

THE PINK PANTHER

H. J. KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

A number of you have asked about the **emergency procedures** we have in place at Kaiser School and I want you to know that we practice earthquake and fire drills regularly. Should a major quake hit, your children's **emergency packets** of food will be in the storage shed on the upper field, along with large tents for shade and shelter and first aid kits that are industrial-sized (two 3'x6'x4') containers. If you need the two-gallon sized plastic containers for your child's emergency packet of food, etc., stop in at the office, or call and ask that we send one home with your child. **Our thanks to Joel Kushins, who spearheaded the emergency plan several years ago!!**

Children leaving school during the school day can only be released to those people whose names are on the **child's emergency card**- NO EXCEPTIONS! Verbal permission of an unauthorized person is not sufficient. If you wish to add someone to your emergency card, please stop by and update the card.

If your child has an appointment which requires that he/she leave school, write a note for your child and send it to school with him or her in the morning. If your child brings the note to the office, we will complete a "yellow slip" and have it waiting in the office. This will speed up the process. Adults must come to the office to pick up children. Children will be called for and sent to the office. **Please do not go to the classrooms to get your child.** This can be disruptive to the instructional process for your child and for others. Thanks for your cooperation!!

We want you to know that we will do everything within our power to always make Kaiser School a safe place for everyone's child!

Katie McLane

PARENT VOLUNTEER POLICY

Our school would not be as special a place if we did not have the invaluable assets of our parent and community volunteers. Although every volunteer situation is unique, we have found it helpful if our volunteers follow these **guidelines**:

- ❖ Have on file in the office a copy of a negative **TB test**.
- ❖ Follow school and classroom rules and behave appropriately as a **role model** with students on or off school grounds.
- ❖ If you are driving on a field trip, please do not stop and pick up food for the students in your car. As we strive for equity, we need to all honor this request.
- ❖ **Sign in the volunteer book in the office** and sign out when you leave. In addition to knowing who is on campus, the total number of hours is used for grant applications.
- ❖ Work under the direction of the classroom teacher.
- ❖ Interact with students in a positive and supportive manner.
- ❖ **Redirect students to follow the teacher's directions.**
- ❖ Maintain the **confidentiality** of all students' academic performance and classroom behaviors, and respect the confidentiality that the teacher must maintain for all students.
- ❖ Follow the school policies and ask Ms. Pearl to handle the copying responsibilities.
- ❖ **Follow the teacher's policy regarding younger siblings.**
- ❖ Interact with your own child in a manner consistent with the classroom rules.

upcoming calendar

Monday, October 4 PTA Board Meeting
Friday, October 8 Latino Heritage Potluck
Saturday, October 9 Beautification Day

Wednesday, October 20 School Site Council
Thursday, October 28 Picture Day
Saturday, October 30 Walk-a-thon

Mon - Fri, November 1 - 5
MINIMUM DAYS- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 1 PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 2 Election Day
Thur / Fri November 11 / 12
Veteran's Day Holiday – School Closed for Students

UNDERWEAR AND CLOTHING CHANGES

When children have bathroom accidents, we try to provide changes of clothing. We expect that parents will return the loaned clothing right away. If you have underwear or pairs of pants that your son/daughter has outgrown, please send them in to **Ms. Pearl**. Believe it or not, we need clothing in all sizes! Many thanks!

"WALK ON THE WILD SIDE"

WALK-A-THON ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY

Our favorite cheerleader, **Trish Wittmer**, will bring her enthusiastic talents to Kaiser on **Friday at 11:15 a.m.** in an effort to rally the children's interest in getting pledges for the **Walk-a-thon, scheduled for Saturday, October 30th**.

The **T-shirt design contest is under way** and remember that clear and bold detail transfers best onto a T-shirt. Entries should be in black ink on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper.

We are looking for lots of **volunteers** on the day of the event to help with the food court, to staff the "walking stations", to distribute water and prizes,

to staff the registration tables, and to help sell books at the Book Faire (held concurrently in the auditorium). There are **sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in the main hall**. Look for it!

**LATINO/HISPANIC HERITAGE
POTLUCK THIS FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

Everyone is welcome to come and share in the food and dance of Mexico and other Latin American countries. We look forward to hearing the **kindergarteners** sing a version of "Chocolate" and the **Mexican hat dance** will definitely be on the agenda, as well as a visit from our **Kaiser graduate, Olivia Ruiz**, who danced in Durango this summer. She is the older sister of the Ruiz girls (in K and 1st grade).

If you have a specialty that you would like to make and it is not in the alphabetical breakdown, please bring it. The following list will help us have a variety of offerings:

- A-J Main dishes**
- K-R Side dishes, salads, including salsa and guacamole**
- S-Z Desserts**

We encourage you to dress in festive clothing to celebrate the wonderful heritage that is part of all of our culture here in California!

