



The Pink Panther **Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School**

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School and Community Newsletter October 11th

Note from Principal Katie McLane

Dear Kaiser Families,

Saturday we received a memo from the State Superintendent of Schools, Jack O'Connell, that Kaiser Elementary was a candidate for the 2006 California School Recognition Program. If we decide to apply for the status of a California Distinguished School, these are the standards for selection that are characteristics of an exemplary school:

- High academic expectations for all students.
- Implementation of state-adopted standards.
- Visionary and collaborative leadership.
- Regular and systematic monitoring of student progress using a variety of assessment techniques.
- A strong core curriculum in all required subject areas.
- State Board-adopted and standards-aligned textbooks and core curriculum materials provided to all students.
- Varied teaching strategies that provide challenging learning experiences for all students.
- Strong library media services and appropriate technology that support learning activities.
- Academically competent and caring teachers and strong professional development focused on teaching standards-based materials.
- Multiple learning support services for students who are learning the English language, who have physical or learning disabilities, and who have not yet reached proficiency.
- Support for student learning through family involvement and partnerships with business and community groups.
- A safe school culture that supports inclusion of all students and promotes positive character traits such as caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.
- Programs that foster wellness and healthy behaviors.
- A well-maintained learning environment that communicates the importance of education in our society.

With the support of our School Site Council, our PTA and our hard-working staff, I am recommending that we apply for the status of a California Distinguished School. It will require hours of hard work writing the application, but the efforts should not be in vain!!

Katie

Getting In The Know

LATINO HERITAGE POTLUCK - FRIDAY OCTOBER 14th 6:00 pm



Save the date!

Our first PTA sponsored potluck is fast approaching!

You won't want to miss this evening of delicious food, celebration of Latino culture, and a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in the Kaiser community.

Laura Sherman has taught her students, grades K-3, a song in Spanish which they will perform, and Olivia and Sienna Ruiz will treat us to a performance of traditional Mexican dance. If you have a dish that you would like to make and it is not in the alphabetical breakdown, please feel free to bring it. The following list will help us have a variety of offerings:

A-J: Main dishes

K-R: Side dishes, salads, including salsa and guacamole

S-Z: Desserts

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Please contact

Susan Ruiz at suziruiz@msn.com or 567-9742.

How to Reach Kaiser

Our phone number is (510) 879-1710 (includes a 24 hour message service).

Principal Katie McLane's email address is Catherine.Mclane@ousd.k12.ca.us

How to use the Pink Panther

To include your story or information in your school newsletter: check with Katie McLane, then forward to both editors by 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, at cara_eva@hotmail.com and kbradley@ix.netcom.com

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Oct 14 Friday!!	Latino Heritage Potluck
Oct 24-28 Monday - Friday	MINIMUM DAYS - Parent/ Teacher conferences
Oct 25 Tuesday	Individual and Group Picture Day
Nov 1 Tuesday	VOTE!

Nov 5th Saturday: SEE YOU IN TUSCANY!
Only 26 days left before we put on our dancing shoes and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

No more early bird:

Registration fees: (1) \$30, (2) \$50, childcare \$25.
But if you missed out on the early bird special and would like an opportunity to save \$10 for (2) or \$5 for (1) here is your chance. Attached to your Pink Panther is one of three versions of "An Evening in Tuscany" auction flyer. Collect two different versions of the flyer and attach it to your registration and receive your discount.
Remember!! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Nov 5
6pm - midnight** **AUCTION:
The Linen Life Gallery
1375 Park Ave.
Emeryville, CA 94608**

Nov 11-14 **Cody's Bookstore Benefit
Daze!**

How to use the Kaiser School Website

For our public information, be sure to visit and browse www.kaiserelementaryschool.com and to participate in the school community group go to, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/ and join!!

Kaiser School Messages

East Bay Independent Elementary and Middle Schools Annual Fair

The community has received an invitation to attend an annual fair to feature more than thirty excellent East Bay Independent Schools.

The Oakland meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Scottish rite Center at 1547 Lakeside Drive. There will also be one in Walnut Creek on Thursday, October 27, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. at Civic Park Community Center.

Most of our graduates go on to public middle and high schools in Oakland, but there are some families who have chosen to apply to some of the private schools. If that is your plan, you need to explore the possibilities at www.ebisaca.org or attend one of these Open Houses.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OUR STUDENTS

Some of our children apply for scholarships for schools, for special arts programs or for a program such as ABC (A Better Chance).

It is imperative that the parent sign the cover sheet of the application form, allowing the information to be transmitted directly to the school.

Sometimes we get blank applications, or applications without a stamped envelope addressed to the grantor or school.

Please do not assume that we will remember who handed the material to us unless it is carefully packaged with name of child, signature of parent and a stamped envelope!!

Sally Foster Is Here This Week!

