Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun **Italian Sub Sandwich Baked Potato Wedges Fruit & Veggie Bar	Baked BBQ Chicken w/ Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Breaded Popcorn Chicken *String Cheese with Whole Grain Cereal Glazed Sweet Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Tony's Cheese Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust **Tony's Pepperoni Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust Bologna & Cheese on Whole Grain Bun Seasoned Mixed Vegetables Fruit & Veggie Bar
17	18	19	20	21
*Cinnamon Mini Eggo Waffles with or w/out **Sausage Breaded Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner roll *Soynut Butter & Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread Baked Tator Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar	Nachos & Cheese Sauce w/Taco Meat or *Refried Beans w/Brown Fiesta Rice Turkey Corn Dog **Ham & Cheese Sub Sandwich Seasoned Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Baked Ziti w/Cheese Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun Chicken Caesar Salad w/Crackers & Croutons Seasoned Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar	Roast Turkey w/Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Breaded Chicken Nuggets *Yogurt Cup with Whole Grain Muffin Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar	*Tony's Cheese Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust **Tony's Pepperoni Pizza on Whole Wheat Crust **BBQ Pork Rib on Whole Grain Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar
24	25	26	27	28
Winter Break: December 24th, 2012 - January 4th, 2013				
30	1-Jan	2	3	4
Happy Holidays!				



Go to MyPlate.gov for online personal wellness resources for you and your family.

Menu Questions or Comments?
Please Call Director of Dining Services:
Greg Manning at 630-428-6570

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