

THE PINK PANTHER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Did you remember....

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY!!

Remember that the Oakland Unified School District has a four day weekend to celebrate Memorial Day!

Actually, Friday is technically "in lieu of Lincoln's birthday" on the official calendar. Do you remember when it was "in lieu of Admissions Day"? Seems to me that it should be okay to call it an extended weekend and not need to assign an "in lieu" day!

Have you made plans for your child care that day??

Dear Families-

Once again I am writing to thank you for your involvement in the programs at Kaiser and to let you know that we feel supported in our efforts to bring an educational program to your students that helps promote a love of learning. Much of the fun of working at Kaiser is being a part of a staff that believes wholeheartedly in being life-long learners. When we don't know about something, we try to find out and some of our parents have helped us with our quest by providing

pertinent information to enlighten us about learning differences, behavioral modifications and ways to get into the heads of each of our children. This school is definitely not a one-size-fits-all school in any sense and we want to work with you to make school a memorable place for all of our children.

Special thanks are due to Carmen and Christina Campanioni who came in during the week that Robin was recovering from her back injury! They answered the phones, redirected children, offered assistance to visitors and made the phone calls to the families whose children were absent from school. They even helped with lunch yard duty!!

I've just written a proposal to have Kaiser be an "anchor arts school." The concept is that Measure E money would fund a matching program (up to \$35,000) for next year and \$10,000 the following year. The hope is that we would work together with our many-talented arts consultants and the staff to help integrate the arts even more into our core curriculum. The staff would be willing to spend 40 hours of staff development time and our School Site Council is supportive of our application, so we are keeping our fingers crossed. Even if we don't get the grant, it is a direction in which we want to move. As with every good thing, it can only get better when we work together for improvement.

Don't forget there is a 4-day weekend ahead and please relax, enjoy your children and help us come together for twenty more days of learning when we return next Tuesday.

Katie McLane

Upcoming



Calendar

Fri & Mon, May 27 & 30 Memorial Day holidays

Monday, June 6 Old and New PTA Board Meeting- Preliminary budgeting

Tuesday, June 14 Spring Performance

Wednesday, June 15 School Site Council

Thursday, June 16 Spring Performance

June 20-June 22 MINIMUM DAYS

Tuesday, June 21 5th grade Promotion

Wednesday, June 22 End of Regular School Year for Students

RETURNING TO KAISER NEXT YEAR??

We appreciate hearing from the families who will not be returning or those who Might Not be returning, so that we know where there might be flexibility in recruiting and making up the classes for the 2005-2006 school year.

PLEASE give us a heads up! We expect to hear from everyone, one way or the other, so please call us if you haven't yet responded.

Thank you!

SCHEDULE FOR OPEN HOUSE AND END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, May 14th:

6:15 - Classrooms open (Stenger, Apaydin, Rust, Bailey, Wade and Reese)

7:00- Spring program- Instrumental music (4th and 5th) and performances by children in Stenger's, Apaydin's, Rust's and Bailey's classes,

followed by a play performed by Steve Wade's class @ 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16th:

6:15- Classrooms open (Byers, Blunt, Pletcher, Yang and Neat)

7:00- Performances by Byers', Blunt's, Pletcher's, and Yang's class

7:45- African dance troupe- Pope Flyne

Pledging opportunities still available... now by Credit Card.

You can write your card number and expiration date on the form with your pledge amount and put in a pledge envelope for Pledge Drive at the Kaiser Office. Cynthia Thompson or Gail Elliott will arrange to pick up. We have heard that folks wanted easier ways to make it happen - so here you go!

Thanks for the support for your kids and staff at Kaiser - they deserve it!



MAY
is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

How many countries from Asia and the Pacific Islands can you name - first without looking at a map? Now, use the map for help.

Do any of your friends have Asian or Pacific Islander heritage? Celebrate your heritage - whatever your background is - have pride in yourself!

You are all so SPECIAL!

INTERESTED IN HELPING US FIND GRANT MONEY??

I am looking for several people who can give us some direct time to help put together a template for grant writing. If you can come to a meeting on Tuesday, June 7th at 4:00 in the afternoon in the library, I would be ecstatic!! Katie McLane

VOLUNTEER TEA

ON JUNE 8TH FROM 2:00 TO 3:30 P.M.

