

THE PINK PANTHER



KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2, 2003



CHECK OUT THE DATES

DECEMBER

- 3 Minimum Day
- 5 Bake Sale
- 5 Gardening Day 3:15-5:15pm
- 6 Brownies Marching in Oakland Holiday Parade
- 8 PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 10 Minimum Day
- 12 Bake Sale/Rust
- 13 Kaiser Miracle Chorus Performance
- 15 Brownie Meeting
- 16 Winter Performance
- 17 Minimum Day
- 18 Winter Performance
- 19 Bake Sale
- 22-Jan 4 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 5 School Reopens
- 5 Brownie Meeting
- 7 Minimum Day
- 9 Bake Sale
- 9 Gardening Day 3:15-5:15pm
- 12 Brownie Meeting
- 12 PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 14 Minimum Day
- 14 PTA Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 Bake Sale
- 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
- 21 Minimum Day
- 23 Bake Sale
- 24-25 Brownie Overnight Trip
- 28 Minimum Day
- 30 Bake Sale
- 30 Asian Potluck 6:30pm

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Gardening Day is this Friday from 3:15-5:00pm. Join us for a great time and help the school at the same time.

For those families who have not turned in their emergency supplies or paid the \$7.00 please do so today.



A MESSAGE FROM MS. MCLANE

We are anticipating a wonderful three weeks before the holidays and look forward to having all of our children attending the performances with their classes on Tuesday or Thursday (16th and 18th). One of the special aspects of Kaiser School is that all of our families support our evening performances with 100% attendance, thus necessitating the two evenings of programming. We are ordering 50 more folding chairs to accommodate everyone!

As I am visiting our classrooms, I am noting some of the special qualities in our teachers which make Kaiser School a place where children enjoy coming to school and learning. Our teachers have established clear expectations at the start of the year and are following them consistently as the year is progressing. Our teachers are consistently striving to improve and they are focusing on the one thing that they can control - their own performance.

Our visitors comment on the positive atmosphere in the classrooms and the school in general. They say it's easy to see that every person is treated with respect and that they hear a lot of

praise as they walk from room to room. It is wonderful to know that

our teachers care about their students and understand their developmental and academic levels and continually have high expectations for the students and for themselves.

I am proud of Kaiser and the community that we have created and want you to know that the State Administrator, Dr. Randolph Ward, told me that Kaiser is not on the list of small schools which he is considering closing. It is important that you help us pass the word about Kaiser so that our enrollment can remain above 250 students! We will be hosting a program for prospective kindergarten families on Tuesday, Dec. 9th and we welcome visitors at any time to our school. Thank you for all your continued support!



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES ARE A MUST AT KAISER

Please remember to get your child's emergency supplies turned in today!! In the event of an emergency, we ask that all children have a three-day supply of food and liquids. Thanks to everyone who have done such a great job of preparing for what we hope won't ever happen.

One Warm Coat Thanks

Thanks to all of the Kaiser families who donated outerwear for Brownie Troop #1877's One Warm Coat drive.

Thanks to the generosity of Kaiser families, we collected 58 coats and sweaters to donate to families in need through the East Oakland Recovery Center.

And to the family who donated the coat with 53¢ in the pocket, please rest assured that the money will be donated to the Kaiser Kids Coin Drive!

Thanks again for supporting Brownie Troop #1877's community service project for the fall.

STILL WANTED/NEEDED

Anyone know of an operable car that needs an appreciative owner? Mr. Aurelio could use a car to get him from home to work each day. Please call him at 510-237-9472.

Clothing is Piling Up!

Coats and sweaters are piling up on the rack in the foyer of the multi-purpose and we can't find names on the clothing. It is not necessary to purchase printed labels, all you need is a permanent pen (like a Sharpie) to mark your child's name on the label of the clothing. Don't wait until the evening. Don't wait until the evening performances!

STEVEN WADE SAYS:

Thanks

I want to thank the Kaiser staff and parent community for supporting me during the National Board Certification process! To achieve the middle-childhood certification I had to complete an extensive portfolio based on the National Standards in Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies, as well as document my professional accomplishments over the last five years. In addition to the portfolio, I had to take a three hour written exam based on the National Standards covering Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, and Art from grades three through eight. The whole process took nearly a year and helped guide me to reflect on every aspect of my teaching practice. Needless to say I could not have achieved this accomplishment without the support of my wife Martha, and the whole Kaiser community. I am very proud of my achievement (as of November 2002, there were only 24,000 National Board Certified Teachers in the United States) and I will support my colleagues who are interested in attaining National Board Certification in the future.

