

THE PINK PANTHER

H. J. KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 6th, 2004



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are preparing for our Winter Concerts and need to clarify the dates, classes and times of the performances. As most of you know, our goal for these events is to give you a picture in time of the work being done with music and movement as well as some of the instrumental groups. Most of the classes will be on the stage for five to seven minutes, so you can "guesstimate" the time when your child will be performing.

Tuesday, December 14- 7:00 p.m. "Rhythms and Rhyme-Poems in Wintertime"

Mr. Stenger- K

Miss Blunt- 1st

Mr. Rust- 2nd

Ms. Yang- 3rd

Mrs. Reese- 5th – Holiday Play

Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Instrumental music- violins/ intermediate band (Neat, Wade, Reese)

Mr. Byers- K

Ms. Apaydin-1st

Mrs. Pletcher- 2nd

Mrs. Bailey- 3rd

Mr. Wade- Holiday Play

INTERMEDIATE BAND ONLY

Intermediate Band will be performing on Thursday, December 16th. Due to a very full agenda, we have had to adjust the program and our beginning band members will be performing at one of our PTA events in January or February when they will be able to wow you with their progress!!

Please note: All students should report to their classrooms the evening of the performance and wait until each

class is called to the stage. The auditorium is usually very crowded, thus the necessity of having the children wait in their rooms. Students will get to see each other the day of their performance, as there will be a dress rehearsal.

The African Dance Troupe will be performing at 2:10 on Friday, December 17th for an all-school assembly. There will be some other surprise performers, as well. Parents are welcome to join us for the last hour on Friday. The African dancers will also be performing in February for the African-American Potluck and Oratorical presentation.

Our children were wonderful the day the woodwind quartet performed excerpts from the "Nutcracker." They are learning audience protocol which will last them a lifetime. Thanks again to Rudy Tapiro, retired music teacher in the OUSD, for bringing his beautiful music to Kaiser again this year.

Last week Ruben Aurelio visited our School Site Council meeting and later shared some of his experiences at Elmhurst Middle School. He is adjusting to the teenagers, but misses our school and our wonderful families. He can be reached at Ruben.Aurelio@ousd.k12.ca.us and would love to hear from you! He reports that his wife, Kristin, is quite pregnant and the boys (Ruben and Lucas) are very excited about the anticipated arrival of the baby sister in January.

This week we look forward to visiting each other in our classrooms on Monday, being visited on Tuesday by Rachel Uthman who is checking for compliance, and then welcoming parents to Kaiser on Wednesday, in hopes they'll join us next year.

Enjoy this time with your families, especially on these cold, rainy days. Snuggling together and reading is a wonderfully meaningful activity!

FLU VACCINE NOTICE

Alameda County Public Health Department


As you may know, there is a flu vaccine shortage. ACPHD has put out a notice that they will be receiving less than 50% of the doses ordered, but there appears to be an adequate supply of pediatric flu vaccine. For influenza updates please visit the following websites:

- o Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov/flu
- o California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/flu.htm>
- o Immunization Action Coalition: <http://www.vaccineinformation.org/flu/index.asp>


Find a Flu Shot: <http://www.findaflushot.com/> Thank you.

Katie McLane

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



<i>Upcoming</i>	<i>Calendar</i>
December 6 th -17 th	Food and Clothing Drive
Friday, December 10 th	Picture Make-Up Day
Tuesday, December 14 th	<u>Winter Holiday Performance</u>
Thursday, December 16 th	<u>Winter Holiday Performance</u>
<i>(December 20-31 Winter Recess - School Closed School reopens January 3, 2005)</i>	
Wednesday, January 26 th	OUSD Martin Luther King Oratorical



Cookie orders Please !!!!

For those who wish to participate in ordering cookies from Trish and Vanessa Wittmer, please send you orders, electronically to:

Karen.vecchi@ucop.edu



The varieties again are:

- Cowboy Cookies (choc chip, oatmeal & pecans)
- Oatmeal Raisin
- Holiday M&M sugar cookies
- Brownies
- Granola (ready to eat)

They are \$8 per jar.

Thanks for your help with delivery.



STILL NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!!

Brownie Troop #1877 is still collecting coats for our annual **One Warm Coat** drive. The coats are being collected in the large wardrobe box outside the main office of the school. The Brownies will donate these collected coats to the **East Oakland Recovery Center** for their families in need.

Last year we collected 75 coats, so please help us reach our goal of 80 this year by donating your gently worn outerwear that you no longer wear. The Brownies will deliver these coats to the Center in mid-December. Please contact **Lesley Clark** if you have any questions, lesleyrc@aol.com or **531-0114**.

FAMILY NEEDS CARPOOL HELP, OR AN INEXPENSIVE USED CAR



There is a need for transportation to Kaiser for Vivian Allen. Her family car burned up on her birthday last month! The family lives near Redwood Day School on Sheffield, off MacArthur. Please **call Kira Allen at 536-6547** either to let her know if you could help with transportation, or if you know where she could get an inexpensive car with automatic transmission. Thank you!!

PARENT BERGLIND MATTHIASSEN IN CONCERT AT MILLS

December 8th at 6:30 p.m. Berglind will be singing Marian Chants and Songs of Christmas, accompanied by Jeff Masanari on guitar. The performance is at **Mills College Art**

Museum, 5000 MacArthur Blvd and admission is free, although donations are always welcome!

**PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETINGS ON
DECEMBER 8TH AND JANUARY 5TH**

Please encourage your neighbors and friends, including pre-school buddies, to come to Kaiser School for a parent info meeting at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday** this week, or the week after vacation. Prospective parents are also welcome to visit our school at any time!!

**REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME
BEFORE VACATION**

The marking period for the report cards is over on Friday, December 10th. On our new standards-based report cards, it is important to note that some areas will be blank because they are not taught until later in the year. The overall grades will reflect each child's mastery of specific standards.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING ORATORICAL
COMPETITION**

The OUSD M.L.King, Jr. Oratorical Competition is in February, so we will have our Kaiser competition on **Wednesday, January 26th, 2005 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** Please begin working on choral reading, original or famous speeches if you want to participate. All speeches must be memorized and no music, dancing or props can be used. If you have any questions, contact Ruby Blunt, Room 3.

**MAKE-UP DAY FOR PHOTOS IS FRIDAY,
DEC. 10TH**

If you were dissatisfied with your child's photo, please send the packet back to school with him or her on Friday and they will redo the pictures. If you would like to order more photos, check with Robin in the office.

**SART MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY FOR
CHRONICALLY TARDY STUDENTS**

For those families who are struggling with getting students to school on time, we are required to hold conferences to help you solve the problem, or else we may have to recommend a school nearer your home. Children who are late regularly miss the equivalent of two weeks of school, over the school year.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER: CHILDREN MUST
NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED AFTER
SCHOOL**

Many days in the past three weeks I have had to be late for my district-level meetings because children have not been picked up. I can no longer do this, so please be sure that children are picked up no more than 15 minutes after school is released. If your child is enrolled in an after-school program, he or she must be picked up immediately after the program, because our contracts with the after-school programs do not include after-school care.