The Kaiser staff wishes to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the classrooms, driven on field trips, helped with the bake sales, called volunteers at night, answered phones, or supported our students and teachers in a multitude of other ways.

We want to thank you personally by hosting a tea for you on Wednesday, June 8th from 2:00 to 3:30 in the foyer of the school. Please RSVP to the office when you receive the invitation in next week's PINK.

NEEDED!!

LIGHTING FOR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

In an effort to provide some muted lighting for the auditorium when the overhead lights are off, we are asking our clever parents to help us devise a "quick and dirty" lighting solution. Please contact Renae Briggs to brainstorm ideas. We'd like to have this put together by June 14th, if at all possible. Please check in with her!! Her email is renaeb@california.com

MISS RUBY BLUNT'S RETIREMENT PARTY

If you and your family are planning to attend the retirement tea for Miss Blunt, please be sure to RSVP to Robin Sasada by June 1st! Our thanks to Cynthia Thompson who has again agreed to coordinate the food for the event. A response envelope was attached to each Pink Panther last week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PTA BOARD!!

Co-presidents: Lisa Downes and Lesley Clark;
Exec. VP: Liz Hall; Secretary: Renette Warner; Treasurer: Gail Elliott; Financial Sec.: Shawn Walker-Smith; Fundraising VP: Cynthia Thompson; Membership/Pledge VP's: Kelly Bartlett and Cyndy Hobbs; Programs VP: Katy DeVecchi and Andrea Nobles; Communications: Kiki Bradley and Kim Carl; Room Parent Coord: Katherine Fratti; Health and Safety: John Hanlon

There will be an important PTA meeting on June 6th when we begin to plan or preliminary budget for the '05-'06 school year.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR THE 2005-2006 YEAR

Parents who are interested in serving on the committee which oversees the strategic planning and makes recommendations for spending the school's budget, should contact Renato Almanzor at 632-5458 or Katie McLane at 879-1710 before the 6th of June.

Malia Ramler, parent of Hannah Ayasse, will no longer be able to serve, as her daughter is being promoted this year. Our thanks to Malia and her husband Robert, both of whom have served on the SSC, and Robert served as PTA President. Lots of expertise was shared with us by these two wonderful people!

The School Site Council generally meets once a month (this year it was on third Wednesdays at 3:45) and is a joint parent/staff/administration body. We look forward to hearing from interested parents!

*All Pink Panther submissions – please be helpful to the editors and Katie who are up on Monday evening AFTER you submit your entries to get the Pink panther edited to go out on Tuesday morning. Sunday 5pm was our original cut off time and it seems to have slipped by 24+ hours. Thanks for your help in this! We are appreciative for the school participation and we need our sleep too ☺
Happy writing ☺*

Dear Katie,

I will not be able to attend the Rally on May 25 to support the educational system in California, as I will be in Boston. However, I did write letters that are addressed to Senator Diane Feinstein and Congresswoman Barbara Lee. My hope is that you will distribute these letters so that other families in the district will be able to sign them as well.

I'm sending hard copies to the school as well. Alistair should have dropped them by the office. You may wish to edit the letter portion that will be signed by others (i.e. page 2; see below). Please encourage the teachers, parents and children to sign the letters.

Yours, Barbara

Feel free to edit the following:

Dear Congresswoman Lee,

We the parents, teachers, and children of the State of California believe that education is a key element to the success of our citizens, and to our ability to pursue gainful, happy, and productive lives. We believe that an excellent education should be available to all and not a luxury item of the rich. We ask that you help the Oakland Unified School

District to ensure that the Fiscal Recovery Plan of Dr. Randolph Ward will meet its objectives. We also ask that you help us communicate the importance of education to our Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and to encourage him to return the Proposition 98 funds to support education and/or to provide new measures to support the future development of our state though the education of our children.



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**Chicken Soup For the African
American Soul comes to Kimball's
East!!!**

A LITERARY ADVENTURE IN SPOKEN
WORD...!!!

MUSIC, FUN, EXCITING AND ENLIGHTENING!

A LITERARY ROLLERCOASTER RIDE...!

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY...!!!

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For tickets in Sacramento call Debbie Richardson (916) 370-7729 or email Debrichson@yahoo.com <<mailto:Debrichson@yahoo.com>>

What is "the new" California Arts and Development (CAD) program?

