



Patterson Press

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From the PTA President...

Welcome Back Patterson Families! Summer was sizzling and went by much to quickly. I hope you enjoyed summer break with your children and spent quality time enjoying every minute with them. I want to thank everyone who came out to the PTA meeting in May. We had a terrific turnout and hope to continue to see you at future PTA meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a great forum to learn what is happening at Patterson and around the district.

I would like to introduce the PTA Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year:

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- Karen Amundsen**, VP Administration, amundsen3111@comcast.net
- Janet Juarez**, VP Finance, j.juarez@me.com
- Eileen Boffa**, VP Enrichment, boffas@wowway.com
- Terri Maas**, Treasurer, terri.maas@sbcglobal.net
- Alissa Chrissos**, Secretary alissasch@gmail.com

We are always looking for new ideas/suggestions, so please feel free to contact any of us to share your ideas.

Meet and Greet was a success. Thanks to **Andy's Frozen Custard** for the donation to the Ice Cream Social. Thank you to the Ice Cream Social Chairs: **Danielle Minnerick** and **Kristine Robinson** for their hard work in organizing the event. We hope you had a chance to stop by the apparel table and order new Patterson Spirit Wear. If you forgot to turn in your PTA membership form, there is still time! Please fill out the membership form and return it with your check to Amy Sutcliffe (in an envelope made out to Membership—your child's teacher can get it to the office). As a reminder, we will be selling apparel and accepting memberships at Curriculum Night. Special thanks to **Jamie Chriqui**, chairperson for School Supply Kits and all her volunteers for distribution to the classrooms.

Keep an eye out for Gift Wrap order forms coming home at beginning of September. Remember, this is Patterson's largest fundraiser. It pays for almost everything for the students, such as field trips, classroom enrichment, room parties, books for the LMC, assemblies and much more! Please support this fundraiser.

Fall Family Fun is coming up October 15. Please look for information about this in the list serve and the website. This event will take place offsite this year at Players Sports.

Please mark your calendar for an important parent information night regarding **Bully Prevention presented by Sue Black on September 22.** More info to follow.

PLEASE KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE! Remember there are **no U-turns allowed in carpool**, drive slow, pay attention and do not cut in line. Also, it is a state law that no cell phones are allowed in a school zone. We are watching and violators will be reported to the Naperville police. Thank you in advance for reviewing the carpool guidelines.

As we head back to school, I hope that kindness can be found during those first few weeks of new teachers and new friends. It feels great to say hello to someone new and you may just surprise yourself and make a new friend!

Donna Widmann, PTA President



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From the Principal...

Dear Patterson Community,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Patterson Elementary! I am delighted to welcome you back for an exciting year and to meet those of you who are new to the school. The staff has been working hard to prepare for the students' return and what promises to be a great school year!

As you probably know, Patterson Elementary has achieved the academic excellence award from the Illinois State Board of Education for long-term exemplary academic performance on the Illinois learning standards. Our students' success is due in part to the partnership our school has with the parents and community. Together, we are able to provide an outstanding educational experience for all our learners.

I hope those of you who have been actively involved with your child's education through the many opportunities our Patterson PTA provides, will continue that tradition. For those of you new to our community, or who have hesitated in getting involved, I encourage you to join the PTA and consider ways you can be a part of this incredible partnership between home and school.

This year is sure to be another great year at Patterson. I look forward to working with you and your children. I hope to see you in person at one of the many exciting events in the first quarter.

Michele Frost, Principal

Birthdays & Goody Bags Reminder...

A student's birthday is a special day. Each classroom honors that child in a manner that is appropriate for his/her grade. Due to the large number of students with severe food allergies, edible treats are not permitted for birthday celebrations. Parents interested in an alternative to edible treats may want to purchase a book or game for the classroom, arrange a visit to read a special story, donate a book for the library in your child's name, or send one item of small monetary value (such as a pencil or bookmark) to be shared with class mates. This is completely optional. Please talk with your child's teacher about a class gift, or contact the LMC Director for more details on donating a book. In addition, please note that party invitations and goody bags cannot be distributed at school. **Please do not send goody bags for birthdays, holidays, and/or any other occasions.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Community Care Committee

Patterson PTA is looking for volunteers who would like to help with the Community Care Committee. Community Care helps those who might need a little help, during a time of need. We help organize meals, errands, collections, etc. for Patterson families going through a challenging time. If interested, please email **Rita Malloy** at ritamalloy@hotmail.com, or **Carrie Wagner** at carriewagner@mac.com.

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 special day. 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 jen.wiltshire5@gmail.com or (630)922-4289 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Spirit Days

Every Friday is Patterson Spirit Day! On these days we dress in our school colors—green and gray or Patterson wear. Please know that anything green and/or gray is appropriate for these days. We are just celebrating being part of a great school and school community!

