



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Dear Kaiser Families,

Back-to-School Night was a wonderful event! I appreciate how so many of you took time out of your evenings to come and hear about the program that we are offering your children. And I appreciate your putting up with the heat, especially in the multipurpose room, as you listened to the presentations from our PTA and myself. We will continue to look for a schedule that treats everyone fairly.

Yesterday the official API (Academic Performance Index) and AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) scores were released by the state. These are the two big indicators of our progress as a school. Our API went from 853 to 863, a small but valuable step. This holistic score is also translated into 9 out of a possible 10, and both indicate that we are doing very well.

We also met our AYP. In fact, our African-American students, our only significant subset, went from 791 to 803. Last fall I received a phone call from a professor emeritus of UCLA who told me that there were only seven elementary schools in California in which the African-American population scored over 800. We are very proud to belong to the "800 Club!"

The heat is on! Literally! We've had many days of over 90° on the playground. Please feel free to send your child to school with a water bottle, which they are permitted to use during class, on these hot days.

I have heard from the teachers that many of you have sent in notes volunteering your time. The teachers then will review the notes and get back to you very soon with how you can help. In my presentation Wednesday night I asked you all to "give us a day," and I'm glad that so many of you have already responded. I have seen time and time again the difference that you make in our school. Thank you in advance.

Keep cool!

Mr. Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

REMINDER!

Please remember that the emergency packets (Ziploc bags) are due no later than September 12th to your child's teacher. If you misplaced your bag, more are available in the office.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE INSTANT WINE CELLAR BENEFIT AUCTION ITEM

BevMo's annual "Buy One Bottle, Get the Second for 5 Cents" Sale is underway. Why not buy one full-price bottle for yourself and donate the 5-cent bottle to the school auction? The sale ends September 22.

Please donate one (or MORE) bottles of wine for Kaiser's Annual Fall Fundraiser "Instant Wine Cellar" auction item. The more wine you donate, the bigger the cellar! Please donate wines priced above \$10. There will be an empty wine case in the nurse's station. Just place your donation in the box.

Any questions? Please email Liz Hall: probossliz@pacbell.net or call 510-325-7803

Let's get started early and have a huge cellar! Thanks.

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Sept. 16	SSC Meeting
Sept. 12	Emergency Supplies Due
Sept. 12-26	Sally Foster Gift Wrap School Fund Raiser
Sept. 24	PTA Board Meeting
Oct. 10	Staff Development Day No School
Oct. 13-17	Conference Week Minimum Days All Week
Nov. 8	Kaiser School Auction

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Learn important district-wide information.

To sign-up, visit the OUSD website:
www.ousd.k12.ca.us

and select the "Join Now" box on the lower left side of the page.

How to Reach Kaiser School

Our phone number is **(510) 549-4900**
(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>

**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!

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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2008-2009 School Calendar


- **Tuesday, September 16** – SSC meeting
- **September 12-26** – Sally Foster gift wrap sale
- **September 24** – PTA board meeting
- **Tuesday, September 30** – Rosh Hashana
- **Friday, October 10** – Staff Development Day; NO SCHOOL
- **October 13-17** – Parent Teacher conferences; minimum days all week
- **Tuesday, October 14** – SSC Meeting
- **Friday, October 17** – Latino Heritage Potluck
- **Wednesday, October 29** – PTA board meeting
- **Friday, October 31** – Halloween Parade
- **Wednesday, November 5** – PTA general meeting
- **Saturday, November 8** – PTA Auction
- **Tuesday, November 11** – Veteran's Day Holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, November 18** – SSC meeting
- **Wednesday, November 19** – PTA board meeting (note change due to Thanksgiving)
- **November 24-28** – Thanksgiving Holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, December 16** – SSC meeting; Winter performance 6:30
- **Thursday, December 18** – Winter Performance 6:30
- **December 22 - January 2** – Winter Recess. School Reopens January 5
- **Monday, January 14** – PTA general meeting; Family Reading Night
- **Monday, January 19** – MLK, Jr. Day holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, January 20** – SSC meeting
- **Monday, January 26** – Semester ends, in-service day; NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, January 28** – PTA board meeting
- **Friday, January 30** – Asian Potluck
- **Monday, February 16** – President's Day holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, February 17** – SSC meeting
- **Wednesday, February 25** – PTA board meeting
- **Friday, February 27** – African American Potluck
- **Wednesday, March 4** – General PTA meeting (board nominations); Math & Science Night
- **Tuesday, March 17** – SSC meeting
- **March 19-20** – Parent teacher conferences; minimum days
- **Wednesday, March 25** – PTA board meeting
- **Monday, March 30** – Cesar Chavez holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, April 1** – Kaiser ALIVE program starts; PTA board meeting (board elections)
- **April 6-10** – Spring Break
- **Tuesday, April 21** – SSC meeting
- **Wednesday, April 22** – PTA board meeting
- **April 20-May 8** – Standardized testing
- **Saturday, May 2** – Walk-a-thon and book fair
- **Wednesday, May 6** – PTA general meeting
- **Tuesday, May 19** – SSC meeting
- **May 19 and 21** – Spring performances
- **Friday, May 22** – In lieu of Lincoln's Day holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, May 26** – Memorial Day holiday; NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, May 27** – Volunteer celebration; PTA board meeting, old and new officers
- **Friday, May 29** – Kaiser ALIVE party; Temescal Park
- **Friday, June 5** – New Families Ice Cream Social
- **Wednesday, June 10** – Fifth grade promotion
- **Thursday, June 11** – Last day of school

Our first fundraiser is just around the corner! 50% of each purchase goes to our school!

Dear Parents,

It's time for the popular Sally Foster® fundraiser! Money raised helps support PTA run programs such as art, computer, music, and library instruction, assemblies, school beautification, and classroom support.

Browse through the catalog coming home with your child this Friday, September 12 featuring fundraising's best quality giftwrap, unique gift items, gourmet chocolates and edibles, and much more. And, everything is value-priced at \$20 or less! Children earn prizes for different levels of sales.

 **You can also shop online and tell others about our fundraiser with the fast and easy Sally Foster email program. Great for out of town friends and family!**

1. Go to the Seller's Section at www.SallyFoster.com to sign up for the fast and easy email program. Our school earns 50% and students earn prize credit for online sales, too!*
2. You'll need our school's account number **0370976** to sign up.

Send 10 emails to win a FREE game download. Send 5 emails for a chance to win a Nintendo Wii™.*

 **Please keep in mind:**

Our Sally Foster fundraiser runs from **Friday, September 12 through September 26.**

Checks for catalog orders are payable to Kaiser PTA. (Internet orders are paid online with a credit card.)

Mark your calendar for **November 13**, so you can pick up your order in your child's classroom.

With your help, we're looking forward to our best fundraiser ever!

Thank you.

Kristin Carpenter
PTA Fundraising Chair

*See program flyer in the Sally Foster sale envelope for details.

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