Our fundraiser featuring Sally Foster giftwrap and gift products started last week. **Be sure to check your child's backpack for your Sally Foster catalog and envelope.** The catalog features Premium Giftwrap, Gifts, Bath and Body Products, and Chocolates. The sale will run through October 18 with delivery of products the week of November 29th. So be sure to stock up on supplies for the holidays. **50% of every purchase goes directly to our school!**

Out of town family and friends can support our school by visiting SallyFoster.com and using our school's account number 370976.

HELP US GET THE HILLSIDE CLEARED!

One of the escape routes from Kaiser School is to go down the slope behind the playground and out to Tunnel Road.

Right now, there is a lot of highly flammable "witches' broom" growing on the hillside and we would like the Office of the State Fire Marshal to clear the site. If you could call or email Antoinette Weiskamp, Deputy State Fire Marshal at (510) 520-0723 or email at Antoinette.weiskamp@fire.ca.gov to urge the state to clear the evacuation route that our children would take if we were not able to walk down Hiller Drive.

Currently, our evacuation route in case of fire is to get to Tunnel Road, then proceed down streets past Chabot School and Claremont and end up at Albertson's, near the Rockridge BART. We will send you maps and directions soon so that you know how to find your child, should we ever need to evacuate the site.

For most emergencies, such as earthquakes, etc. we would remain on site on the upper field and use our emergency supplies of food, water, medical supplies, etc.

Kaiser School Messages

ONLY FIVE FAMILIES HAVE NOT RETURNED
THEIR EMERGENCY PACKETS:

**It is the fifth week of school and we need to know
how to reach you in case of an emergency.**

Next week, the names will be published,
so that someone else who might be
able to aid you in filling out the forms
might step forward.

BALLET ARTS- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

If you are interested in enrolling your child in
ballet, please feel free to contact Lynette
DeFazio, Director of Ballet Arts at (510) 547-
5477.

Lynette has worked closely with Kaiser over
the years bringing the Oakland Community
Orchestra to perform for us in May. She is an
Oakland institution!

School Directories are in the Works!

Do you have any connections to a
printing or copy company?

We are in the process of putting
together the **PTA school directory** and
need to find an inexpensive resource for
having it printed.

If you have any leads please contact:

Kelly Bartlett at 595-9533
bartlettsmith@sbcglobal.net,

or

Cindy Hobbs 534-0593
cindyhobbs@excite.com

Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The PTA will be participating in the **Cody's Books
School Benefit Daze** for four days in **November
(11-14)**. Cody's designates four shopping days each
year at their three stores and via their website to
benefit the area's schools. If you

1. Make a purchase at one of their three retail
stores or via their website between November
11-14; AND...
2. Turn in your original receipts to the office;
THEN...

they will donate 15% of our net sales to the Kaiser
PTA. We will collect all the receipts, submit them to
Cody's, and receive 15% of net sales. You may
purchase books, magazines, journals, calendars, gift
cards, paper gift certificates, stationary, special
orders, bargain books and more.

*Teachers will be compiling a list of "books wanted" for
their classrooms and library so look for those soon.*

Cody's store locations are 2454 Telegraph Ave.,
and 1730 Fourth St. in Berkeley, and 2 Stockton St. at
Market in San Francisco. Their website is
www.codysbooks.com

If you have any questions please contact:
Lisa Downes 532-5913, lisadownes@sbcglobal.net.

Kaiser PTA - SignUps and Ballot Reminders

PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

aims to Climb to the top of the Mountain!

The class that signs up the highest percentage of PTA members gets a climbing trip to Ironworks climbing gym! So, strap on that harness and get climbing. Along with becoming a member you will also receive a membership card and a school directory.

Only parents and faculty can help the kids do this. Reminder:

Single parent family \$ 7.00

Two parent family \$ 14.00

Look for a table set up this week at drop off and pick up. Forms are also available in the office.

Have your check ready made out to Kaiser PTA.

Include your child's name and teacher.

-- Kelly & Cindy

EScrip Sign Ups

Hello friends and staff of Kaiser Elementary School in Oakland, California! If you haven't already done this..... please consider signing up!

The eScrip program will reward the Kaiser PTA with a percentage of the money you already spend when you shop at Safeway, Vons, Macy's, Office Max and other participating stores. Other merchants include Carnival Cruise Lines, Century 21 Real Estate and Sierra Trading Post! EScrip will also reward Kaiser PTA with a percentage of purchases made through a registered credit card.

Signing up online takes about 5 minutes.

Just go to the Kaiser website and click on register with eScrip:

<http://www.kaiserelementaryschool.com/getinvolved/escrip.html>

or click here: <http://www.escrip.com/>

The name of the group to support is:

Kaiser Elementary School PTA

Our zip code is **94618**

PLEASE COMPLETE, SEPARATE, & RETURN THIS ELECTION FORM FOR THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE!

Valorie Hutson, parent of two daughters (5th and K) has been nominated by the School Site Council to fill the vacated position of Malia Ramler. She is currently working on her PhD at Mills in Educational Leadership and serves as the After-School program coordinator at Westlake Middle School. We recommend that she be elected for a three year term.

