



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 20, 2009

Dear Kaiser Families,

It's not too late to jump in on this! As part of Kaiser Alive! Program we are declaring April 20-26, Monday through Sunday, "No Screen Week." We used to call it No TV Week, but now there are so many other types of screens that we needed to change the name. You'll find No Screen Week described in the Kaiser Alive! passport. We're asking that families turn off all electronic screens for TV, movies, computers, video games—any entertainment on a screen. Then guide your children into other activities, and do it with them! Be patient with yourselves; sometimes moving your family in this direction can be stressful. If it becomes too much, talk about what you've learned and then turn the screen back on. Give it your best effort!

Our standardized testing begins the week of April 27 for children in grades 2-5. Your child will have a total of 4-6 hours of testing over the next 2 weeks. It's important that we have your support and that you encourage your children to put their best efforts into their testing. Our teachers have spent most of the year educating your children and giving them learning experiences in order to help them master the learning standards for the state of California. The scores will be sent to you in late August.

We take this seriously, but we don't flip out about it. We ask for your support during testing time by:

- Make sure your children get **lots of sleep** and **eat a big breakfast**.
- **Be here on time**. Late kids will not be admitted to class once testing has begun.
- **Encourage your kids** to do their best! Their efforts will be reflected in our API.

It took us a while but it's finally happening! (Thanks, Robin, for working behind the scenes to get it done!) Two large sun shades in bright, happy colors are being installed on the upper playground. The big drills were here early in the week cutting through the pavement. On Wednesday a water line broke and on Friday a skunk went into one of the holes—an adventure! We ordered the shades to provide shade for the children on sunny, hot days, and to make the playground a more welcoming place for everyone. Of course, you all are welcome to enjoy the new space whenever you visit. Stop up and see them next week when they're completed!

Earth Day is officially Wednesday, April 22. The teachers will probably mention it in their discussions in class, but we aren't planning a big school-wide assembly. There is, however, an opportunity for you to model something good for your children: our own Gardening Day is this coming Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (The gardeners didn't want to conflict with the Oakland A's game benefit on the 25th.) There will be a group of volunteers here to beautify our campus by pulling weeds and general cleanup. It's a chance to "think globally and act locally."

Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

Can you help?

We need a parent to help us with our traffic cones. The sign on South Hill Court restricts parking only between the hours of 8-9:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. The neighborhood association has asked that we remove the cones between 9:00 and 2:30. Can you



help?

Returning to Kaiser for 2009-2010 School Year? We'd Like to Know!

Last week we included an "Intent to Return Form" with the newsletter. If you can't find it, please just write a note with your child's name, grade level and whether you plan to return to Kaiser. Thanks!

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
April 22	SSC Meeting 4 p.m. in the Library
April 26	Beautification Day 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 2	Walk-a-Thon / Book Fair
May 13-15	Kaiser Science Fair

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/

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!

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

Are You Interested in Joining Girl Scouts?

*Girl Scout Information Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 7-8 p.m.
Ellen Driscoll Playhouse, 325 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA*

If you are the parent of a girl in Pre-K (entering Kindergarten in fall 2009) through 5th grade who is interested in getting involved in Girl Scouts, please come to this informational meeting. We will give a presentation of the Girl Scout program in the Bay Area, answer questions about the organization, and help interested participants start a troop. Girls are welcome to join the Girl Scouts at any age—no prior program experience is necessary. Please also plan to bring your daughters—we will run some age-appropriate Girl Scout-themed activities. Please RSVP to Sheryl Graab: sgraab@girlscoutsnorcal.org with your name, and the name, age, and school of your daughter by April 27. If you cannot attend, but are still interested in the program, please RSVP accordingly. For general questions, prior to the meeting, regarding the Girl Scout program in the Oakland/Piedmont area, contact Lisa Reynolds #510-652-9333 or lisareynolds440@comcast.net.

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GARDENING DAY – APRIL 26

Gardening day is Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Come lend a hand to beautify Kaiser!

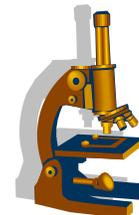
Attention parents of Mr. Ross's class: Students will be working on the granary on Sunday, April 26. Tentative time is 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
-Margie Potts

CSUEB (California State University East Bay) will be hosting a science fair on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information please visit

www.sci.csueastbay.edu/festival

Science Fair Approacheth!

It's time to start your science fair project!
The Science Fair will be held May 13-15.



Yes We Can!

The 2009 Kaiser Walkathon is May 2!

Who will walk the most in your class? Who will get the most sponsors?

Prizes have been collected and there are some great ones this year:

A day at Pier 39

Gift certificate to 501 Skateboard

And more!!

It's a fun day for everyone, so check your family's calendar so you can be sure to be there!

Don't forget to let friends and family know about this important event. This is how you kids make a big difference in your school by helping to raise money for the library, music, art and computers. Yes You Can!!

If there are any questions, please contact Lisa Cartolano at Lisa@LisaCartolano.com or at 510.213.1139

Thank you for helping to support Kaiser!!

Thank You, Kaiser Community!

Kaiser's Pizza-Eaters Generate \$\$\$

The recent Red Boy Pizza fundraiser raised \$317.90 for the Kaiser PTA and the owner told Mr. Stenger is the most any school has yet made at one of Red Boy's fundraisers! A big thank you to everyone who participated, and to Kristen Carpenter and the PTA for organizing.

Bagel Wednesdays Are Going Strong

Thank you to Kathleen Ferris, who made a fabulous fruit salad and picked up the bagels, and Debbie Goldsberry brought a pie. Cynthia Freeman has volunteered for a bagel run, and someone brought a cake for Kaiser teachers' Bagel Wednesday! A big thank you to everyone who has donated treats, time or money! And a big thanks to Maureen Caldwell-Meurer for organizing.

Donations (\$1 suggested) can be dropped off in an envelope marked BAGELS in the PTA drawer in the office. If you'd like to do a bagel run one week, please emailing Maureen: mcmeurer@pacbell.net.

Lights, Camera Book Fair

in the Library

Fri. May 1st 3-5 pm

Sat. May 2nd during the Walkathon

Need Volunteers!!

Fri = Adults to manage chaos

Sat = Adults & Teens to manage chaos and storytime/babysit toddlers.

Volunteers rewarded with free books

contact: Kelly

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