

THE PINK PANTHER

H. J. KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fabulous event on Saturday! Our children and their parents seemed to really enjoy walking and talking and supporting our school. I was again reminded of the positive atmosphere that abounds at Kaiser School. All of our children benefit from events such as this—and the grown ups have fun, too!

Thanks to **Cynthia Thompson** for chairing the event and to her **many worker bees** for volunteering at the food booth, book fair, prize booth, lap stations and registration tables. It was a smooth operation, thanks to the many "veterans" who helped mentor our new parents.

Don't forget that **this week is parent conferencing week** and the children are dismissed at 1:30 p.m. We hope that you will bring your child with you into the classroom, rather than leave him or her unattended.

Renaë Briggs worked with me all day on Sunday to put together a power point presentation that I will be presenting to my supervisor and several other principals. It will eventually be a link on our website. We'll let you know as soon as it is on line!

Attention all young pianists:

In addition to **Marilyn Marsh**, **Laura Sherman**, our **Orff music/movement teacher** will also be offering **piano lessons** on Wednesdays after school. Please email LauraSherm@SBCGlobal.net or speak with her on Tuesday or Friday at 12:00 or 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE DON'T MOVE THE ROPE!

There is **limited parking for staff members** at Kaiser and we must reserve all the spaces behind the buildings for staff parking only. We understand how frustrating it is to have to park and walk up the hill, but there is no other alternative. We have had a few near misses with cars driving behind the auditorium. Our children exit to the playground from the auditorium, using the access road behind our buildings. **Thank you for your help!**

MORGAN THEIS RECRUITED TO TEACH HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Our new and talented young Health and Fitness teacher was recruited by our Human Resources department to teach full-time at one of Fremont Federations' smaller high schools, known as **Media College Prep**. When she went for her interview, she was upset to learn that the students have had a series of substitutes all semester. This new job will be a challenge, but a well-educated and talented teacher like Morgan will make a difference in their lives! This will be her last week here and **we wish her the best.**

Katie McLane



**TODAY, NOVEMBER 2 IS YOUR DAY !!
BE HEARD**

upcoming calendar

Mon - Fri, November 1 - 5

MINIMUM DAYS- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 1 PTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 2 Election Day

Thursday / Friday November 11 / 12

Veteran's Day Holiday – School Closed for Students

Wednesday, November 10 PTA Meeting/Math Night

Wednesday, November 17 Harvest Festival and
School Site Council

Monday - Friday, November 22 - 26

Thanksgiving Holidays - School Closed

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Monday, December 6 PTA Board Meeting

December 6-17 Food and Clothing Drive

Tuesday, December 14 Winter Holiday Performance

Thursday, December 16 Winter Holiday Performance

December 20-31 Winter Recess - School Closed
School reopens January 3, 2005



PTA Membership- Final Week!

We are in the final week of the official membership drive for PTA. Three classes with the highest enrollment will receive an ice cream party and clay class. **Rust's Rocketpower** is leading with 86%! Close behind is **Ms. Yang's class** with 84%, and in third place is **Reese's Pieces** with 79%. Go Teams! Check the scoreboard in the front hallway to see how your child's class is doing. School wide, **67% of parents have joined the PTA**. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could say 100%? You may join at any time, but joining this week may help your child win an ice cream party and clay class. Join today!

Thank you
from the Walk-a-thon Food Committee!

We would like to **thank all the volunteers** who helped out with the food preparation and sales on Saturday. As Mr. Stenger likes to say, "Many hands make light work!" It was a great success and a lot of fun. We would also like to thank the following stores who donated food for the sales:

Montclair Safeway

-who made a huge donation thanks to **Liz Hall**
(better known as **Dashiel's mom**)

Whole Foods- thanks to **Kelly Bartlett (Sage's mom)**

Redwood Road Safeway

Pleasant Valley Rd. Safeway

Montclair Albertson's

Farmer Joes

Costco

and Thanks to the parents who donated water and ice for the event.

PTA Directories Are Here!

If you are a PTA member and do **not** have a directory, please contact **Lisa Downes at 532-5913** or limar2@aol.com. If you aren't a member, join today and receive a copy! There are membership forms in the office. Attached to the directory will be your PTA membership card. Use the access code and password on the back of the cards for the "members only" section of the National PTA website www.pta.org.

PARENT POTLUCK AT OAKLAND YOUTH CHORUS

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-7:45 at 2501 Harrison (at 27th, in First Congregational Church, next to Westlake Middle School) **Oakland Youth Chorus** will bring parents together from all of the schools OYC serves. This is the parents' opportunity to learn about their children's music classes, meet (continued page 3) the teachers, and find out more about all of OYC programs for students 5-21 years old. Parents should bring an ethnic dish of their choice to make this a

festive multicultural event. OYC artists will do demonstrations. Students welcome. **Please RSVP** with OYC Operations Manager, **Angela Dant 287-9700** or through the invitation in the monthly OYC parent envelopes.

AFTER-SCHOOL COORDINATORS AND
PRINCIPALS INVITED, TOO!!!!

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF NEW STUDENTS!

The **photos** that have been on the front display board will be available from your child's teacher next week. Thanks to **Vince Morgante**, we will have a new photo board featuring the Walkathon activities. We appreciate all his hard work to put this together!

FALL DISPLAY IN MAIN HALL

Don't miss the beauty of **Bonnie Pearson's** magical fall display by the main office. She has such a knack for pulling together fabulous arrangements.

-- Leftovers --
(repeats from previous week)

Emergency Cards Needed Now!

The following families need to return their emergency cards to the office immediately:

Neijah Cox
Hannah Caldwell
Arther and David Suruki
Marquis Taylor
Jacquez Clifton