

# THE PINK PANTHER

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pulled from the list online at the Berkeley Public Library system. Summer is a time when everyone in the family should be taking time to read to yourselves and each other. There is no more rewarding experience than to pick up a book and get lost in another place and time.

**Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you on August 29<sup>th</sup>**, the first day of school !

Fondly,  
Katie

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we prepare for the fifth grade promotion and review the end-of-year activities, I continue to be overwhelmed by the loving support that our families provide to our children and to the school.

Last week's evening activities culminated a year of hard work and fun as the children shared some of their academic work and took to the stage to entertain you! We are grateful to the fine music teachers: Margo Harrison, Claudia McCarthy and who helped introduce our children to the world of musical instruments and made certain that those in the band and orchestra were taught to read music.

Laura Sherman exposed the kindergarten through third graders to an amazing amount of musical experiences which enhanced the entire arts program. We also loved seeing our children's art work exhibited in the main hall and we thank Ms. Leonardo (aka Bonnie Allen) for seeing that there was a representative sample of all of the children's art.

The plays that have been performed recently have been clever and we hope to include more drama in the everyday classroom activities next year, as well as bring in a professional children's theater group to train our children.

We thank you for supporting your children this year and being willing to make sacrifices to assure that your children attended regularly, did their homework and read on a daily basis. Your conscientious support is the key to your child's success!

We are attaching a list of age-appropriate books for your child's summer reading which we

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## SUMMER AT WOODMINSTER

Join us this summer at Woodminster Amphitheater for wonderful musicals under the stars. Make your reservations (\$16.00 each) for adults. Children will be free if accompanied by two adults. WE NEED TO SELL 25 tickets to each performance to qualify for these half price tickets. The date for "Oklahoma" is Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and "Hello Dolly" is scheduled for Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

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## SUMMER TUTORING

If you are thinking of getting some additional academic tutoring for your child, we recommend **Sonya Brooks**, who will be working here at Kaiser during the summer. If you want to contact her, **she can be reached at her cell phone number: 517-9316.**

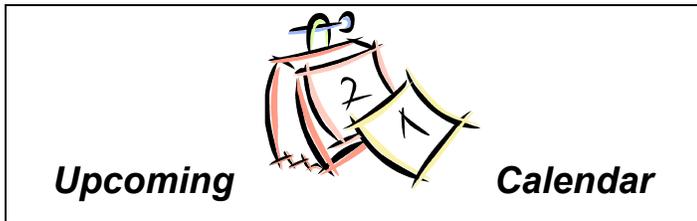


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## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 2005-2006

If you know of a strong after-school program which can be researched by our program co-chairs, Andrea Nobles and Katy DeVecchi, please call the office and we will forward the ideas along to them.

They are looking for successful programs (science, drama, dance, etc.) that can offer the children an opportunity to expand their skills. We are hoping to have things in place so that you can know what is being offered at the beginning of the school year and can plan accordingly.



<b>June 20-June 22</b>	MINIMUM DAYS; School over at 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday, June 21</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion; 1pm
<b>Wednesday, June 22</b>	End of Regular School Year for Students



### House Education Funding Bill Leaves Children Behind

The needs of children were given short shrift yesterday, as the House Appropriations Committee passed a bill that eliminates, cuts or freezes funding to critical No Child Left Behind programs, as well as continues to ignore the federal government's commitment to students with disabilities. The 0.2 percent overall increase for the Department of Education, which is the smallest in a decade, reflects the misplaced priority by President Bush and Congress's Republican leadership on tax cuts at the expense of education.

The Committee cut funding for key NCLB programs by \$806 million, bringing funding below the level set three years ago, while somehow managing to find \$100 million for President Bush's new teacher merit pay program. Targeted for the biggest cuts are Safe and Drug Free Schools, Education Technology, and Comprehensive School

Reform. The bill eliminates funding for foreign language instruction, gifted and talented education, parent assistance centers and arts education. It also freezes funds for teacher quality state grants, which will cut support to 56,000 teachers.

The bill provides Title I a 0.8 percent increase, failing to keep pace with the growing number of disadvantaged students who require targeted assistance to meet increasing NCLB mandates. Also, it breaks the promise to put the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act on the path to full funding, reducing the federal share of special education funding.

The bill is scheduled to go the House floor next week.

#### *5-Minute Activist*

- Urge your Representative <[http://capwiz.com/nea/utr/1/CTTBEU\\_DLAB/HTPBEUDLED/](http://capwiz.com/nea/utr/1/CTTBEU_DLAB/HTPBEUDLED/)> to vote against this bill unless additional investments for education are added.



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#### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers this summer to water the garden. Sign up for a week on the sign-up sheet outside of Portable A. Your commitment includes showing up 3 times during the week that you chose and watering for 30 minutes to an hour. We will train you in the fine art of watering at Kaiser School.

Thank you!

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## An Opportunity to Support a Great Teacher!

Each year Tom Rust, Kaiser's wonderful 2nd grade teacher and his partner, Tom Harris, participate in the San Francisco AIDS Walk. If you would like to sponsor Mr Rust, then write out a check, payable to SFAW. You can either give it directly to Tom or place it in his box, in the office.

Thank you!



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO JILL REESE

Children at the American Indian Charter School have been praising the work ethic that Jill Reese instilled in them and attributing it to their success in middle school. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jill was honored as the outstanding fifth grade teacher by the class of 2005. The director of the school, Ben Chavez, was especially impressed with the study of the stock market because one of their goals is to prepare their students to succeed in a capitalistic society.

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## Kaiser Elementary School PTA funding plus extra savings!

**eScrip** merchants have donated \$1733.38 to Kaiser Elementary School PTA in the past year! Get details or register your Macy's Card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)  
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