



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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New Number! (510) 549-4900

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Dear Kaiser Families,

We're into the swing of things! By now the teachers have all established their classroom routines and homework schedules. We've done significant work in reviewing the performance data from last year to see where we need to intervene and where we need to challenge. Please support your child's progress by reading teachers' letters, monitoring homework, reading to/with your child every evening, and getting to school on time.

A gentle reminder: Unfortunately, we don't have district supervision for children before 8:30 or after dismissal here at Kaiser. This past Friday we had 2 unsupervised kids bump heads at about 8:20. Thankfully it wasn't bloody. Please don't put your children in risky situations.

There has been a change in staffing that may interest you. We are please to have Mira Santos with her years of expertise in family support. She will be focusing a bit more on that area as our family liaison, as well as continuing her work in academic intervention. Sometimes these issues intertwine, so we are lucky to have her with her skills in both areas.

Another highly skilled person returned this year on a part-time basis. Brook Pessin is juggling new motherhood with helping us with our intervention program. As an experienced teacher she brings her insights from the classroom to the overall organization of the program, as well as the needs of individual students. Plus she already knows the staff and our school community, so she's off to a great start.

I've attached a complete roster of the adult staff. Please refer to it when you have a question about a particular area of our school's service. By the way, we are looking for an additional yard supervisor to help us with lunch duty. Miss Pearl has resigned that position after helping us out for so many years. It's a perfect job to tag on to volunteering in the classrooms, or if you have the time to help us on a daily basis. If you are interested in helping us in this way, please contact the office.

This week I had a visit from Jody London our newly elected school board representative who will be taking office in January. We began our visit with me listing big issue problems with which I need her help. Then she asked me to tell her something good. I surprised myself with how easily I bragged about our wonderful children, our dedicated teaching staff, our supportive parents, our accomplishments in academics and the arts. I was reminded again of the terrific learning community we have in Kaiser School.

Mr. Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

Save the Date! Saturday October 4th, 2008

Saturday October 4th is the annual Kaiser Garden, pick up, clean up and plant day! It's great fun for the whole family!

Kaiser school 9:00-3:00 pm bring the family!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE INSTANT WINE CELLAR BENEFIT AUCTION ITEM

BevMo's annual "Buy One Bottle, Get the Second for 5 Cents" Sale is underway. Why not buy one full-price bottle for yourself and donate the 5-cent bottle to the school auction? The sale ends September 22.

Please donate one (or MORE) bottles of wine for Kaiser's Annual Fall Fundraiser "Instant Wine Cellar" auction item. The more wine you donate, the bigger the cellar! Please donate wines priced above \$10. There will be an empty wine case in the nurse's station. Just place your donation in the box.

Any questions? Please email Liz Hall:
probossliz@pacbell.net or call 510-325-7803

Let's get started early and have a huge cellar!
Thanks.

Sign-up for the OUSD E-Newsletter.
Learn important district-wide information.

To sign-up, visit the OUSD website:
www.ousd.k12.ca.us

and select the "Join Now" box on the lower left
side of the page.

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 e-mail:

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

Please put "Pink Panther" in the subject of your email to ensure that it is not deleted accidentally!

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Sept. 12	Emergency Supplies Due
Sept. 12-26	Sally Foster Gift Wrap School Fund Raiser
Sept. 16	SSC Meeting, 4pm in the Library
Sept. 24	PTA Board Meeting
Oct. 4	Kaiser Garden Day 9-3
Oct. 10	Staff Development Day No School
Oct. 13-17	Conference Week Minimum Days All Week
Nov. 8	Kaiser School Auction

How to Reach Kaiser School

Our phone number is **(510) 549-4900**
(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>

**The Pink Panther is also available at
www.KaiserElementary.org.**

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Janice Murphy
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Pink Panther Staff

Co-editors: Jolie McRae & Carrie Shepherd
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Kaiser Kiosk

Sally Foster sale has started!

Your child should have brought home their Sally Foster envelopes on Friday. If you didn't receive yours, please check the bottom of the backpack! The sale runs through September 26, with orders due with payment no later than Monday, September 29. For details about the sale, refer to the bright pink information sheet which should have come home with the envelope, visit our website www.kaiserelementary.org, or contact Lisa Downes (lisadownes@sbcglobal.net, 532.5913). Remember that you can sell to out of town family and friends by signing up in the seller's section at www.sallyfoster.com. Our schools account number is **370976**.

Quick facts to remember:

- Make checks payable to Kaiser PTA. Please don't include cash.
- You do not need to add tax.
- We are participating in the prize program and every child who participates wins a prize. The top prize is an ipod nano, which is received for selling 140 items or more. Your child receives prize credit for online sales.
- 50% of all sales go to the Kaiser PTA** which supports PTA run programs such as art, computer, music, and library instruction, assemblies, school beautification, and classroom support.
- If each student sells \$52 worth of merchandise, we will meet our budgeted goal of \$6500.00.**
- Please be safe and only sell to people you know.

Thank you for supporting our school. Let's make this a great start to our fundraising efforts this year!

Kaiser Kiosk

Community Input Needed

The mayor, Oakland City Council and the Department of Information Technology are looking for your input around the issue of wireless broadband needs for the city of Oakland.

To volunteer please contact: Oaklandwireless@tellusventure.com or call 764-2425. For questions please contact Brian Tino Granados at bgranados@Oaklandnet.com or call 238-6407. Public meetings will be held for interested citizens to give input at the following locations and times:

Council Member

Date and Time

Meeting Location

Desley Brooks

September 17 at 6 p.m.

Eastmont Substation

2651 73rd Ave

Ignacio de la Fuente

September 18 at 5 p.m.

Fruitvale/San Antonio Sr Center

Jane Brunner

September 23 at 7 p.m.

N. Oakland Senior Center

5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Pat Kernighan

September 24 at 6 p.m.

Clinton Adult Education Center

International Boulevard and 7th Ave

Nancy Nadel

September 25 at 5:30 p.m.

West Oakland Senior Center

1724 Adeline St.

City of Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation & Councilmember Jean Quan Present

Sundays In The Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series 2008



Sunday, September 21

"World Music Fest"

Julius Melendez

Rankin Scroo
Candido Oye-Oba
Dos Four y Los Mios



Sunday, September 28

"A Thousand Strings"

Oakland East Bay Symphony

Michael Morgan, Conductor
S.O.N.G. - Strings of a Nubian Groove
Strings of Soul - Youth Violinists



Sunday, October 5

"Sounds of Inspiration"

Jon Jang & James Newton

Kathy Copeland & Company
Kingdom Travelers



Sunday, October 12

"The Jazz & Neo-Soul Experience"

Dwele

Khalil Shaheed & Mo'Rockin Project
Blayze
Oakland School for the Arts Jazz Combo

ADMISSION IS FREE TO ALL CONCERTS!

Woodminster Amphitheater | Joaquin Miller Park | 3304 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland, CA

Seating is limited - Come Early for the Best Seats | Gates Open at 2pm | Concerts Begin at 2:30pm
Table Reservations Available | Complimentary Shuttle Service Available from Fruitvale BART Station
Get more information @ www.oaklandnet.com/parks/sundays or call (510) 238-PARK
Woodminster Parking \$4



It is a good time for Kindergarten families (and anyone else who might be interested) to check out:

www.growpublic.blogspot.com

A number of blog posts of the Kindergarten classes garden project have been put up. The blog has the Kaiser children's art, a time-lapse video of radishes growing, pictures of root vegetables and a veggie art video.