

The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1, 2010

Dear Kaiser Families,

This week we will have an assembly on Wednesday to hear students give speeches in honor of Black History Month. Most were in the MLK Oratorical Fest competition earlier this month, and this will be a chance for them to perform for us!

Last week we had 2 assemblies celebrating African American History and some of the classes had other instructional pieces. I heard about several families in which there was some confusion or troubling thoughts brought home by the children, reflecting the child's incomplete understanding of the presentations. The parents called the school or asked me questions, and after my investigations the situations all turned out to be children only having part of the picture in their memory. While it is perfectly fine to question what is being taught to your children, I'm asking that you keep in mind that children often do not remember everything from a presentation (do any of us?) and that teachers will often complete instructional pieces over several days. As a faculty we will also discuss this issue further on Wednesday during our staff development time, emphasizing the need to check for thorough understanding.

Were you there? Did you see it? I'm talking about the African American Celebration and Potluck this past Friday evening. We had lots of good food and great fellowship. We saw a play about civil rights by the 5th graders. (Thanks, Mr. Neat!) And we continued to build upon our friendships and social network that we call the Kaiser Community.

It's time for a few reminders. Everyone is expected to follow our rules for the safety of all!

- Phones and electronics will be confiscated and returned to parents.
- No gum ever.
- No students may be on the playground prior to 8:30. **After school children can be on the yard only until 3:15 and only if supervised by their parent.** After 3:15, the yard is contracted to Adventure Time and only Adventure Time staff and students will be allowed on the yard.
- In the morning students and parents should walk around the building to get to the playground between 8:15 and 8:40 to allow teachers final preparation time before school.
- After school, students are to **sit** at the picnic tables (**the Waiting Zone**) in front of the school to wait for their rides.

Our most recent attendance data show that we average about 97% attendance each month. If we brought that up to 98% it would mean about \$13,000 more in our annual budget per year. Although we understand keeping your child home when sick, please bring them for a partial day when they have appointments and try your best to schedule personal business to non-school days. Please help us by having your child attend every day!

Getting In The Know

Kaiser Girl Scouts will be selling **Girl Scout Cookies** at Kaiser School on Wed., March 10th after school until 3 pm and Mon., March 15th after school until 5 pm.

They will also be selling cookies at these locations and dates:
 March 5th at Blockbuster Video Lakeshore 4-6 pm

March 6th Kaiser Hospital 10-2 pm
 March 7th Noah's Bagel Lakeshore 10-2 pm

Say hi if you're in the neighborhood and let your friends know the cookies are here!

Thank you for the Kaiser Community support!

Just a note to remind parents, students, teachers, etc. that the Encyclopedia Britannica is available online through the OUSD website. Click on for students and families and then ousd libraries. The online encyclopedia is on the right hand side under resources.

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

The online Pink Panther includes information from our Wellness Committee

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
Mar. 3	Assembly in honor of Black History Month
Mar. 3	General PTA Meeting & Movie Night, 6:30pm
Mar. 8	Kaiser ALIVE Cover Art Due
Mar. 12	Report Card Period Ends Minimum Day
Mar. 17	SSC Meeting, 4:00pm
Mar. 18-19	Parent-Teacher Conferences Minimum Days
Mar. 24	PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm
Mar. 29	Cesar Chavez Holiday NO SCHOOL
Apr. 1	Kaiser ALIVE Begins

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/

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Kimberlee White

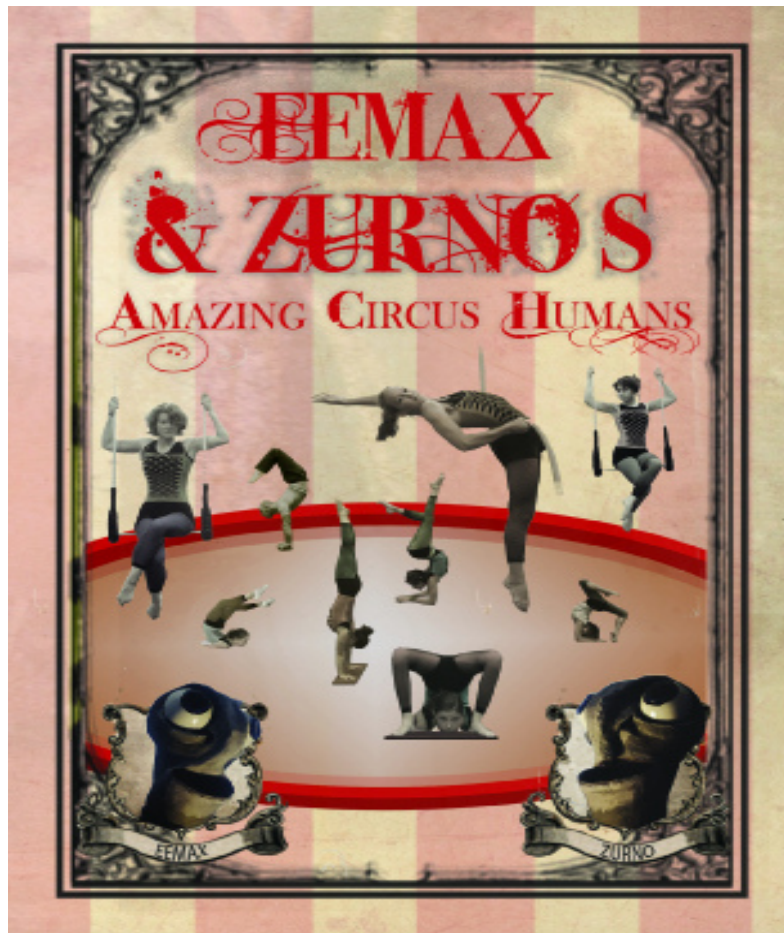
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Kaiser Kiosk

Come see your fellow classmate Sage perform!



