

THE PINK PANTHER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This is always a frenetic time as we finalize all the paperwork (such as returning library books and textbooks, rehearsing for our end-of-year programs and arranging drivers for the celebratory activities. We are also working on the proposal of the PTA's tentative budget that you find included in this week's **PINK PANTHER**. We plan to vote on the tentative budget on the evenings of June 14th and June 16th.

Some of the other unfinished business includes having you or your child(ren) pick up lost coats, sweaters, jackets, etc. that were left at school since January. The local shelters love us, but we'd rather have your children keep better track of their clothing items! We're sure you would appreciate that, too.

One item on my "to do" list is to sit down at the computer and register all my credit cards on www.escrip.com. The Kaiser group ID number is 139262109.

If all of us did this and told our families to do so, we would generate quite a bit of passive income.

Many of you have asked about who is teaching what next year and if I know who the new teachers will be. The answer is that most of the teachers will be in similar assignments, but we haven't been able to assure a spot for Andrea Pletcher. It will be a great loss if she can't return to Kaiser. We may have more combination classes, just by the nature of the number of children in each grade level, but we will know more by the end of the summer. As most of you know, we do our best to place children in a classroom with a mix of male/female, ability levels, and ethnic diversity. These decisions are made by the staff and principal, taking into consideration your child's learning style.

All of our staff are trained to differentiate instruction and to teach to the different learning modalities.

Two and a half more weeks and we will be ready for summer! We encourage you to enroll your child in the public library Summer Reading Program. There will be a presentation on the program in classes on Tuesday.

Thank you for all the kind words and supportive gestures! We absolutely love working at Kaiser because of our fabulous children and families.

Katie McLane

Kaiser Community Gardening News:

The hard work of many volunteers over the course of this school year is really paying off. The front circle has been completely transformed to a welcoming place for students (and butterflies). Last Wednesday after school during a 20 minute period over 50 butterflies were counted and 8 different species: cabbage white, tiger swallowtail, ringlet, buckeye, painted lady, acmon blue, yellow sulphur, and the fiery skipper. The final gardening date for this school year will be this Friday, June 10th from 3:15-5:30. It's never to late to join this group of fun, dedicated volunteers. See you there!

We need families to commit to watering the garden for 1 week during the summer. This commitment requires coming to school 3 times during your week and spending 30-45 minutes watering. There is a sign up sheet outside of Portable A, and we will gladly train you.

**Kaiser parents, students, staff and
community:**

Thanks, thanks, thanks!

THANK YOU

What a send-off! I can't say thanks enough or express my sincere appreciation for your presence, well wishes, encouraging words, hugs, gifts, flowers and contributions to the Ruby Blunt Educational Fund. I want to do another 32 years to experience an afternoon like that! It has truly been a joy to work with each of you. I will still participate in Kaiser School activities and fund raisers because I will always be a part of you.

Sincerely,
Ruby Blunt

6/7/2005

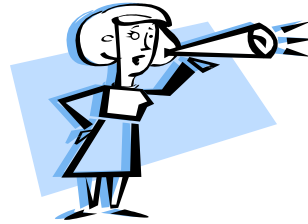
Upcoming



Calendar

Monday, June 6 Old and New PTA Board Meeting-
Preliminary budgeting
Monday, June 13th (2:10pm) 4th & 5th Grade Band
Performance
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



repeats...

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.

CYNTHIA THOMPSON, YOU'RE THE WOMAN!!



Special thanks to parent Cynthia Thompson who volunteered to coordinate the food for Miss Blunt's retirement party. It is a real experience being in the kitchen with Cynthia because she knows how to put together a beautiful spread! Those of you who attended the auction know this already. Again, our heartfelt thanks for the effort of love that you extended, Cynthia.

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.

**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!

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

**Encore, Encore !!!!!
SOS Club's Return
Engagement:**



"Doing Our Own Thang"

The SOS club will do an encore performance of their Talent Variety Show in the Kaiser Elementary School auditorium on Saturday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (under 5 are free).

**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.

**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.