



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

**Dear Kaiser Families,**

Wow! Back-to-School Night was a tremendous “Wow!” experience for me. We had a huge turn-out, about 80%. I am so grateful and pleasantly surprised. You obviously care very much about your children’s educational program, and I hope we can rise to the challenge and opportunity to provide the best school program for them.

On Wednesday evening I shared with you our vision of making Kaiser School a place that’s “all about the kids.” I hope you can support us in that endeavor as we ask you to use cell phones outside only, to keep adult issues restricted to adult conversations, and to refrain from interrupting the teachers especially at the beginning and the end of the day.

We are also looking forward to having you participate in the classroom community of learners. You can connect through the teacher’s newsletters, as a volunteer, helping at Thursday snack sales, or networking through room parents. Also remember if you have very little time you can “Give Us a Day.” If you haven’t already provided your email address to your child’s teacher, please do so. I am encouraging teachers to use email for newsletters to save on paper.

Wednesday evening I also talked about shaking up our academic status quo, to stretch a little more and to achieve even more than we have. And one of our district goals is to help each child grow to be “college ready.” Toward that end I will be working with the teachers to help all of you develop an Individual Learning Plan for your child. You’ll be looking closer at their test scores, academic strengths and challenges, and developing a plan for guiding your child to college.

Once again, thanks for the tremendous support on Wednesday evening. The beginning of the year went very well and we’re off to a fabulous start!

***Mel Stenger, Principal***

# Getting In The Know

## KAISER DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- ❖ Kindergarteners must be dropped-off and picked-up either at their classroom or at AT.
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders may be dropped-off and picked-up on the circle. Please only exit and enter the car at the front of the circle.
- ❖ Please watch for students and parents walking up the hill to school.
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders may arrive as early as 8:25 to play in the yard with supervision until the first bell rings.
- ❖ Children should be picked-up promptly after school (or go to AT) as there is no after school supervision.

KAISER CALENDAR	
DATE / DAY	EVENT
Sept. 7	Gardening Group 3pm
Sept. 17-28	Sally Foster Sale
Oct. 12	Staff Development Day—No School
Oct. 15-19	Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:25 release every day)
Oct. 19	Latino Potluck
Oct. 26	Picture Day
Nov. 10	Kaiser Auction: “A Night in New Orleans”
Nov. 12	Veteran’s Day—No School

### Sally Foster Sale Begins September 17!

The Sally Foster giftwrap sale begins next week and runs through September 28. Every child will receive an envelope with a catalog full of giftwrap, chocolate, and gift items. **50% of every purchase goes directly to Kaiser PTA** and the programs it supports. Sales can also be placed online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com), which allows friends and relatives from across the country to participate.

### How to be in the *Pink Panther*

To include your story or information in your school newsletter: forward your news, questions, or article to both of the editors by **5 p.m. on Sundays** via email:

**carriemail2001@yahoo.com – Carrie Shepherd**  
**jolie@earthlink.net – Jolie McRae**

### How to Reach Kaiser School

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

To participate in the school community group,  
go to (and join) this website:  
**[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/)**

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# Kaiser Kiosk



## Save the Date for A Night in New Orleans

Coming soon in a backpack near you....tickets for Kaiser's biggest fundraiser and favorite parents' night out.

It's the event of the year! "A Night in New Orleans", Silent and Live auction, **Saturday, November 10.**

The auction committee has been working for months to prepare for this not to be missed event. They are gathering exciting auction items, forming an enticing menu, and attending to every detail, which will make this evening a great success.

If you want to help with preparations, volunteer the night of, or have an item to donate, please contact auction chair Alison May at (510) 530-6264, or at [alisonemay@comcast.net](mailto:alisonemay@comcast.net)

## Sundays In The Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series

Enjoy Four **Free** Outdoor Concerts  
@ Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park  
3330 Joaquin Miller Road  
Gates Open @ 2pm Concerts Begin @ 3pm

**September 23** - "Classical Sounds" featuring the Oakland East Bay Symphony, conducted by Michael Morgan

**September 30** - "World Music Fest" featuring the John Santos Quintet with Papa Mambo

**October 7** - "Gospel: A Joyful Noise" featuring Sunny Hawkins

**October 14** - "The Jazz & Neo-Soul Experience" featuring Goapele

Presented by the Office of Parks and Recreation and  
Councilmember Jean Quan

## Mark Your Calendar Now for the 07-08 School Year!

**Wednesday, September 19**-SSC meeting  
**September 17-28**- Sally Foster catalog sale  
**Wednesday, September 26**- PTA board meeting  
**October 15-19**- Parent teacher conferences; minimum days all week  
**Wednesday, October 17**-SSC meeting  
**Friday, October 19**- Latino Heritage Potluck  
**Wednesday, October 24**- PTA board meeting  
**Friday, October 26** – Picture Day  
**Wednesday, October 31**- Halloween Parade  
**Wednesday November 7**- PTA general meeting  
**Saturday November 10**- PTA auction  
**Monday, November 12**- Veteran's Day Holiday, school closed  
**Monday, November 5** - Sally Foster delivery date  
**Wednesday, November 15**- SSC meeting  
**November 19-23**- Thanksgiving Holiday, school closed  
**Wednesday, November 28**- PTA board meeting  
**Friday, November 30**- Report Card Period ends, Report Cards due December 5  
**Tuesday, December 18**- Winter performance  
**Wednesday, December 19**- SSC meeting  
**Thursday, December 20**- Winter performance  
**December 24-January 4**- Winter recess, school closed. Reopens January 7  
**Wednesday, January 9**- PTA general meeting  
**Wednesday, January 16**- SSC meeting  
**Monday, January 21**-MLK, Jr. Day holiday, school closed  
**Friday, January 25**- Asian Potluck  
**Monday, January 28**- Semester ends, Teacher Planning day – No school for students

**Wednesday, January 30** - PTA board meeting  
**Monday, February 18**- President's Day holiday- school closed  
**Wednesday, February 20**- SSC meeting  
**Friday, February 22**- African American Potluck and celebration  
**Wednesday, February 27**- PTA board meeting  
**Wednesday, March 5**- General PTA meeting  
**Friday, March 7**- Report Card Period ends, Report Cards due March 12  
**March 10-14**- Parent teacher conferences, minimum days all week  
**Wednesday, March 19**- SSC meeting  
**Thursday, March 26** - PTA board meeting  
**March 24-28** - Spring Break  
**Monday, March 31**- Cesar Chavez holiday, school closed  
**Wednesday, April 2**- PTA general meeting (board elections)  
**Wednesday, April 16**- SSC meeting  
**Wednesday, April 30** - PTA board meeting  
**April 28-May 9**- Standardized testing  
**Saturday, May 3**- Walkathon and book fair  
**Wednesday, May 7**- PTA general meeting  
**Tuesday, May 13** – Spring performance  
**Wednesday, May 14**- SSC meeting  
**Thursday, May 15** – Spring performance  
**Friday, May 23**- In lieu of Lincoln's Day holiday, school closed  
**Monday, May 26**- Memorial Day holiday, school closed  
**Wednesday, May 28** - PTA Board meeting, returning and new officers  
**Wednesday, May 28** - Volunteer Appreciation Celebration  
**Friday, June 6** - New Families Potluck  
**Wednesday, June 11**- Fifth Grade promotion  
**Thursday, June 12**- Last day of school for students