**!!! DEADLINE TO VOTE IS
MONDAY OCTOBER 18TH !!!**

**Please pick up registration forms in our main office or at your local libraries. You can show an example of community participation with your vote!
Every vote counts!**

PTA Membership

It's a close race at the end of the fourth inning with **Rust's Rocketpower** taking the lead over **Aurelio** by one run: 71 to 70. **Reese's Pieces** are right behind with 69 and runners in scoring position. **Ms. Yang's class** can't be counted out, bringing in 68 runs after four. Check out the scoreboard in the front hall to see how your child's class is doing. The total runs equal the % of enrollment for each class. Our goal is 100! **Congratulations to all parents** (58% in total) who have taken the time to join the PTA. We couldn't do it without you!

If you turned in membership money without filling out a green membership form could you please contact **Lisa Downes** at 532-5913 or limar2@aol.com to let her know, so we can give you and your child's class credit?

ROCKRIDGE LIBRARY OFFERS SPECIAL EVENTS

Toddler Story Times

are 1st and 2nd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-School Story Times

are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Pajama Story Times

are 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

October Special Events

include the **Bat Lady** who has an amazing presentation on bats next Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00; **Scary Stories** and **Papel Picado** cutouts.

November Special Events

include **Word for Word live theater** presenting "The Master-Maid" on November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

SCRATCH PAPER IS ALWAYS NEEDED

Adventure Time is in need of scratch paper and the school can always use **recycled paper and office supplies (envelopes, paper clips, tape, etc.)** Some of you are familiar with companies which have gone out of business or merged and their stationery is no longer useful to them. It is to us!!

CREATING COMMUNITY FOR GIFTED LEARNERS

If you have a child who makes connections in unique ways and expresses a tremendous amount of creativity, he or she might be gifted. **Jill Reese** is our staff member who coordinates the efforts on behalf of the **GATE program** and she provides inservices for our staff on a yearly basis. **Mel Stenger** has been the principal of the **GATE** summer school program for many summers and **Ruben Aurelio, Tom Rust and Mel Stenger** provide inservices for promoting higher level thinking for our school district.

We encourage our parents to register for the **Parent Institutes** which are offered in San Francisco at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** on October 23. Reservations are \$89 and must be made this week. (650) 342-9200. Registration is also on line at www.CAGifted.org

Sacramento will be host to the 43rd annual state **conference for the California Association for the Gifted in 2005**. Save the dates of February 2-27 because this promises to be the best conference yet. **CAG** has created a Strategic Alliance with legislators and other educational organizations to promote advocacy for gifted learners.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, IS

BEAUTIFICATION DAY

If you can lend a hand in helping make our gardens more beautiful, or in painting the **butterfly murals**, please come to school between **9:00 and 1:00 next Saturday, October 9th** and you can enjoy the camaraderie of others who love to **play in the dirt!**

Check in with **Janan Apaydin, Tom Rust** or **call the office**, to let us know that you'll be coming, so that we can have ample **coffee, donuts and juice for all.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
IN MAIN OFFICE AND FOR NOON RECESS

If you would be willing to spend an hour or so one day a week either answering the phones in the main office or helping watch the youngsters in the cafeteria or on the upper field, Robin Sasada and Katie McLane would love to hear from you! **Please call 879-1710. We would be forever grateful!**

Musicians without instruments? Oh no...!

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have an instrument that you no longer play and might want to donate to Kaiser School, so that we could loan it to a child learning to play an instrument? **We have many children wanting to play and not enough instruments to go around.** Check with your friends and relatives.

We will definitely give you a hefty **tax deduction.**

GARDEN MEETING

AT JANAN APAYDIN'S HOME

Parents who are interested in discussing the future **goals for Kaiser gardening** projects are invited to come to a meeting next **Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Her address is 3814 35th Avenue (Between Kansas and California) in Oakland.

NEED PICK UP TRUCK FOR BOOK CASE

Norma Rivadeneyra has a book case which she is willing to donate to Kaiser School if someone is willing to pick it up and bring it to the school.

HEALTH AND FITNESS PROGRAM

Our Health and Fitness program has been focusing on the **respiratory system and the circulatory system.** Please take a little time to discuss these systems and their parts (heart, lungs, blood vessels, trachea, throat, etc) with your children to reinforce these lessons. Thank you! **Ms. Theis**

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Our children are challenged to find out about the contributions of these contemporary Latinos and Latinas:

Cruz Bustamante, Ellen Ochoa, Pat Mora, Mario Molina, Rebecca Lobo, David Diaz, Pam Munoz
Ryan.

After getting the information about these influential people, turn it into the office and we'll read about them at our **Latino Potluck!** Awards will be given to most complete entries.