



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 15, 2008

Dear Kaiser Families,

Three times this morning I said to a parent volunteer, "We couldn't do this without you." Those aren't just fluff words. The staff here at Kaiser knows very well that our school's success is in large part due to the parent support we receive. And it's not only volunteering we need as support.

Here are some gentle reminders of ways you can support the success of our school:

- Please be on time for school. Arrival can be any time between 8:30 and 8:45.
- Please be on time to pick up kids after school. Dismissal is 3:00, but on Wednesdays it's 1:25.
- Please leave all electronic games, headsets, pagers and phones at home. State law says children may possess phones, but District policy says that phones may not be visible at school or they will be taken and that parents can get them from the office. Phones are not needed at school because children may use office phones for needed calls, and we will deliver messages to students for you.
- Please monitor your child's homework. Showing interest in homework is a way to teach your children the value of school.
- I see lots of yawning. And it's not from boredom. Kids are physically tired. Maybe it's because the daylight is going later into the evenings but please make sure your children get sleep.
- Please encourage your kids to eat breakfast, even if it's only a cereal bar on the way to school. It helps their energy and keeps away the "grouchies."
- Please remind students in grades 4-5 to bring their music instruments every Monday and Thursday. Those are the days for music class.
- Please do not park behind the buildings. Regrettably we only have room for staff parking.

As part of Kaiser Alive! we are joining with other schools around the country to declare April 21-27, Monday through Sunday, "No Screen Week." We used to call it No TV Week, but now there are so many other types of screens that we needed to change the name. You'll find No Screen Week described in the Kaiser Alive! passport. We're asking that families turn off all electronic screens for TV, movies, computers, video games—any entertainment on a screen. Then guide your children into other activities, and do it with them! Be patient with yourselves, sometimes moving your family in this direction can be stressful. If it becomes too much, talk about what you've learned and then turn the screen back on. Give it your best effort!

The small ways you support us matter. No, each is not a matter of life or death, but on an accumulated basis, they make a big difference. We appreciate your efforts, and we couldn't do it without you!

Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

Tickets Available: Oakland Youth Chorus Upcoming Concert May 10th, 7pm

Any parents interested in reserved seating at \$20 (rows 1-8) may see me for tickets. I have purchased 16 tickets so that the Kaiser parents/community might all sit together or close up in order to see and hear the great job our kids have done this year. OYC is not selling rows this time; instead they are offering reserved seats. Call me if you are interested: 486-9454. Kathleen Ferris

Request for Feedback

If you had a conference during the last session and would like to give feedback about the process, please email the principal at mel.stenger@ousd.k12.ca.us. Names will remain confidential. Mr. Stenger will share the feedback with the faculty.

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/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/)**

**The Pink Panther is also available at
www.KaiserElementary.org.**

How to be in the *Pink Panther*

To include your story or information in your school newsletter: forward your news, questions, or article to **both** of the editors by **5 p.m. on Sundays** via e-mail:

**carriemail2001@yahoo.com – Carrie Shepherd
jolie@earthlink.net – Jolie McRae**

Please put "Pink Panther" in the subject of your email to ensure that it is not deleted accidentally!

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
April 15	SSC meeting
April 16	Walk-a-Thon T-shirt designs due
April 26	Gardening Day
April 30	PTA board meeting
April 28- May 9	Standardized testing
May 3	Walk-a-Thon & Book Fair
May 7	PTA general meeting
May 20 & 22	Spring performances

Come Meet the Candidates Running for Oakland Unified School District. The three candidates running for Seat 1 will be speaking at our next PTA meeting, May 7, at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to hear what they have to say about Oakland Unified. See you there.

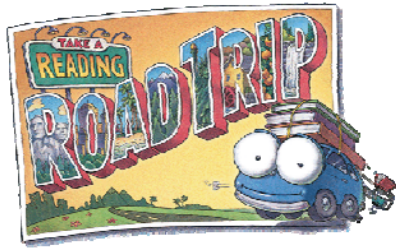
Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Janice Murphy
VP Communication: Lisa Downes

Pink Panther Staff

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Getting In The Know



Calling all volunteers to join me on this reading road trip.

Friday, May 2nd

A.M. set up
crowd control Fri 3-5 P.M.

Saturday, May 3rd

any help 8 A.M.– 5 P.M.
A.M. set up
cashier
customer service
break down

Let me know ASAP how you can help.

My volunteers are always rewarded with free books!
Thanks and chowder
Kelly

Check out our scholastic homepage.
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kaiser>
kelly.bartlett@gmail.com
510.851.3513

Teacher Requests: Because it is unclear what the grade configuration will be and who will be teaching which classes, please do not submit specific teacher requests. If you would like, you can give us a note describing classroom practices which have been successful with your child. That information can be used to help us configure classes as well as help the new teacher better serve your child.

Summer Is Fast Approaching

Can you believe summer is almost here! Have you been wondering how you're going to get your child from program to program? Do you have a plan for summer care? Wonder no more. God's Chosen Generation Family Day Care has limited space for drop-off and pick-up services as well as summer care.

For more information, please contact Tracy Levy at 510-532-7585 or email leejoelevy@aol.com.

Get Ready for the WALK-A-THON!

Our annual Walk-a-Thon is coming soon! Kaiser students have received pledge sheets to get sponsors for their efforts—and earn money that will help support our art and music programs, our computer lab and library, our teacher's aide and school beautification. Family, friends and neighbors are often happy to help support an Oakland public school, so please do ask them to sponsor your children.

Mark your calendars now and reserve May 3 for one of the most fun Kaiser events of the year.

Kaiser Gardening Day!

Saturday April 26, 9:30-12:30. Come and help clean up the gardens at Kaiser. Come and show you care for the Earth!

ATTENTION ALL PTA MEMBERS!

Your Name: _____

If you haven't already done so, please vote on the following candidates for next year's PTA board:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Write-in candidate</u>
President: Janice Murphy	_____	_____	_____
Exec. V.P.: Kimberlee White	_____	_____	_____
Co-Treasurers: Jody Savage	_____	_____	_____
Stephanie Griffin	_____	_____	_____
Secretary: Melissa Kleker	_____	_____	_____
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Ting	_____	_____	_____
V.P. of Membership: Joyce Wessling	_____	_____	_____
Co-V.P.s of Fundraising:			
Kristin Carpenter	_____	_____	_____
Lee Ward-Henderson	_____	_____	_____
V.P. of Programs: Lori Admokom	_____	_____	_____
V.P. of Volunteers: Molly Talamantes	_____	_____	_____
Parliamentarian: Rachel Parrish	_____	_____	_____
Historian: Carrie Moulton	_____	_____	_____

Please return this form to Robin Sasada in the school office by April 30th.