_____ **Yes**, I support the nomination of Valorie Hutson

_____ **No**, I nominate _____ for that position.

_____ **In addition** to electing Valorie Hutson, I would like to offer to serve and/or

nominate _____ as an alternate.

Your Signature: _____

Staying Connected...

Did somebody say *Dance?* ...

Former Kaiser student, Katharine Mayer, will be dancing in several ballet productions this month.

Come see her in the following:

--**Hansel and Gretel**, a ballet of the classic fairy tale and a delight to children of all ages. This is the perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit, with a scary witch and a house scrumptious enough to eat! (Sunday, October 23, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.).



--**Choreographer's™ Showcase** features the work of choreographers Ronn Guidi, Michael Lowe, Danny Nguyen, and David Bertlin. Styles range from modern dance (Nguyen), to a jazz-influenced ballet (Guidi), to modern classical (Bertlin), and finally to a ballet that draws life and energy from Asian music and themes (Lowe). (Fri, Oct 21, 8 p.m. and Sat, Oct 22, 2:00 p.m.)

Shows will be staged at Regent's Theatre, Holy Names University, Oakland, California. For detailed performance information and to order tickets (\$20), go to

<http://www.obacademy.com/performances/index.html>

Latino Heritage Online

Hi all. Ready for the PotLuck? Don't stop there!

(1) Here's an amazing website for looking up Latino and Hispanic cultural life and centers in the Bay Area. <http://www.bodacia.com/hispanic.htm#bayarea>
Don't forget to scroll all the way up to see the main listings on the webpage too -- it's not just Bay Area but resources from all over the country. The favorite site would have to have been "[TacoTrucks.net](http://www.tacotrucks.net) -- Information on and reviews of food from taco trucks throughout Oakland." - but sadly it looks like a dormant effort...

(2) The Latino History Timeline <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/calheritage/latinos/timeline2.html> is a project running on a grant to the Oakland Unified School District. Check it out! Interestingly, there is not much listed after 1940, so they either need some help or there is another place to see their most recent work. Something for a volunteer to check into.

(3) The Oakland Museum runs (or ran) a Latino History Project <http://www.urbaneyes.org/LHP.html> that includes a video called "Urbaneyes". I wonder if the Museum would support lending/showing the video at Kaiser. Also, see <http://www.puente.net/lhp.html> for visual examples of student research into Latino Heritage that toured the state from Oakland. It would be great to get an update on the conclusion of the project; look what it was scheduled to offer: *The \$285,000 project was scheduled to conclude spring 2003 with a comprehensive anthology of narratives, educational and curriculum materials (including a series of posters) and a website that chronicles the evolution and final products of the Project.*

(4) While we're at it, here are two things that "shoulda been" -- AND really are!

[Directorio Web de Gogle](#)

Google's Spanish-language web directory.

[Yahoo! en Español](#)

Yahoo! Directory in Spanish.

-- Editors

Auction/Dance - An Evening in Tuscany

Kaiser's 31st Auction/Dance

We're gonna put on our dancing shoes and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE! I believe we can exceed the \$30,000 working together to make a difference for our school and the lives of each child. Thank you for supporting and making this event magical.

AUCTION FORMS:

Register for the Auction and sign up for child care by using the Auction Registration and Childcare form available from the Kaiser Elementary office or from the school web site at:

<http://www.kaiserelementaryschool.com/getinvolved/auction2005.html>.

Information/donations: Andrea Nobles (510) 326-5078 or aynobles@sbcglobal.net.

If you missed out on the early bird special and would like an opportunity to save \$10 for 2 persons or \$5 for 1 person here is your chance:

There are four versions of "An Evening in Tuscany" auction flyer like the one you're holding in your hands right now. Collect two different versions of the flyer and attach them to your registration, and you'll get a discount!

Remember!! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

If childcare is desired:

you must complete a waiver and return it with your registration for participation. The waiver is provided in the school office. Please turn in completed forms with payment to the PTA Auction envelope in the school office.

Child care is at Head Over Heels

Registration is filling up fast. We are at 70% with only 12 slots remaining. Minimum age requirement: must be potty trained. Dinner will be provided. If you desire, you can bring a sleeping bag for your child to rest on during movie time (it is not mandatory).

Solicitations/Donations

The Kaiser community is what makes our school one of the top ten in the Bay Area. Thank you all for your donations and solicitations in support of the PTA.

We are asking that all donations be submitted no later than Friday October 28th to ensure that the items are listed in the auction catalog.

It would be great if we could obtain various classes for children (i.e., hip hop, ballet, martial arts, music lessons, sports clubs, etc.).

There is also a need for "Relax Your Mind Free Your Body" (i.e., aromatherapy, chiropractic services, spa days, massages, bath oils, books, personal trainer, etc.).

Wish List: electronic devices (i.e., digital camera, camcorder, etc.). There is also a need for services (i.e., computer, bookkeeping, handy man. etc.).

Donation / Solicitation forms are also available from the Kaiser school web site.