**Saturdays at 7 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.
March 13–28, 2010**

at:

Kinetic Arts Center

785 7th Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Phone/Fax: 510-444-4800

Email: info@kineticartscenter.com

East Bay Children's Theatre flier is attached. This theatre group has been supportive of Oakland Schools in many ways. Please consider their request for a donation.

Kaiser Kiosk

PTA MOVIE NIGHT

Come Wednesday, March 3rd to see a movie in the Kaiser auditorium! (Movie to be determined.) Bring blankets, sleeping bags, or low lawn chairs and enjoy a free showing of a kid-friendly flick. The PTA will be selling hot dogs, nachos, water and "Smart Pop" popcorn.

There will also be a brief meeting to vote on spending reserve funds over spring break. Some exciting options....

Medical Supplies Drive

Please help us gather supplies for the relief efforts in Hati. Supplies may be dropped off in each class.

- Kinder – non-latex gloves (one size fits all)
- 1st – antibiotic ointment and hydrocortisone ointment
 - 2nd – rolling bandages and surgical masks
 - 3rd – sterile gauze pads and adhesive bandaids
 - 4th – triangle bandages
 - 5th – iodine

KidzArt is now offering shorter, more affordable KidzArt sessions for their Friday class. Here are the dates:

NEW March Mini-Session: \$55.00
Start Date: 03/05/2010
End Date: 04/02/2010
Description 4 classes total. Mar. 5, 12, 26; Apr. 2.

YARD SALE DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE REDWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY ANNUAL SALE

Redwood Heights Elementary School is seeking donations for its annual yard sale. Donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Proceeds from the yard sale help fund the school's early mental health program (HUGS - Helping Us Grow Stronger), which helps students deal with issues related to death, divorce, social and peer issues, illness, self esteem and academics, just to name a few.

Drop Off Hours:

3/3 8:30-10:30 A.M., 1-4 P.M.
3/4 8:30-10:30 A.M., 3-4 P.M.
3/5 8:30-10:30 A.M., 3-4 P.M.

We would be happy to take these items off your hands:

Bikes, books, toys, sports equipment, furniture, household goods, lamps, rugs, CDs, linen, baby stuff, jewelry, **gently worn** clothing, instruments, tools, videos and anything else you don't want.

We're UNABLE to accept:

Mattresses, cribs, bed frames, unassembled furniture, computers, stained, ripped or dirty clothing and big exercise equipment. If the items are unusable, the school is responsible for its disposal.

If you have questions please contact Lucretia Whitmore-Govers at 510-919-7013.

P.S. Please feel free to stop by the sale on Saturday, March 7, from 8 am to 2 pm.

Let's get busy, Kaiser School!

We all know the importance of being active. It stimulates your mind, keeps you fit, and helps prevent diseases. But, how about enjoying activities simply because they are FUN? There are so many awesome things to do both outside and inside that will keep your brain fresh and creative.

Once again, we have created for the students at Kaiser a passport to good health that will give them opportunities to be active and participate in a program in which they will be rewarded. Starting April 1st, 2010, your child may use this booklet of suggestions for ways to stay fit, in mind and body. They can choose from activities that encourage them to play on their own, or they may select a page that will get them out in the community or enjoying fun things with the family.

The passport booklet takes into account every age group from K – 5th grade. That way everyone can participate and have a chance to win fabulous prizes.

Each year we begin the festivities by holding a cover art contest. The student who represents the program the best will have his/her artwork displayed on the cover of the Passport booklet. The entry forms were passed out in class last week and we ask to have them back by Monday Mar 8th. Just in case the original failed to make it home in one piece there is a copy of the form with this message. Please remember, the winning artwork is chosen less by skill and more by vision. We love seeing how the children represent their thoughts.

We have some great prizes to give out at the end of the ALIVE program, and we want EVERYONE to qualify for the prize drawing at the end of the year! In order to do that, we need you as a parent, coach, or teacher to witness and validate the child's passport on the line at the bottom of the appropriate page.

One passport is required for each student at Kaiser School.

Their name will be entered in a drawing to win prizes based on these levels:

- 100-149 points
- 150-199 points
- 200-249 points
- 250-299 points
- 300+ points

Each child will only be eligible for the drawing if they have earned the minimum 100 points. However, all students will earn a participation medal at our program-end celebration. Also, the student in each grade who earns the most points will take home a beautiful trophy!

Complete your booklet and return it to your teacher by Friday, May 14th, 2010.

Please encourage your child to fill as many pages as he/she can. The more they do, the better the prizes are at our end of program celebration on Friday, May 21st!

We are hoping that your child will experience something new and test his/her limits.

Be ALIVE! **A**ctively **L**earn **I**nitiate **V**olunteer **E**nergize