



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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### School & Community Newsletter June 6, 2006

#### Message from Principal Katie McLane

Dear Families,

I'm still floating on a cloud! The retirement party on Saturday was absolutely the best party I've ever attended-even if it was in my honor! My thanks to the magnificent group of volunteers who put it together! At the head of the list is Robin Sasada and her incredible crew of family members (Robert, Jacob, Mitch and Jason Sasada plus mother-in-law Carol Tomasa) who set up and put away everything, with the help of Linda and Sal Esquivel, Kim Carl, Ruby Blunt, Katy DeVecchi, Sonya Brooks, Ms. Pearl, Sinh Lo, Amy Haruyama and Scott, Joni and Nicole Leong. Bonnie Pearson, working with Lisa Downes, once again did the floral arrangements and they were incredibly beautiful!

Cynthia Thompson knows how to present classy food and have it appear at just the right moment. Were it not for the Ports family, there would have been no seafood! Immeasurable thanks to the generosity of everyone! Those who helped Cynthia prepare food until 3:00 in the morning the day of the event were Rosalind Nalls, Regina Davis, Gail and Mark Elliott, Lynn Clay and TC Douglas. Helping all day with the preparation and serving of the food were Gwen Hill, Janan Apaydin, Trish Gorham, Elizabeth Whittaker, Ms. Pearl, Julie Mills, Carrie Lee, Anya Culbeux (ice cream) and we thank Linda Pulido-Esquivel for lining up the taco maker! Robert Sasada headed the barbeque crew and we thank the many parents who brought desserts. Tina Flores, your Happy Retirement cake was delicious.

Our thanks to Tom Rust (greeter) Tom Harris and Iris Segal (former principal) who manned the registration tables, Renae Briggs (slide show), Mel Stenger (chorus), Jill Reese (photos), Margaret Yang (tile project), Pope Flyne and his African dancers, David Waugh's jazz trio, Rudy Tapiro's clarinet quartet, Kenrick Quamina (jumpers), Buki the Clown, and Lesley Clark who masterminded the surprise "I Love Ms. McLane" buttons in less than 24 hours! I will also cherish the many pages that were added to the Memory Line and will become part of a memory book. You are all phenomenal!

As if that day weren't enough, Sunday morning a crew of helpers arrived at 8:00 a.m. and stayed until 8:00 p.m. and completed a fence around the 200' + front yard. My home is located on a very broad curve! Sydney Kennedy (former parent) and Tom Rust got the project started and Jeff White, Ted Ballantine, Gail and Mark Elliott, Sal Esquivel, Janan Apaydin, Martin Kelleher, George DeVecchi, Eric Lee, Brad Paulus and Larry McSpadden were among the incredible workers.

This week there will be an Open House which begins at 6:15 p.m., followed by a PTA meeting at 6:30 where we will review a projected budget for 2006-2007. The program for the K through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders which will begin just before seven o'clock. If you are a parent of a K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, please be certain to get the children to their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. at the latest. Most of the program will be dancing this time, for variety's sake and to showcase another aspect of the Orff music program which is offered to K-3<sup>rd</sup>. All students return to the stage for the finale singing "Don't Laugh at Me." The program should conclude by 8:00 p.m.

Let's keep the love flowing and welcome Mel Stenger as our new principal! Mel is an incredible instructional leader whose connection with Kaiser goes back over 20 years. His skill as a mentor, his outstanding staff development sessions and the way he helps parents understand their important role in Kaiser's success make him an outstanding candidate. I look forward to watching Kaiser soar under Mel's leadership.

- Katie

# Getting In The Know

Thanks to Katie's supportive and generous family we had a beautiful party for Katie last Saturday!

All events such as the jazz bands, dancers, singers and foods were donated and organized without charge to Kaiser (Katie wanted us all to know). Those of you were there know it was a fantastic event and Katie deserves every minute of the fun she had... thank you everyone who helped make the day such a success!

**We're sure gonna miss you  
Katie McLane**

### **Important notes:**

\*Next week we will have minimum days beginning on Monday. Thursday, the 15th, has been added to the school calendar and will be the final day for students to attend Kaiser for the '05-'06 school year.\*

\*No report cards will be issued to students whose families have not paid for lost textbooks or library books. Also, the fifth graders may not participate in the promotional exercises without having cleared their debts to Kaiser.\*

**!! Don't miss this !!  
Wednesday Evening is the  
Drawing for the Raffle Prizes!  
Be there or be square!**

Attention!  
I am in need of a double stroller (front and back). If you or anyone you know has one in decent condition, please contact Tracy Levy at [leejoelevy@aol.com](mailto:leejoelevy@aol.com) or 465-1385.

