



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

Here we are, the week before Thanksgiving. It's time for some reflection on gratitude, thinking about our accomplishments and taking joy in what makes Kaiser a wonderful learning community. I asked teachers to do this type of activity and display products on their bulletin boards. A tour of our hallway will reflect our children's thoughts, and those student products reveal to me that you, our parents and guardians, have done a wonderful job developing your children's hearts. Their writing reveals a deep sense of awareness of their blessings, of knowing how much they are loved.

Because the teachers and kids have done some reflection about appreciation, I did some also. Here is a short list of why I am thankful:

Our students, who come to school every day with hopeful faces and open minds. They work and play and give their all to grow and try to do their best. They bring us their best work time after time, hoping for approval and praise. They courageously face their mistakes and work on self-improvement. We adults would do well to take their example in many ways. What gifts they are!

You, our parents and guardians, who prepare your children so well and support the teachers in their efforts. We know how complex and difficult it can be to raise your children -- to nurture, help, advocate for, and intervene when needed, work hard at your careers to pay for everything, enjoy, pray with, and celebrate, discipline and train, pass on values, drive all over town and nag for practice —and all the countless things you do to bring us these joyful beings with whom we work every day. We humbly thank you!

Our clerical support staff, who are the wonderful "worker bees" who keep the processes of our school flowing. Miss Pearl makes all the copies and manages supplies for our teachers, keeps an eye on the Kindergartners at lunch, and lends her constant smile and cheerful laugh to our school atmosphere. Sonya Brooks, our community liaison and intervention specialist, smoothes the connections between the school and the parent community, and manages the intervention program to help our students progress into proficiency and beyond! Robin Sasada does everything: she runs the office, keeps me on track, manages our budget, sorts the flow of *all* questions and information for all of us, knows everybody's schedule and where all the kids are, and remains a charming delightful presence in the face of enormous stress and responsibility.

The faculty here at Kaiser School, who are the heart, soul, and strong back of our school. They do the real work to make Kaiser the successful school that we are. The teachers develop and implement a superior academic program, monitor the progress of our children, provide interventions, and guide the growth of our children at school. The men and women who teach our children come to me in the intimacy of my office to share their joys and sorrows, their tears of frustration and celebrations of delightful success. They are truly *parents in place*, the legal term that means that teachers are the parents of our children while they are at school.

So there it is. So much to be thankful for. Take some time this week and next to sit down with your child and discuss: What are you thankful for? What do you appreciate? And of course, let them know that you are thankful for them! And, have a wonderful week off!

Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

IF YOU'VE JOINED THE PTA...

look for your copy of the

Kaiser Student Directory

in your child's backpack this week.

It's not too late to become a PTA member and get a directory for free.

Additional directories are also available for \$5 in the office.

REMINDER:

the "Cody's Books Celebrate School Book Days" fundraiser is November 17-20.

Shop at Cody's during those days, submit your receipts to the Kaiser office, and the school receives 15% of the net purchases.

Upcoming Student Assemblies:

Nov.13th-Mon.9:30:

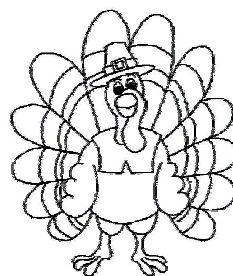
Mobile Dairy Classroom, A cow comes to campus!!!

Dec.6th-Wed.9:00:

Stagebridge Storytellers, "Multicultural Folktales and Lifestories"

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Nov. 13	Sally Foster Deliveries
Nov. 15	School Site Council Meeting
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED



New Calendar coming next week!

The Kaiser School Web Site

<http://www.kaiserelementary.org>

- Info about fundraising events
- After school programs
- **Teacher classrooms online**

How to be in the *Pink Panther*

To include your story or information in your school newsletter:

forward your news, questions or article to the editors by 5:00 p.m. on Sundays via:

mryder@ix.netcom.com and
kbradley@ix.netcom.com

How to Reach Kaiser School

Our phone number is **(510) 879-1710**
(includes a 24 hour message service).

To participate in the school community group, go to (and join) this website:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/

Kaiser Kiosk

AUCTION UPDATE – THE HITS KEEP COMING!

Several (quite a few) people **won their bids** on the silent auction and left without claiming them and paying. How about you???

Had to get home to the baby sitter, thought you didn't win, it doesn't matter!

Claim them this week at school. The items are in the nurses room off the office. Robin has the invoices. If you attended the auction but didn't go to check out, PLEASE stop by the office and see if you won something. Pay by check to Kaiser PTA and get your item.

San Francisco Chronicle Date Book

Leah Garchik, Friday, November 10, 2006

Learning that dinner for 10 fetched big money at an Under One Roof benefit, **Mel Stenger**, principal of Kaiser Elementary School in Oakland, e-mailed that in a "much smaller school community," two meals for 10 cooked by him and his partner, Vince Morgante, fetched a total of \$4,400. Never mind the rivalry or the money, bravo to the cooking principal.

Businesses Helping Kaiser

When you re-finance your home through **Wells Fargo Bank** they will donate \$300 to Kaiser! Please contact Maisha Williams for more information.

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Spring Walkathon is coming, faster than you think!
The kids are already asking about it...

To help get the event organized, please contact: Lisa Cartolano at

510.213.1139

or

lisa.cartolano@prurealty.com

Thanks!

Sign up for Escrip!!

It is an easy way to help raise funds for the school. All you need to do is register your grocery cards and credit cards and shop!

For information on Escrip and to sign up, go to www.escrip.com.

Contact Lisa Cartolano at 510.213.1139 if you need assistance getting set up.

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Kids Take The Page

IF I WERE... A POET...

*If I were famous
I would Shine
And Glow*
- Sarah Percy

*If I were a pro softball player
I would go to the Olympics
And my team and I would win*
- Olivia Ports

*If I were President
I would be the best
And help Everybody*
- Benjamin Cash

*If I were rich
I would share my money
And bring Happiness
To the world*
- Karen Scott-Yetunde

*If I were the President
I would vote NO on WAR
And bring Peace to everyone*
- Marina Donaldson

*If I were an artist
I would paint the World
And make the World a happier place*
- Chardonnay Hightower

*If I were a boxer
I would punch so hard
And I would win the championship
Like Muhammed Ali*
- Darius Muir-Hayes

*If I were a cat
I would stalk the yard for mice
And eat all the ones I caught*
- Nick Maier

*If I were a hamster
I would be soft and cute
And I would be playful*
- Meaghan Paulus

*If I were a bald eagle
I would soar freely under the hot sun
And catch salmon among the shallow below*
- Sophia Lee

*If I were a bird
I would fly high in the sky
And soar over the mountains*
- Gabriel Meldman

*If I were a vicious dinosaur
I would dart through the forest
And catch the delicious meal that awaits me*
- Campbell Ryder

*If I were a lion
I would become a vegetarian
And protect all endangered animals*
- Jamar Williams

*If I were a dragon
I would fly away
And live in a cave forever*
- Kristina Randolph

*If I were a tiger
I would swim in a river
And cool off happily*
- Truman Ports

*If I were a horse
I would gallop for miles
And live as a stallion*
- Chris Thaxton

Thanks to the students in Jill Reese's 5th Grade Class