The New California Arts and Development (CAD) program is a non-profit creative arts and multi-media student development organization. CAD addresses the lack of funds in our national school system due to budget cuts and mismanagement. CAD is a phenomenal multimedia program, introducing youth to various combinations of interaction in the film and music industry. CAD will provide an opportunity of a lifetime for young people to learn employable media and life skills that can enhance their character and academic behavior through our myriad of vocational and social programs.

How does our youth, school districts, and our community benefit from CAD?

* Youth: CAD provides youth with educational activities promoting positive film, television, record production, magazine publication, web design, clothing design and modeling mentored and tutored by celebrities and professionals.

* School Districts: CAD provides fund raising opportunities from its multifaceted industry-oriented programs for school districts and/or schools to help raise funding to address the lack of funds do to budget cuts.

* Community: CAD provides a platform of synergy for our communities to get involved with our "save our youth" campaign through volunteers, community partnerships and donations.

" It takes a village to raise a child."

EXCLUSIVE 4BK PROGRAMS! All Productions will be Produced for Kidz by Kidz!

Training and mentoring is provided by Industry Professionals, Celebrities and/or Movie Stars!

* CD Recording: Work with studio and recording professionals on CAD's CD Celebrity Compilation

* Movie Production: Learn film and editing by working with celebrities and movie stars in CAD's films

* TV Production: Work on CAD's television shows (High School Celebrity, Showcase High and Inner Beauty)

* Showcase High Magazine: Interview celebrities, athletes and community leaders regarding current events, sports, fashion, entertainment, teenage issues and college preparation.

* Youth: Work with your High School Representative to represent your High School!

Call the California Arts and Dev., Inc. now to be part of this program!

<<mailto:Pse031095@aol.com>>

All donations to the CAD nonprofit, charitable organization are tax-deductible. Donations may be mailed to the New California Arts & Dev., Inc., 249 W. Jackson St., Ste. 107, Hayward, CA 94544

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Fiscal Sponsor: A Positive Force Leadership Dev. Corp. (APF) PO Box 276732 Sacramento, CA 95827 (916) 370-7729

Debbie Richardson, Director of Administration: (916) 370-7729 or emailDebrichson@yahoo.com <<mailto:Debrichson@yahoo.com>>

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**Reflections of Me and My World -
2005 Super Hero Series**

Process - The Road to Progress

ArtEsteem(sm) - Oakland Art and Social Justice Program

Inspires and Teaches Children and Youth to Articulate their Voice and become Inspired for Success through Art
Violence, death and drugs are a common theme amongst many of the children and youth in West and East Oakland. For the students of ArtEsteem, art and social justice program of the Attitudinal Healing Connection, art has become an outlet and voice to articulate and understand their existence as it relates to the community and the world.

(Oakland, CA) Attitudinal Healing Connection will host its 7th Annual ArtEsteem(sm) Exhibition showcasing art and fashion designs with a social justice and community-building theme. The artwork is created by students ranging from age 6 to 18. The exhibit event will showcase work from five schools including Hoover Elementary, Lowell Middle School, KIPP Bridge College Preparatory School, Rudsdale Academy and McClymonds High School.

PRESS EVENT

Where: Joyce Gordon Gallery /Geoffrey's Inner Circle - 406 and 410 Fourteenth Street

When: June 3, 2005 from 6-9pm

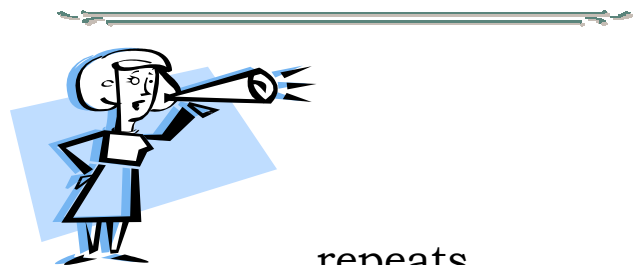
Special Guest: Dr. Jerry Jampolsky & Dr. Diane Cirincione, Superintendent
Sheila Jordan, Council Member Nancy Nadel and many more.....

