

A Great Start of a Wonderful Year!

Thanks to all of the children and families for your warm smiles and hugs on the first day of school! Our staff is delighted with their wonderful new classes and is ready for the challenge of another year. It was a smooth beginning for everything except the traffic situation. Again, **please do not ever park in the circle**, especially in the inner circle. You can pull over to the side to load your kids, but move right back into the traffic flow. Also, there is **NO PARKING on the uphill side of South Hill Court during the pre-school hours and the pick-up time**. There simply isn't enough space for four lanes of traffic. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Apologies for the change of date for the Back to School Night, but we need to be able to include all of our families, hence the change to **September 22nd from 6:15 to 7:45pm** (which includes the PTA meeting) for Stenger, Apaydin, Blunt, Rust, Aurelio and Yang, Parents of children in Byers, Bailey, Neat, Wade and Reese will come from **7:00-8:30pm**. The 7:00 to 7:45 time is set aside for the important PTA meeting where we will approve the proposed budget for this year. We look forward to seeing all of you then. Remember to try and find an alternative to having your children with you because we have limited space to "house" them and no supervision beyond that in the Library and Computer lab. You must make reservations for the limited number of spaces by calling 879-1710. Parking will be on the upper field that evening, as well as on neighborhood streets.

We have a terrific group of new families and we thank everyone who helped welcome them to our school. Our enrollment is approaching 250, which is the absolute maximum we can handle. Call the office if you know of a fourth grader who might want to be at Kaiser.

Support the PTA in every way you can. If you have aunts, uncles or grandparents who want to help out, let us know. There is a place

for everyone to become involved in the lives of your children. We welcome back some of our neighbors including Mrs. Eastman and Mr. White and other friends of Kaiser who will be volunteering here. We are hoping to schedule a time for a group TB test, so that those volunteering do not have to go to their doctor's offices. We will let you know as soon as that time can be established.

If you need to see me or talk with me, please make an appointment with Robin Sasada by calling 879-1710 or coming by the office. The majority of my time each day is spent visiting classrooms to observe students' work. I schedule most of my appointments before or after school and do most of my paperwork after school hours, so that I can optimize time with the students and teachers. Thank you for not "popping in" and expecting that I have time on my hands!!

A special note of thanks to Robin Sasada, our fabulous administrative assistant, who keeps on top of everything at Kaiser! We hope to someday upgrade her salary to match her responsibilities and capabilities! She is also serving as the Attendance Clerk right now.

PIANO LESSONS

If you are interested in private piano lessons at Kaiser School, please contact **Marilyn Marsh at (510) 923-1620**. Marilyn charges \$15/ 20 minute session and has been teaching Kaiser students for the past ten years. Lessons will begin in October.

THURSDAY BAKE SALES

We are **shifting** our bake sales from **Fridays to Thursdays**, due to the scheduling needs of African Dance students and the Adventure Time program. There were simply too many people trying to do too much with not enough supervision on Fridays.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF AFRICAN DANCE STUDENTS

Parents are asked to wait outside the auditorium because the space is rented to Adventure Time each day after school. The state licensing agency limits the number of people in the auditorium and we cannot accommodate the families of the dancers. We are grateful to Susanne Plunkett and the Adventure Time staff for allowing us to use the stage area after school for African Dance. We have a close working relationship with Adventure Time because, without their program, we know that many of our families might have chosen another school.

SAVE YOUR TREASURES FOR A GIANT GARAGE SALE

Plans are brewing for an event in October that will draw the "garage sale" junkies to our site to help raise money for the PTA. Kristen Cashmore is living up to her reputation (and surname) to try our first ever sale. More details will be in next week's [Pink Panther](#).

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 3:45 IN THE LIBRARY!

The School Site Council is composed of elected parents (Renato Almanzar (4th), Malia Ramler (5th), Karl Debro (4th), Yvonne White (K) and Susan Simonds who is the PTA liaison; teachers Ruben Aurelio, Margaret Yang and Steven Wade, principal Katie McLane and secretary Robin Sasada. All members of the Kaiser community are invited to attend the meetings and to participate in the process of analyzing data, identifying common goals and establishing a plan to achieve these goals so that students may attain higher levels of academic achievement. Our goals of moving

students out of the lowest areas of achievement and providing support to new families seemed to have paid off. We will continue to focus on strategies to support these and other efforts, including maintaining our arts focus.

NEEDED: ROOM PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND WALK-A-THON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please call the office at 879-1710 and leave a message with Robin, or **contact Katy DeVecchi at 336-9679**.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT KAISER

We have a few openings left in the Junior Girl Scout Troop at Kaiser. This is for girls in 4th and 5th grades. **Contact Cathy McKay at 510-326-5617 or Linda Pulido-Escovido at 510-507-9380** (both cells) if your child is interested. We need to turn in all the sign-ups to Girl Scouts of the Bay Area by September 20. Our first meeting to begin planning our projects and badges for the year will be September 16 from 4:30-5:30. Looking forward to seeing you!

WELCOME TO MR. RONALD JACKSON, OUR NEW CUSTODIAN!

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Jackson, who most recently was the night custodian at Castlemont High School. He has been busy "learning the ropes" at Kaiser and his enthusiastic nature and willingness to help out are attributes which will make him a strong addition to the Kaiser community. He reports that he is very happy to be here!

MUSIC, LIBRARY, PE & COMPUTER INSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Students in grades K-3 will begin with Orff music and movement lessons this Tuesday and Friday, led by Orff-trained Laura Sherman, who is also a parent of

new student Elan Sherman in the third grade. All grades will have a chance to visit the library and computer labs and the PE instruction will begin at the end of the week.

Upper grades will be receiving art instruction from Bonnie Allen (aka Ms. Leonardo) beginning next week, on a rotating basis with the lower grades, over the course of the year.

QUEST CAMPS AFTERSCHOOL

Offered at **Hillcrest Elementary School** from **3:30 - 5:30** on Mondays from **9/27/04 - 12/06/04**, this program is open to children with average to above average intelligence and many strengths. They may be children who are experiencing frustration in their lives and may have poor self-esteem due to a sense of failure and the lack of acceptance. They may struggle in finding stable good friends and acceptance from peers and may experience more frustration than most children their age. If you or your friends have children who may have diagnoses of ADHD, adjustment disorders, anxiety, depression, learning disabilities or self esteem problems, this program might be of tremendous help. If interested, contact (925)743-1370 to speak with Robert Field, PhD. The website is www.questcamps.com

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Only medications prescribed by a physician can be given at school. If medication is required during school hours, the following procedures must be met before it can be administered to your child:

- 1) An "Administration of Prescription Medication by School Personnel" form must be completed and signed by you and the physician. A new, signed authorization form is required at the beginning of each school year and/or before any medication is given at school.
- 2) Bring the medication to school in a container labeled by the pharmacy with the following information: **a)** child's name, **b)** medication name, **c)** doctor's name and phone number and **d)** expiration date of medication.

Young children should not be carrying an inhaler in their backpacks to self-medicate!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Membership Drive 2004-2005

This year's PTA membership campaign is off to a great start with over 60 parents joining the first week. What a great way to show your support for the PTA and what we accomplish for all of our children.

The 2004/05 campaign is all about baseball and will run for 9 weeks (or innings). Each class will have a team name and the scores will be posted on a scoreboard in the front hall. Each run will represent the percentage of enrollment for that class. Our goal is 100 runs per class by the end of the 9 innings! Fill out your membership form today and join your T.E.A.M! (Together Everyone Achieves More)