Kaiser's Winter Performance Schedule



In true Kaiser tradition, the Winter Performance Schedule needs two nights to accommodate all of our incredibly talented Kaiser Kids!

Tuesday, December 16th
@ 7:00 p.m.

Band with Mr. Lockett, Orff Music with Carmit Bat-Shalom: Mr. Stenger (K), Miss Blunt (1), Mr. Aurelio (1/2), Ms. Yang (3), Mr. Wade (4) and Ms. Reese (5)

**Note: All classes
performing on Tuesday
return for a finale.**

Thursday, December
18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Orff Music with Carmit Bat Shalom: Mrs. Staples (K), Ms. Apaydin (1), Mr. Rust (2), Mrs. Frago (3) and Mr. Neat (4)

**Note: All classes return
for the finale**

African Dance- Students whose classes are not performing should wait in the library with Ms. Campanioni. African dance students need to arrive by 7:30 p.m.

Report Cards

Due Home Next Week



Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 9th with the Pink Panther. Be sure to ask your child for his/her copy and focus on the areas of strength first. With regard to academic subjects, "Approaching grade level performance" or a 3, is where we want to see the children at this time.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE

PARENTS-

What's next for your child?

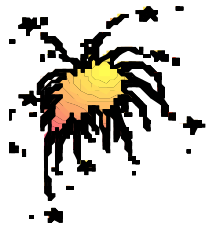
Interested in your options after Kaiser School? We have invited some of our former students to talk with you about their experiences in middle school. You and your child are invited to attend a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, Dec. 11th.

Parking Etiquette



Thanks to the 98% of Kaiser families who are helping ease the congestion on South Hill Court by abiding by the parking regulations. Please remember that there is no parking on the uphill side of the street during pick-up times at the end of school, 3:15-4:15pm. On Wednesdays, even though it doesn't specifically say so, please observe this parking restriction from 1:15-2:15pm. Also, please remember that many Kaiser families have mobility issues and park in the handicapped spaces only if you have a placard or plates and the handicapped passenger is with you. Thanks for helping to improve the congestion at our commuter school where almost all of us must drive to drop-off and pick-up our children.

She's Not Rockin', She's Runnin' and Doing It All For Kaiser's Kids!!



Who is part nurse, part confidant, part traffic officer, part banker (for lunch and bake sale money) part supply clerk, part after-school activity coordinator, temporary attendance clerk (we hope only temporary, although it's been several months), oh yeah and fulltime secretary for Kaiser school? It's Kaiser's own "Rockin' Robin," the name she received for co-coordinating this year's very successful Walk-a-Thon. However, "Runnin' Robin" would be the better title at this point in time. Every day brings on new challenges for all of us, but Robin manages to take the art of multi-tasking to a new level. She knows all of our children, both personally and by name, and our school is a wonderful community because of Robin's "take it in stride" personality, which brings calm to even the most difficult situations.

Our Robin is truly a product of Oakland. She was born and raised in Oakland and attending Oakland Public Schools; Longfellow, Westlake and Oakland Tech.

Robin grew up in a very traditional family, her parents believing that if the oldest child did not do certain activities, then the younger kids should not do them either. However in high school, Robin managed to multi-task, as she always does, participating in the Asian Club, being a member of the Oakland Tech Tennis Team and she was even Editor of the Yearbook in

her senior year. Robin attended UC Berkeley, and then went to work for a doctor's office (where she learned her nursing skills) and an insurance company (where she gained her business acumen). After her first two boys (she has four you know...Jacob who's 14, Mitchell who's 13, Shane, who's 9 and R.J., who's 5), she began to work for the school district. She has worked at Sequoia, Hillcrest and has spent the past six years at Kaiser....we know that she likes us best! Robin enjoys the kids and the staff at Kaiser, and loves the fact that everyone in the Kaiser community cares for each other. She believes that is what makes Kaiser great.

When not with us, Robin enjoys time with her family. In addition to her four wonderful boys, Robin has a husband Rob, who she married even though he was from Oakland High!! Rob and Robin have been married for 15 years and enjoy traveling to Hawaii...where Rob has tons of family. In their most recent trip this past summer, Robin was able to relax (can you picture it?), spend time on the beach reading and time not on the beach shopping...which she also loves to do over there. In addition to traveling, Robin enjoys being involved in the boy's sports teams (swimming and basketball) and has taken on volunteer positions with the teams as well as her role as Executive Vice President of Kaiser's PTA.

Robin loves living in Oakland, especially the diversity of our city. She and her family enjoy spending time at Jack London Square, dining out, going to the movies and walking along the waterfront.