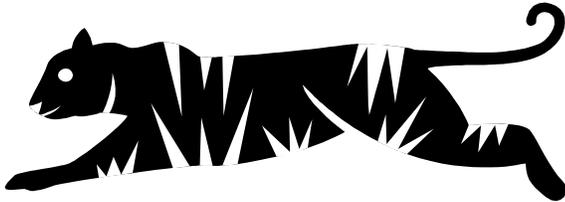


# THE PINK PANTHER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Coming back from a week's vacation was a little difficult for all of us, especially with such beautiful weather. The joy, of course, is seeing your wonderful children. We are hoping that you will bring your pajama-clad youngsters to school on Wednesday evening when we will serve milk and cookies and enjoy the chance to listen to our children read from their favorite books or from something which they've written.

Have the children let their teacher know that they'll be coming so that a copy of the written work can be given to them that day to read in the evening. We'll have a book exchange and our library will be open, as well as several other comfy spots to enjoy a special moment with your child and give encouragement to their friends, as well.

You and your children can come first to the auditorium for refreshments and the parents will stay for a brief PTA meeting while the children will be excused to the library. The children will then have the opportunity to return for an open mike session, reading some recent written work such as a poem or short reflection.

Don't forget- pajamas and robes are the fashion statement for the evening and bring along some books that you'd like to share with others in exchange for new ones to take home. Marcia Brooks will be organizing the book exchange and

has something for each child.

Lots of fun together in the next couple of weeks. Can't wait to see how the sale of the raffle tickets goes and looking forward to the fun we'll all have at the auction on April 30th. What a wonderful community!

Katie McLane



Upcoming

Calendar

Wednesday, April 20	PTA Nominations/ Summer Activities and Camp Info/ SSC
Saturday, April 23	Earth Day and School Beautification
April 25-May 6	Standardized Testing (2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> )
April 30	Kaiser Annual Auction and Fundraiser

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE AUCTION

The auction is less than two weeks away and we still need more volunteers! Please contact Katy DeVecchi at 336-9679 or [devecchi@earthlink.net](mailto:devecchi@earthlink.net) if you can help out during the auction. We particularly need people who can stay late to help clean up.

## Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were sent home before spring break and some families are going gangbusters with sales. There will be a party for the class who sells the most tickets. It's looking like Ms. Apaydin's class is the one to beat!

To be eligible for the class prize, please return all ticket stubs and money in an envelope with your child's name and teacher to the office by **April 25**. Please make every effort to sell your tickets. If you have leftover tickets that you can not sell, please return them to the office so they can be distributed to other families.

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### Heaters Needed

We are looking to borrow patio heaters for the night of the auction. If you have one that you would be willing to let us use, please contact Lisa Downes as soon as possible at 510-532-5913.

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### Auction April 30<sup>th</sup>

The Auction is just around the corner and plans are in full swing to make this year's event an **evening not to miss**. There will be live music by our own David Waugh's jazz trio, fantastic hors d'oeuvres, and wonderful items to bid on in the live auction or win in the raffle. Be sure to **R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 25** to secure your spot!

Check your calendars for these date specific auction items:

Women's Bunko Night (room for 12) - Friday, June 10  
SF Symphony tickets and dinner- Friday, May 27  
Weekend at Sea Ranch home for two adults- before July 30  
One week of Jack Hyde soccer camp- week of June 20, June 27, August 1

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### THURSDAY SNACK SALE SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

4/21- Stenger  
4/28- Bailey  
5/5- Neat  
5/12- Pletcher  
5/19- Apaydin

5/26- Student Council  
6/2- Yang  
6/9- Byers  
6/16- Wade

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### PLEDGES STILL ENCOURAGED NOW !!

By now you should have all received your pledge letters from our fund raising VP, Cynthia Thompson. We can't wait to **watch our Pledge Graph grow** to the anticipated amount of \$20,000. Right now we are at \$3,000 and growing! Let's make it happen for all of our Kaiser kids!

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### SPANISH CLASS

The new session for Spanish Class begins Wednesday, April 20 for eight weeks. Sign-up sheets were sent home before Spring Break but if you are interested and can't find the form, send a check for \$80, payable to MesoAmerica Institute, to the office and Robin will register your child. There is room for only 15 students so please send in your registration ASAP!

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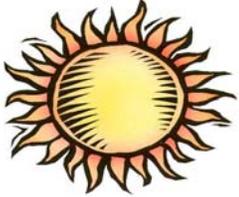
### RERUNS

PTA GENERAL MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. in the AUDITORIUM  
LITERACY NIGHT, BOOK SWAP AND 'OPEN  
MIKE SESSION' WITH COOKIES, MILK AND  
PAJAMAS

Children will have an opportunity to read to an adult, hear someone special read a story and the special event will be an "open mike" session for our

talented children to read something that they have written. We encourage families to bring a plate of cookies and a book or two to swap. Encourage children to wear their pajamas.