Why: Ending violence in our neighborhoods, in our schools, and in our lives begins with our children. By showcasing the positive work of ArtEsteem we provide the people and businesses of Oakland and beyond a positive example of how we can work together to end the violence in our community and support grassroots efforts to educate and inspire children and youth.

Media Visuals: The exhibition will include life-size self-portrait super heroes, large stretch canvass paintings, fashion show of students designed and sewn garments, drawings and other projects that express each child's uniqueness.

ArtEsteem(sm) is an art and social justice during and after school educational program that uses art as tool for expression, self-esteem and community building. ArtEsteem is a program of the Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), a West Oakland based non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate violence by supporting creative and educational programs that transform the Spirit and build Peaceful and Loving Communities for all Humanity. The Community Center is located at: 3278 West Street, Oakland/ t(510) 652-5530/ f(510) 652-8233/ www.ahc-oakland.org

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repeats...

WEEK AT JACK HYDE SOCCER CAMP

We received a donation of a week at Jack Hyde Soccer Camp for our auction and didn't have a chance to auction it off. If you are interested, please contact . The available weeks are June 27-July 1 or August 15-19 and the value is \$90 for the half day camp.

SONYA BROOKS AVAILABLE FOR TUTORING THIS SUMMER

Families who are interested in having on-going academic support from our educational consultant who is skilled in connecting with children and supporting their growth, should contact Sonya at school 879-1710. She will be tutoring at school throughout the summer.

FEELING OF ABANDONMENT

We have had several children who are left here after school express to our staff and school psychologist that they worry that their parents are not coming to get them. Most of the children do not know how to reach their parent (no cell phone or home phone) and the records in the office are incorrect. Our school closes at 4:00 p.m. and some of the children are here until 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Some of our Adventure Time parents have expressed deep concern about how late children are left unattended and unsupervised.

The principal has, on occasion, had to call Child Protective Services. Please don't put your child in this position!

SET A BEDTIME ROUTINE AND STICK TO IT SO EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY CAN GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP- excerpted from the Seattle Times

Pre-school and School-age

More than any other age group, preschoolers stall and resist going to bed. Keep an extremely consistent bedtime routine, such as reading three books and singing two songs. Never vary or they'll keep pushing for more. Make a poster with pictures outlining the routine. "Then the poster becomes the bad guy."

A child who races around or seems hyper is not getting a "second wind", he's overly tired.

- Be boring. If a child keeps getting up, don't give him any attention. Read instead of watching television.

- Serve a snack such as a muffin or fresh fruit an hour or two before bedtime.
- Let children listen to stories on tape or music to encourage them to stay in bed. "If you can keep them horizontal, they will go to sleep."
- Make sure they get regular exercise, but avoid physical activity near bedtime.
- Cut back on TV time or extracurricular activities if these make it impossible for children to finish homework and get to bed in time to get nine to ten hours' sleep. It's a common misconception that school-age children only need eight hours of sleep- many need ten.

For those of you with teens

- Set a realistic bedtime. Teens starting as young as 13 are biologically inclined to fall asleep most easily about 11 p.m.. Try 9:45 or 10 p.m. as a compromise. Expecting teens to be in bed too early can actually contribute to insomnia.
- Advocate for high schools to delay start times to better fit with adolescents' physiological clocks.
- Suggest teens rearrange their evening so they end with calming activities. Shower at night, which also frees up more morning time.
- Cut off contact with friends an hour before bed. This means no phones, no instant messaging, no email. Fragmented sleep from teens waking up to cell phone txt messages is a new concern.
- Enforce a curfew so teens don't mess up their sleep rhythms with too-late nights. Experts say "catching up" on sleep over the weekend doesn't work.

Parents

- Don't sacrifice sleep, especially for moms. "Women are usually the first ones to get up in the morning and the last ones to go to bed. When kids wake at night, it's nearly always Mom who goes to them, according to research.
- Pregnancy can bring such sleep-related problems as sleep apnea (often because of weight gain) and restless leg syndrome (linked to iron deficiency).
- Don't drink before bedtime. As people get older, waking up to go to the bathroom is a common sleep disturbance.
- Don't underestimate your lack of sleep. One hour a day for a week adds up to a whole night of sleep lost.
- Use a fan or other type of white noise. Don't worry you won't hear nighttime kid noises.

