



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

25 South Hill Court, Oakland, California 94618 (510) 549-4900

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 12, 2010

Dear Kaiser Families,

Welcome back! Whether your family celebrated Passover or the Easter season or another holiday to acknowledge the renewal of life in spring, let's bring together our renewed energy and positive attitudes! We're back and we're rejuvenated and ready for action! I hope you had an adventurous and restful spring break. Maybe you did something a little different and found something fun!

The week before spring break we kicked off a couple of programs involving the kids. We announced April as the month to start the push for our Kaiser Alive! Campaign, which nudges the kids to Actively Learn, Initiate, Volunteer, and Energize. As part of the campaign we are encouraging everyone to celebrate National Library Week, April 11-17. Do you (parents) have a library card? Make a trip to the library and get a card for yourself and your child. They have lots of books, and many libraries have video and music lending departments also. Something for everyone!

Also, we are joining with other schools around the country to declare April 19-25, 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. We're asking that families turn off all electronic screens for TV, movies, computers, video games—any entertainment on a screen. Before turning off your computer screen, Google "No TV Week" to find lists of things to do other than screen time. 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. But give it your best effort!

AND: When kids participate in No Screen Week or Gardening Day April 24, they get Kaiser Alive! points.

I want to send a big Thanks to Darlene Smith for spearheading the Kaiser Alive! Campaign for the third year and making it one of our traditions. Through efforts such as hers, our kids will get out and get fit!

We also had a kick-off for our annual Walkathon with Linda Pulido, Walkathon Chair, describing the procedures and prizes to the kids. That event is the first Saturday in May and involves the kids walking laps, getting paid by sponsors. It's also a fun social time because while the kids are busy walking, the adults hang out and schmooze! And eat! A fun time for everyone!

And speaking of wonderful, giving women, I want to tell everyone how much we appreciate Kim White's efforts over the spring break. She was here all week at all hours, making sure things were done right! Through her efforts we have upgraded sound and lights on the stage, and a refurbished PE shed. There are other things, too, and I will get a complete list from Kim to include with our next newsletter. In the meantime, kisses, hugs and huge THANKS go to Kim White, our PTA president!

Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

After School Classes

A new session of After-School Classes begins this week. Please check to make sure your child is enrolled in the classes you would like them in.

Don't Miss....

Math and Science Night this Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30. Come and show your kids that learning can be fun!

Kaiser Gardening Day and Dads' Pancake Breakfast! Saturday April 24, 9:30-12:30. Come and help clean up the gardens and help with the school "honey-do" list at Kaiser. Come and show you care for the Earth and Kaiser!

Please do not park behind the buildings on school days. Regrettably we only have room for staff parking.

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

The online Pink Panther includes information from our Wellness Committee

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
Apr. 14	Math / Science Night & PTA General Mtg., 6:30
Apr. 21	SSC Meeting, 4:15 in the Library
Apr. 24	Gardening Day, Dads' Pancake Breakfast 9:30-12:30
Apr. 26 – May 7	Standardized Testing, grades 2 - 5
Apr. 28	PTA Board Mtg, 7:00
May 1	Walk-a-thon & Book Fair
May 5	PTA General Meeting

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_group/

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Kimberlee White

Pink Panther Staff

Co-editors: Jolie McRae & Carrie Shepherd
Copy editor: Wendy Harcarik

Kaiser Kiosk

ANNOUNCING!

"Take My Word For It" - Creative Writing and Art Summer Camp 2010
Paper & Palette - Exploring Your Writer and Artist Self

Do you love to write?
(or maybe you would like writing more if you could just come up with some cool ideas?)

Do you love to make art?
(or maybe you would like art more if you could learn to use some new materials?)

Come join us this summer and explore your writer and artist self!

When & Where ?

Camp will be held at the spacious and beautiful Classroom Matters,
a tutoring center in Berkeley, 2436 Sacramento Street (at Dwight).

Who?

Our East Bay camp is an all-girl camp. Campers should be going into 4th, 5th and 6th grade in Fall 2010.

2010 East Bay Sessions

(All camp days are from 9 am - 4 pm.)

SESSION A (2 weeks) June 21- July 2

SESSION B (1 week) July 5 - July 9

SESSION C (2 weeks) July 12th - July 23rd

Please see www.blog.takemywordforit.net for info on pricing, instructor bios, and registration.

Big News for Budding Artists!

KidzArt is now offering shorter, more affordable KidzArt sessions for their Friday class.
Here are the dates:

April Mini-Session: \$55.00

Start Date: 04/16/2010

End Date: 05/07/2010

Description 4 classes total. Apr. 16, 23, 30; May 7.



Serve Up Fun as a Volunteer!

Dates: **Wed. April 28th - May 1 (Walk A Thon)**

A great Book Fair can never have too many cooks in the kitchen! Our school is ordering up a fantastic Fair to stimulate larger appetites for reading. Join our volunteer group to serve up a fun and creative Book Fair event if you:

- Like to organize and put things in place
- Have a knack for securing community sponsorships
- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Enjoy offering a helping hand, setting up, or packing up
- Help serve food and refreshments
- Want to help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book



We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Contact: Kelly (kelly.bartlett@gmail.com) or 510-851-3513



© 2010 Scholastic Inc. 8247 4506