**To include your story or information in your school newsletter:** check with Katie McLane, then forward to both editors by 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. [cara\\_eva@hotmail.com](mailto:cara_eva@hotmail.com) and [kbradley@ix.netcom.com](mailto:kbradley@ix.netcom.com)

## KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
June 6	The Thirteen Colonies-Musical Performed by Mrs. Reese's fifth grade class 6:30 P.M. for parents and families
June 7	Volunteer Appreciation Tea 2:30
June 7	<b><i>K – 3 Evening</i></b> 6:15 Open House 6:30 PTA meeting and Raffle 7:00 Performances
<b>June 12</b> Minimum day	<b>School Ice Cream Party</b>
June 13 Minimum day	5 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation 1 p.m.  Goodbye Party Mr. Wade! 3:30
<b>Thursday</b> <b>June 15</b>	<b>Last day of school</b>

### How to Reach Kaiser

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

Principal Katie McLane's email address is [Catherine.Mclane@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Catherine.Mclane@ousd.k12.ca.us)

### Website

For our public information, be sure to visit and browse [www.kaiserelementaryschool.com](http://www.kaiserelementaryschool.com) and to participate in the school community group go to, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/) and join!!

# The Cool of School

**The Thirteen Colonies-  
Musical**  
Performed by Mrs.  
Reese's fifth grade class

**Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30  
P.M. for parents and  
families**

Persons who have volunteered at  
Kaiser this year (and that is  
most of you) are cordially invited to  
our

**Volunteer Tea on  
Wednesday, June 7th at 2:30 in the  
main hall of the school.**

## SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER AT WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATER !

If you would like to purchase half-price tickets to "Ragtime", "The King and I" or "Beauty and the Beast" you should fill out the attached flyer and return it before the end of the school year.

Kaiser must have at least 25 pre-sold tickets to each musical to receive the discount. (ie. If we sell 27 to one event, but only 16 to another, we will have to return your checks to the second event.)

This is a wonderful way to share an evening with your children and our Kaiser families!

## A Celebration for Mr. Wade

As most of you know by now, Mr. Wade, our current 4/5 teacher, is leaving Kaiser school after 12 years of teaching our children. He will be moving to Philadelphia with his family this summer.

Please join current and former students and their families on **June 13th, starting at 3:30**, in the Kaiser school library to thank him for all his years of hard work. Please bring along a snack/ hors d'oeuvre to share.

Please also feel free to pass this information along to any former Kaiser families you see. If you need information you can call Mar Smith at 510-534-0548 or e-mail her at [emily5@prodigy.net](mailto:emily5@prodigy.net).

Thanks.

# Keep Kaiser Going Strong



*STOP THE PRESSES! (Not!)*

*Kaiser Panther Staff is now forming for 2006-2007!*

*Interested in helping in the Pink rotating editing  
Please contact Eva Caraher or Lisa Downes for details.*

*It is a great way to be involved and contribute to Kaiser from  
the comfort of your home computer. Almost does itself!*

Also, if people would like a static cling  
**"Kaiser Elementary-  
A Fabulous Oakland School"**  
for the inside window of their car(s),  
please stop by the office  
and pick one up.

## **ONLY 1 GARDENING DATE LEFT THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

Please join us after school (3:00-5:00)  
on

Friday, **June 9th.**

We need to complete the classroom  
garden bed relocation project.  
All of the beds have been moved and  
repaired, but there is some (!) dirt that  
still needs to be moved. Lots of  
workers would make this project go  
quickly.

- Janan and Tom

## **Walkathon .... Boy did we w-a-l-k!**

**Kaiser Elementary raised almost \$20,000 in walking monies but as of now we do not have all the money turned in. Pleeeeee make sure to get the money in by Friday June 9, 2006 so we can accurately balance our books. (School is out next week already!)**

**Turn any money in to Robin at the front office or your teachers. Thank you all so much!**

# Kids Take The Page

## Children's work from 5<sup>th</sup> grade- looking out their windows

### **“Looking Out the Window” by Alistair Eeckman**

I see green bright shiny trees  
And I see a straight road  
Waiting for someone to drive on it.

I see houses from my view  
Orange ones, green ones and black ones  
I wait to meet the people  
I see them in the garden.

Some have kids, some don't  
I see the plants growing  
I see the people spent all this time  
Just to have a wonderful garden  
And just to have a wonderful life.

That's what I see  
Through my window  
A plant growing taller and taller  
And I'm growing taller and taller  
Each day, Wonderful life!

### **“What a Wonder” by Trevor Wilson**

A pond of water shimmering in the sunlight  
A tree house filled with memories  
Bonsai trees sitting in the distance

Piles of wood ready to emerge into a tool shed  
Angel trumpets floating in the breeze  
Hot tub for relaxation

A lamp for light when the sun takes a rest  
Slides for people to feel like they're flying  
What a wonderful world my backyard is.

### **“What's Outside My Window” by Maureen Murphy**

Just beyond my window  
Miles away from my house  
Lays the Oakland Coliseum  
Lit up for the A's game.

The night sky is a black blanket  
Starry sequins line the dark stitches  
The city lights shine making  
Only a few of the stars visible.

Everyone's light is on  
Everyone's home  
Watching television  
Doing homework  
Eating soup.

Just beyond my window  
Miles away from my house  
Lie the cities of Oakland and  
San Francisco  
Just part of the world  
Just beyond my window.

### **“Olden Times” by Margaret McKay**

Big oak tree, planted crooked  
Longing to have its back straightened  
Desperately needing a chiropractor.

Barbeque, steaming smoke oozing out  
Waiting for food to grill  
Waiting to hear himself fry.

Wheelbarrow, like the tree  
Crooked and dirty. It is  
Wanting a warm bath with suds.