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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Great news! Our school will be one of ten schools in the district (one of four elementary schools) to be an Arts Anchor School. Read the attached letter for more information. When this opportunity arose to apply for the grant, our staff and School Site Council agreed that it would be exactly what we needed to help us provide time to plan for the incorporation of arts within our core curriculum. We know that this kind of focused attention now will allow us to improve our core instruction by integrating the arts. It never hurts for Kaiser to be in the forefront of new programs. Here is a time when you can feel that your tax dollars (Measure E) are directly impacting your children!

Please note all the end-of-the-year activities and try to be on hand to celebrate with the children. The fourth and fifth graders have particularly busy schedules the next few weeks and we'd hate to have them not be able to participate in the programs which they've worked so hard to prepare for you.

Again, our sincerest thanks to all of you for arranging your schedules to drive field trips, be here for bake sales and, especially for encouraging your children to do their very best

so that they have a feeling of accomplishment as they progress through school and life!

Katie McLane

MARKET DAY- JUNE 1ST

Mrs. Reese's class is having a market day this Wednesday, June 1st, and children are encouraged to bring a dollar or two to spend on fabulous food, trinkets and articles that the fifth graders deem worthy to sell!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The fourth and fifth graders will be performing at 2:10 on Monday, June 13th and on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. We encourage our young performers to wear white shirts and dark pants or skirts.

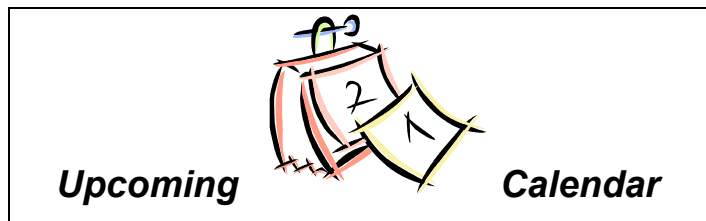
MISS PEARL DAY ON JUNE 3RD!



The Student Council has decreed that this Friday, June 3rd, shall be designated as "Miss Pearl Day" in honor of this very special person in all of our lives and to wish her a very happy 80th birthday this August! Would that we all had the energy that she has!! Students are

encouraged to write poems or letters to her to let her know how much she is

appreciated.



- 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

THE AMAZING POETIC STYLIN' OF MISS SONYA BROOKS

Don't miss an opportunity to attend La Pena Cultural Center's "Write This Second Café" poetry series on June 8th at 7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Kira Allen (mother of Vivian and daughter of Bonnie Allen aka Ms. Leonardo). La Pena is located at 3105 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, two blocks from Ashby. If you have questions, please call 326-6325. Donations of \$3 will benefit Kaiser School.

is a gifted writer and performer, as some of you know! She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Spellman University and next year she will be pursuing her career goal of becoming a professor of English Literature and Creative Writing. She will, however, remain here with us during the day time and take evening classes at San Francisco State University.

We are blessed to have Sonya with us at Kaiser. She pitches in wherever there is a need and you can see her directing the early morning traffic, supervising our children at noon and mentoring or tutoring many of our children during the day and after school or in the summer. If you are interested in summer tutoring, please leave a message for Sonya at 879-1710. Sonya also serves as a liaison to new families that enter Kaiser School.



Current and former students and their families have been invited to attend a reception honoring Miss Blunt for her twenty six years of dedicated work with the children of Kaiser School this Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 at Highlands Country Club, 111 Hiller Drive. Thanks to our PTA and other parents for offering to help with the preparations for this event.

RSVP before Thursday, please, if you plan to attend. We are setting up an educational fund at Kaiser in honor of Miss Blunt and donations are welcome and encouraged!

FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY SUMMER THEATER AT WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATER WITH KAISER FRIENDS

Our PTA has scheduled two evenings this summer to offer half-price tickets to our families for productions at Woodminster Amphitheater, off Joaquin Miller Road. The adult tickets are being offered at half price for \$12.50 each and one child is free (if accompanied by two adults

paying half price). The first production is "Oklahoma" on July 15th and the second is "Hello Dolly" on August 12.

Please send a check to Kaiser PTA for your reservations. We must have at least twenty five adult reservations for each performance, in order to get the half price tickets. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get together, have a picnic and then enjoy the musicals in the historic Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park. Reservations need to be sent to the office and placed in the PTA drawer by June 17th.

Please Beware;90# on the telephone

PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

FOR QUESTIONS GO

TO:<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/jailcall.asp>
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I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service technician who was conducting a test on telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up.

Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number!

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons. I have also verified this information with UCB Telecom,Pacific Bell, MCI, Bell Atlantic and GTE

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.



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SCHEDULE FOR OPEN HOUSE AND END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, June 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, June 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

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.

**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!

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

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 4KBK 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>](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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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!

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!! See Katie McLane

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.

May 26, 2005



Dear School Community Member,

Congratulations! Your school has been chosen as one of the first ten Arts Anchor schools, part of an overall Arts Plan whose long-term vision is to bring the arts to every child in every school in Oakland.

Arts Learning Anchor Schools will become models for other schools in the district, demonstrating and exhibiting their instructional approach and outcomes to staff from other schools. Each will receive a grant from Measure E, while the school will also match these funds for its arts program.

- Students will receive on-going and in-depth instruction in at least one arts discipline.
- Teachers, coaches and the site administrator will be involved in intensive professional development in arts learning. The structure and content of this professional development program will be designed to fit the uniqueness and instructional plan of each site. The intention is to provide a solid foundation in an arts discipline so that teachers feel confident integrating that discipline into other core subjects.
- Parents and community members will be encouraged to attend exhibitions and shows of the resulting student work, and to remain critically important supporters of the work.

Your school will be an essential component in paving the way for each and every OUSD student to have access to top quality, comprehensive, culturally dynamic, sequential, integrated and standards-based instruction in all the arts disciplines: Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

Please join Kerry Hamill, Dr. Randolph Ward, Michael Morgan and others to announce your school's involvement, this Wednesday, June 1st from 6pm-8pm. We look forward to congratulating you in person!
