



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*Our Benefit Auction was truly a "Fun-Raiser!"*  
*A very special "Thank You" goes to*  
*Dora Pulido-Tobiassen and Linda Pulido-Esquivel, Auction*  
*Coordinators!*

Dear Kaiser Families,

What a party! All I can say is, if you missed it, you missed a great event! Those Pulido sisters know how to put one on!

Beginning with the location everything went well. What a great place! The Jack London Aquatic Center has a great room for a big party like this. The convenient parking was also terrific. At the top of the steps was the reception table with Robin Sasada greeting everyone with her warm smile and cheerful voice, as she does every day here in our office. Robin's husband, Robert, was behind the bar with a crew of very friendly people. I especially liked buying a key as a chance to unlock a couple of cases of wine! I didn't get the wine but we had a lot of fun!

The food was fabulous! Kim White put her touch on the food preparation and to the table decorations. Thank you Kim! And what a terrific idea to get volunteers from other schools to help us with the food! I know that Kaiser parents will step up and reciprocate that same kind of wonderful volunteerism.

Allison May did an unbelievable job collecting items for the silent auction. We were kept busy running from table to table trying to outbid each other to "win" different prizes. People popped balloons for \$40 to get bottles of cologne and perfume-- what a great idea!

One of the wonderful things about Kaiser Elementary is how people want to stay connected to our community. Katie McLane, former principal, donated to Mexican fiesta dinners which garnered a total of \$5,500! We all remember Katie as a generous and loving presence in our school and appreciate her continued support. One of the bidders on one of Katie's dinners was a former parent from Kaiser Elementary. Tom Rust, a former teacher and now principal in Alameda, returned as our special host and auctioneer for the evening. He had us all rolling and laughing with his wit and edgy commentary even as we spent hundreds of dollars on things like baking a cake with a teacher!

What a great group of people! What a supportive group of parents! What a great party!

Mel Stenger, Principal

# Getting In The Know

## Please Note:

On Tuesday, November 11, we will celebrate Veterans' Day and school will be closed. School is also closed the week of November 24 for Thanksgiving vacation.

On Friday, November 14, our PTA will host a movie night showing *Kung Fu Panda*. The event will be in the multipurpose room and will feature snacks and drinks. Please watch for other details.

## Know Any Future Kaiser Students?

If you have friends, neighbors or relatives who have 2009 kindergartners and are interested in coming to Kaiser, please have them call Robin (549-4900) to schedule a visit. Word of mouth is our best reference!

Please let Robin know if a sibling will be attending Kaiser School next school year.

## 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\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/)**

## 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
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Sally Foster order delivered
<b>Nov. 14</b>	Kaiser Movie Night
<b>Nov. 15</b>	Garden Beautification Day
<b>Nov. 15</b>	Deadline to Join Kaiser PTA
<b>Nov. 18</b>	SSC Meeting
<b>Nov. 19</b>	PTA Board Meeting
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Minimum Day
<b>Nov. 25-28</b>	NO SCHOOL

Friday November 21 is a minimum day. It is the end of the first marking period and time is given to teachers to begin report cards.

**The Pink Panther is also available at  
[www.KaiserElementary.org](http://www.KaiserElementary.org).**

### Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Janice Murphy

### Pink Panther Staff

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# Kaiser Kiosk

## Don't Delay! Join Today!

One week to go (the deadline is November 15).

In addition to giving a pizza party to the class with the highest percentage, we are going to give a pizza party to the class with the most memberships due to the variance in class sizes.

Ms. Araki is in the lead with 90% and Ms McGhee is in lead with 20 memberships. We now have 236 members. Very impressive!

Here's how the classes are doing as of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### % and number of families who have joined the PTA

Apaydin: 56% - 15	Araki: 90% - 18
Bailey: 83% - 15	Banks: 72% - 18
Gorham: 67% - 12	Haruyama: 65% - 13
Hunter: 70% - 19	McGhee: 80% - 20
Neat: 43% - 13	Ross: 59% - 16
Yang: 59% - 10	

It's a close race. Each class still has a chance to win, so turn your membership in today! **The deadline is November 15.**

-Joyce Wessling, VP Membership

## Sally Foster Orders coming in the week!

Congratulations to the entire Kaiser community for a successful Sally Foster Sale. The final numbers are tallied, and we raised \$15,021, of which we keep 50%. A big thank you to all those families who participated. Remember that you can continue to order from [Sallyfoster.com](http://Sallyfoster.com) throughout the year and Kaiser will receive 50% credit.

Sally Foster Orders are coming this week. Thursday, November 13, your child will bring home the items ordered from the catalog. Thanks again for your support. If you have any concerns or questions with your Sally Foster order, please contact Lisa Downes ([lisadownes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisadownes@sbcglobal.net)) or Kristin Carpenter ([mamademaya@comcast.net](mailto:mamademaya@comcast.net)).

Thanks again for all your support!

## PTA Movie Night Is Friday!

Join us for an evening of family fun! Mark your calendar for **6:30 pm Friday, November 14**, when we will be showing the blockbuster hit movie, *Kung Fu Panda*. Tickets cost is \$1. Popcorn, hot dogs and water will be sold. You also will have the opportunity to participate in giveaways, including *Kung Fu Panda* Activity CDs and the *Kung Fu Panda* DVD. Proceeds support Kaiser School's PTA.

## Garden Beautification Day

On Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, join is in helping to tend the lovely school gardens. There will be 35 UC Berkeley students coming to help us work, and could use parents (and students) help too.

Some projects we will be working on include: weeding and watering, window washing, basic tree trimming, clearing leaves and needles from the rooftop, and perhaps reconstructing the last of the planter boxes and tightening up the benches we built.

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## **Middle School Information Night**

12/15/08, from 7-9pm  
in Chabot Elementary's Auditorium

Hear information about these schools:

- Bret Harte Middle School
- Claremont Middle School
- Edna Brewer Middle School
- Montera Middle School

## **Claremont Middle School Information Night**

12/13/08, from 6:30-8pm  
in the Claremont Band Hall  
5750 College Ave.

Hear detailed information about  
Claremont Middle School.

## **Kaiser Elementary 2009-2010 Information Nights and Kindergarten Informational Visits**

Kaiser Elementary is hosting its annual Prospective Parents Information Nights on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 and Wednesday, January 7, 2009, from 6-7:30 pm. We welcome parents interested in looking at the school for their entering grade school children. Kaiser serves a K-5 population.

Kindergarten classroom visits started the week of November 4. Continuing visits will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the earliest visits beginning at 9 am and the latest visits at 11:30 am. To schedule a classroom visit, please RSVP to Robin Sasada, Administrative Assistant at 510.549.4900 or [robin.sasada@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:robin.sasada@ousd.k12.ca.us).