

THE PINK PANTHER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It's after ten on Monday evening and I just returned from an invigorating PTA Board meeting, chaired by Susan Simonds who was surrounded with other energetic parents who truly believe in the value of the work we are doing at Kaiser. These wonderful parents were willing to take on added responsibility to make sure that we can continue to offer the enriched environment at Kaiser that we all have come to expect.

Just for starters, there will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday which will feature some of our young musicians as well as providing you with an update on the expectations for the Science Fair projects which will be due in the next two weeks. Other items on the agenda will be the Pledge Drive which will get underway by March 15th, and the stream-lined, high energy live auction on April 30th which is bound to be a lot of fun because we'll have more of a chance to watch our auctioneer extraordinaire, Tom Rust. In addition, we'll be discussing the issues of running our non-profit organization, whether under the banner of the PTA or a Parent Faculty Club. In either case, we'll be a 501c.3 organization with tax deductible contributions!

We would also like to set up the Nominating Committee and will be looking forward to having parents volunteer to serve on the committee, or to offer their services or those of other parents who

can help "make it happen." In fact, if someone crosses your mind as you work with them, don't hesitate to e-mail Susan Simonds at lsesimonds@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please be thinking of services that you can offer for the auction such as gardening, electrical work, pilates or massage treatments, or the possibility of a cabin or home in a resort area. You might also have access to someone well-known who could autograph a shirt, have dinner with a small group of bidders, or perhaps you know of someone who could donate a week of summer soccer camp? More details will be forthcoming, but the critical piece is making sure you put **April 30th** on the calendar. Lisa Downes has graciously agreed to chair the auction, which will be at the Highlands Country Club, just up the hill from the school with a panoramic view of the bay and its bridges! Childcare will be provided in our auditorium. What could be more convenient- or fun?!

Katie McLane

NEW ADDITIONS TO MS. MCLANE'S

MULTIPLICATION CLUB

(February 18th- March 4th)

5 Minutes

Ricky Triggs

4 Minutes

Chyanne Brumfield

Kristina Randolph

3 Minutes

Tyra Bryant

Jacquez Clifton

Neijah Cox

Shawn Elliot

Matthew Madison
 Darius Muir-Hayes
 Germane Rivers
 Paul Stenger-Morgante

2 Minutes


Ian Alexander
 Jade Belvin
 Cesar Chavez
 Robert Collins
 Jasmine Guillot
 Taylor Mendez-Scott

Truman Ports
 Campbell Ryder
 Salina Wittmer
 Ariel Vason

1 Minute

Mikaela Briggs
 Iris Esquivel
 Noah Kendrix
 Bailey Kragness
 Alyssa Kunesh
 Christian Morgan
 Lana Taki





Upcoming
Calendar

Wednesday, March 9 PTA General Meeting
& Science & Reading Night

Mon-Fri, March 14-18
MINIMUM DAYS - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 16 School Site Council

Saturday, March 19 Beautification Day

Monday, March 28 Cesar Chavez Day
Holiday - School Closed

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Monday, April 4 PTA Board Meeting

Mon-Fri, April 11-15 Spring Break- School Closed



PIANO LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL AT KAISER

Five new openings on Thursdays for piano lessons. The lessons are 20 minute lessons, once a week and are \$15.00 per lesson. **Call Marilyn Marsh at (510) 923-1620.**



**CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS
 INFORMATION FAIR (FREE!)**

AAUW (American Association of University Women) Oakland-Piedmont Branch presents the 23rd Annual Children's Summer Programs Information Fair.

Sunday, March 13
 1 pm 4:30 pm

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive (between International Drive & 17th Street - Across from Lake Merritt in Oakland)

Parents: Bring your children to learn about summer programs and meet representatives from resident camps

and day programs throughout the East Bay. Summer programs include:

Sports, Arts & Crafts, Music,
Tutoring, Drama, Computers and more...

For kids from pre-school through high school.

AAUW is dedicated to promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education & positive societal change.

To serve our diverse community, the AAUW Oakland-Piedmont Branch supports quality education & innovative programs. Membership is open to all college graduates and enrolled students.

For more information about AAUW or the Children's Summer Program Information Fair: Email us:

info@aauw-op.com (preferred)

Phone: (510) 287-9855 (answering machine)

ORATORICAL WINNERS ARE SLATED TO PRESENT ON 3/15

Maiyah Phelps and Christina Bates have been invited to compete in the ML King, Jr.

Oratorical finals at Calvin Simmons Theatre on March 15th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Congratulations!!

GARDENERS!!

Please put the following dates on your calendars for the magic "First Fridays."

April 1st (no fooling!), May 6th and June 3rd

We are looking forward to continuing the beautification of the gardens and we really need your help from 3:10 to 5:15 each first Friday of the month!! Many thanks to Dennis Whaley and Laura Sherman, as well as Tom Rust and Janan Apaydin for their help this past Friday.

Have you noticed the beautiful daffodils all around Oakland this Spring? That is the work of community volunteers who helped plant the donated

bulbs. Our children planted some of the bulbs around our front circle as well as in our garden beds. The daffodils are a lovely reminder of the coming of Spring!

COATS, SWEATERS AND ASSORTED PARAPHERNALIA!!

Please, dear families, encourage your children to bring home their sweaters, coats and jackets each day. When I was raising my children, they each had one coat or jacket. They were expected to bring it home each day and no excuses were allowed. Right now, we have over 100 pieces of clothing waiting to be claimed. Guess what, most of them do not have names in them! What more can I say?

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND ART IS EDUCATION ARE BEING CELEBRATED!

This month our writing focus will be on women. Each grade level will be focusing on some special type of woman and the type of writing expectations are listed below:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/engmain.asp>

Kindergarten

Grandmothers
3-5 sentences
info from parents
dictated and copied
typed/untyped?

1st Grade

Women Writers
4 sentence paragraph (real paragraph)
typed/untyped?

2nd Grade

Dead Female ancestor (family)
reflective paragraph
1 paragraph (5-7 sentences) focus on some particular character trait of that person (humor)
typed/untyped?

3rd Grade

Women Scientists biography
3-5 paragraphs
typed/untyped?

4th grade

Woman in US History
reflective
2-3 paragraphs
150 words
typed/untyped?

5th grade

Woman from US history
biographical sketch
with reflective aspect
2-3 paragraphs
150 words
typed/untyped?

R e m i n d e r s !

Escrip truly helps our school

Please take a moment and go to escrip.com to register your Safeway card to earn money for Kaiser School. Our **group number** is **140707403**. You can also register other credit cards to earn money for Kaiser as you shop. Go to the website to see what is available.



Contra Costa Wind Symphony

On March 20th, the Contra Costa Wind Symphony will present a musical tribute to Mark Twain. The concert will include commentary by Dr. Robert Hirst, Curator of the Mark Twain Project at U.C. Berkeley. Also, the program includes talented Bay Area entertainer Tim Hockenberry performing a medley of Twain-era tunes. The concert will take place at The Dean Leshner Regional Arts Center (Hoffmann Theatre) in downtown Walnut Creek, CA. Our Kaiser Elementary School Computer Teacher and Assistant Band Director, Renae Briggs, is a member of the CCWS trumpet section!

To learn more about the concert and to order tickets on line, please visit our web site:

<http://www.ccwindsymphony.org/Spring05.htm>
Or you can call the Regional Center Box Office for reservations. **925-943-7469**.