Welcome!

The following staff members are new to Patterson this year:

Melinda Everett Social Worker
Kari Rothmeyer General Music
Jennifer Long .5 Interventionist
Nikki Shafer Interventionist .5 (*Kim Marran's maternity leave*)
Kristen Gader Teacher Assistant
Shinette Williams Teacher Assistant
Traci Paulsen ILC Teacher Assistant
Kersten Kempf Teacher's Assistant
Judy Welch Crossing Guard, Lunch Room Supervisor

And a returning Prairie Dog, **Beth Hauser**, is back in 5th grade!

Get into the swing of things...

Go APE over Gift Wrap!



Support your PTA—it's time for the Patterson

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

September 14—September 28

50% of every purchase goes directly to our school!

Our fundraiser this year brings back the beloved Sally Foster® gift wrap and products!

Sally Foster

- ❖ A large selection of wrapping paper
- ❖ Delicious chocolates
- ❖ Gifts for everyone!
- ❖ Paula Deen Sauces and Jams featured online
- ❖ Free Shipping to your home on orders over \$50

Look for your packets to come home in your child's backpack on September 14!!

This is the PTA's largest fundraiser and enables the PTA to fund field trips, room parties, assemblies, the Publishing Center, Art Awareness and so much more. Each of our 25+ committees is funded through this gift wrap fundraiser. Although participation is optional, we encourage everyone to participate so that we may maximize the benefit to all of the children in the school and to all of the PTA programs. When you receive your catalog, browse through it. It is a catalog filled with top quality gift wrap, gift items, and chocolates... there's something for everyone.

Bicycle Safety Reminder...

The rules for riding bikes to Patterson are important for the safety of all students. Please review the following information with your children if they bike to school:

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

- * All bikers must walk their bike 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 bikes all the way to the bike racks behind Patterson.)

For bikers 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:

- * We know that bike riding is a preferred mode of transportation for many of our students and appreciate your efforts to "Go Green". Just please remember to be safe, respectful of walkers, and responsible with your bike. We ask parents to join Patterson staff and safety guards in monitoring students and offering reminders as needed. Thank you for your help.

Bike riders will be dismissed a few minutes early to allow them to clear sidewalks surrounding the school and lessen congestion before other students are dismissed at 3:35. We strongly recommend that students wear helmets when bicycling to school or at any time.

Check it out!

Please visit **Mrs. Rothmeyer's Music Blog** to receive music updates, schedules, upcoming events, and specific music class curriculum. Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade students will be playing recorder this year. Visit the Music Blog at <http://missboozellsblog.blogspot.com> to fill out an order form.

Save the Date!
Walk to School Day
Wednesday, October 5

Early Dismissal and Late Arrival

When a child arrives late to school, they should come into the school office and sign in, so we can ensure their attendance is corrected. A request to have a child dismissed early should be sent **in writing** with the child on the morning of the dismissal.

Oops Policy

If your child forgets an item(s) that he/she needs for class and/or a lunch, please drop the item off at the OOPS TABLE at the main entrance. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your child's name and grade level. Please place the item in your child's grade level container. It will be your child's responsibility to pick up the item at the table at an appropriate time during the school day. *Please note that phone, as well as, intercom calls to the classroom during the school day are not allowed in order to maximize instructional time.* Thank you for your understanding.

Patterson Positive Pillars

Have you heard about the Patterson Positive Pillars? Your children will be learning what it looks like to be safe, respectful, and responsible in various areas of the school. Students caught demonstrating these positive pillars of character may be awarded a PPP Ticket. Part of that ticket is turned into the office with the child's name entering them into school-wide drawings. Grade level and classroom incentives are also being offered. When an entire class is doing a fantastic job of demonstrating the Patterson Positive Pillars, the class may be awarded a golden pillar.

Tips for Parents and Caregivers on the 10th Anniversary of September 11

*Available for download at
patterson.ipdsd.org*

It's not too late...

Sign Up For Room Parents!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSROOM PARTIES:

1st Grade: Mrs. Wohlfeil Valentine's Day Room Parent and Party Assistants. Mrs. Reif Valentine's Day Party Assistants. **2nd Grade:** Mrs. Carlson Winter Room Parent and Party Assistants, Valentine's Day Room Parent. Mrs. Minnick Winter Room Parent and Party Assistants. **3rd Grade:** Mrs. Kane Winter Party Assistants. Mrs. Miller Valentine's Day Room Parent. **4th Grade:** Mr. Lia Valentine's Day Room Parent. **5th Grade:** Mrs. Shaw Winter Room Parent. Mrs. Conway Fall Room Parent and Party Assistants.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSROOMS:

Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Wohlfeil, Mrs. Harris/Steen, Mrs. DiSanto, Miss Arnquist, Mrs. Engle, Mrs. Minnick, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Zettle, Miss Veach, Mr. Lia, Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Hauser and Mrs. Conway.