### Spring/Summer Ideas for Kids:

It's not too early to begin planning for summer activities for your children or grandchildren. Here are a few ideas:

- **Elementary/Middle School Oaktown Spring Camp:** Monday -Friday, April 11-15, 7:30 am-5:30 pm, Ages 5-14, Lakeside Park Garden Center (Ebell Room. Cost \$95 per week. Register online at <http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks/registration>.
- **Spring Day Camps at Local Recreation Centers:** Contact Dimond, Montclair, Redwood Heights and other Recreation Centers for details. Visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks) or call Inez Lawson at 238-3791.
- **Summer Camps at Oakland Parks & Recreation:** Allendale, Brookdale, Dimond, Montclair and Redwood Heights Recreation Centers will all offer camps this summer. The City of Oakland has produced a catalog full of details that you can pick up at your neighborhood recreation center or go to [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks).
- **Speed Reading and Reading Skills Programs for Children and Adults:** CalState, East Bay (formerly Cal State Hayward) offers 8 different programs for 4-year olds up through adults that will help turn poor readers into good readers, and good readers into great readers. Call (800) 978-3532 to register. Space is limited.

**Oakland Fine Arts Summer School (OFASS):** Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Oakland Department of Parks & Recreation partners with the Oakland Unified School District in offering a full day arts program for students in grades K-5. To register for the OUSD morning portion, contact 879-1190. To register for the OFASS in the Afternoon, contact [kmcp@lmi.net](mailto:kmcp@lmi.net) or call 237-3691.

### STARS ON STAGE – SOS Club

**Carmen Campanioni (aka Mrs. C)** is beginning her after-school program on **Mondays** in Mrs. Pletcher's class.

Students who enjoy being on stage (i.e. singing, lip syncing, dancing, reciting poetry, etc.) are invited to meet on Mondays for an hour and a half and enjoy getting a "stage show" together.

SOS Club stands for Stars on Stage. Thank you.

### Oakland Teaching Fellows:

The Oakland School District has launched an initiative to bring experienced professionals to the urban classroom through its Oakland Teaching Fellows program. The goal is to aggressively recruit, select and train 40 to 50 outstanding professionals to become effective teachers in high-need classrooms, such as special education, science and math. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, refer them to [www.oaklandteachingfellows.org](http://www.oaklandteachingfellows.org), or contact Lisa Barrett at (510) 879-8595 for details.

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No kidding

On March 29, 2005, the National Education Data Partnership will launch [www.SchoolMatters.com](http://www.SchoolMatters.com)

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revolutionary tool to access information and analysis about our nation's public schools.

SchoolMatters provides searchable information about public schools, school districts, and state education systems throughout the nation, including student

## **Up for Auction on April 30<sup>th</sup> is 7 nights at a vacation home in San Miguel de Allende**

San Miguel is located in central Mexico in the state of Guanajuato -- the Mexican muralist Diego Rivera is from the city of Guanajuato, which is only about a 45 minute drive and would make a great day trip. The town is a popular resort for tourists worldwide and serves as home (full-time and seasonal) to American and other foreign expatriates (artists, retirees, businesspeople, et al.).

The entire town has been declared a national monument. Architecturally, it boasts some of the best vestiges of the Spanish colonial period and artistically it is a haven for literary, performing, visual, and other artists.

Besides shopping, eating, and taking in the cultural experiences in town, there is golf, horseback riding, and bathing at the hot springs just on the outskirts of the historic center, short-term classes in the arts and Spanish language, etc. Or, one can just relax at the house; perhaps even get those creative juices flowing: a stab at the great American novel, a painting or two, a recipe for a meal to die for!

The house is in the historic downtown area, about three blocks above the zocalo (the town's main square). There are 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms: a huge master bedroom and bath with king size bed and a fireplace on the second floor, with adjoining terrace overlooking the town, lake, and surrounding hills; 2 small bedrooms off a ground-floor courtyard, each with a twin size bed and bathroom in between; and a teeny 2nd floor bedroom at the back with its own bathroom --so there are bedrooms for up to 5 persons. The living room, which has a fireplace as well, has a double-sized sofa-bed, so you can squeeze in two more adults, if you want. There is a dining room that seats 6, and the kitchen is equipped with microwave, fridge, coffee grinder and maker, toaster, range/oven and lots of baking and cooking utensils. There is a 3rd floor terrace with a little sala above the master suite, also overlooking the town, lake, and hills.

The house comes fully furnished with two phones, two TVs, cable access, purified water service, and is within walking distance to all the downtown shops, restaurants, galleries, language and art schools, theater, market, bus and taxi stands, etc.

It is pretty well appointed with the following: colonial, traditional, and modern furnishings; brass fixtures; mesquite woodwork; talavera-tiled bathrooms and kitchen; terracotta-tiled floors indoors and on the 2nd and third floor terraces; brick ground-floor courtyard; and lots of outdoor living furnishings, so, in good weather, it's nice to be able to just hang out and enjoy the garden and view.

The option of staying longer or renting at any other time is available. Here are the regular rates -- 10% discount for Kaiser families:

Depending on the length of the stay, the season, the number of people, and whether or not cleaning service is included, the rent ranges from \$200-350 daily; \$1000-1850 weekly; and \$3000-5550 up to one month. Stays longer than one month are negotiable.

Black out dates through September 2006 are as follows: May 7-13, 2005; August 1 - September 3, 2005; November 3-16, 2005; and January 29 - February 28, 2006.

For general information on the town, search online using "san Miguel de allende" or check out any Mexico travel guide book.