ROOM PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordinates with Party Assistants to plan and organize games and activities (charades, freeze dance, twister) for the students. Room Parents receive \$10 per party from the Room Parent Committee to use for door decorating supplies, games, etc. This money is NOT to be used for prizes, goody bags, food, etc. Committee provides die-cuts/paper for door decorating.

TEACHER APPRECIATION COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES: Distributes the introductory letter (provided by Room Parent Committee) to class parents. Coordinates room activities (collecting flowers and/or gift basket items) for Teacher Appreciation Week.

A Room Parent meeting will take place in late September to review the details for the parties.

YOU MUST BE A PTA MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROOM PARTIES.

FALL PARTY Friday, October 31; 2:30-3:15

WINTER PARTY Thursday, December 22; 2:30-3:15

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY Friday, February 10; 2:30-3:15

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, April 30-Friday, May 4

Please send an email to **Alissa Chrisos** alissach@gmail.com or **Kathy Sherwin** kathy_sherwin@yahoo.com if you can assist with any of the above or if you have questions.

Lunchroom Schedule

Students attend lunch and then have recess outside or in their classrooms during inclement weather.

- Grade Two** 11:10-11:45
- Grade One** 11:35-12:10
- Grade Three** 12:00-12:35
- Grade Four** 12:20-12:55
- Grade Five** 12:45-1:20
- Grade K** 1:10-1:45

Patterson Curriculum Night

Thursday, September 15 * 6:00-8:00pm

*Usborne Book Sale
5:30-8:15pm in the LMC*

**SESSION I BEGINS AT 6:00-6:20PM
ALL PARENTS MEET IN THE PATTERSON GYM**

New this year, join us in the gym first to see the entire Patterson staff and meet the PTA Executive Board. **Mrs. Frost**, Principal and **Mrs. Purse**, Student Service Coordinator will share information about Patterson school-wide initiatives.

**SESSIONS II AND III WILL BE HELD FROM
6:35-7:10PM AND 7:20-7:55PM**

During Session II or III, please visit your child(ren)'s class to hear about the curriculum for this school year. Session II and III are the same in each classroom, so you may visit more than one grade level or a special program such as project arrow, supported ed., P.E. Art, or Music.

Throughout the evening from 5:30-8:15pm, Usborne Books will hold a book fair in the LMC focusing on parent resources. Be sure to stop by the LMC to browse the great items for sale from Usborne Educational Books. (Proceeds will be in the form of books for the Patterson LMC).

It's sure to be a great evening. We hope to see you there!

Integrated Pest Management Notification

Public Acts 91-0099 and 91-0525 mandate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Illinois public schools. IPM manages pest damage with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment; including judicious use of pesticides. In this context, "pesticide" includes insecticide, herbicide, rodenticide, and fungicide.

Typically, required applications will not present a health concern to students and staff, and they are an important part of buildings and grounds maintenance. However, it is the intent of IPM to allow those with special sensitivities to take appropriate precautions; in the case of children, as determined by a parent or guardian. IPM provides the opportunity for prior notice of pesticide application. For purposes of efficiency and economy, IPM calls for the creation of a registry of people who wish to receive prior notice. To be included in your school's registry, please provide the following information and return this form to its main office. Dependent on circumstances, written notice will be sent home with your child, or via U.S. Mail. The registry will be updated each school year.

If you have any questions or comments please call Director of Building Operations for Indian Prairie School District #204, at 375-3775.

"I wish to be notified two days before the use of pesticides (insecticide, herbicide, rodenticide, fungicide) at school. I understand if there is an immediate threat to health or property that requires treatment before notification can be sent, I will receive notice as soon as possible."

Student Name(s)/Grade(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tornado Drill 10:00am	2 Walk/Ride Bike to School Day Spirit Wear Day Fire Drill 2:00pm	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	6 NO SCHOOL Building Articulation Day	7	8	9 <i>Moment of silence for 9-11-01 10-year remembrance</i>	10
11 <i>10-year anniversary of the 9-11-01 tragedy</i>	12 Band/ Orchestra Prelude 7:50-8:50am	13 PTA Meeting 9:30am Student Picture Day	14 Gift Wrap Kick-Off	15 Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00pm	16 Band & Orchestra Registration, <i>Crone</i> 5:00-8:00pm	17
18	19	20 Bus Evacuation Drills 10:00-12:00	21	22 Sue Black Parent Info Night <i>You and Me, Bully Free</i> 7:00-8:30pm	23 Progress Reports Sue Black Bullying Assemblies	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	