



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

The last few weeks of school are always a mix of feelings and tasks. We're winding down from one school year and simultaneously preparing for the start of another. Perhaps you've seen the boxes in the hallway filled with equipment and supplies for the fall. As parents, we're busy scheduling activities for our kids for the summer and thinking about how this year went. It's a natural time for reflection.

This school year has marked tremendous growth for many children, and we see how much more they can do now than when they entered last August. They can read better, do more complicated math, think through situations better, handle conflicts better—in short, our children have become fuller versions of themselves. We parents and teachers have guided and supported them and it's our pleasure to see how far they've come.

Memorial Day is a national day of reflection. We take a day to stop and remember those who've given their lives for our country. My father was in D-Day in Normandy in WWII. Six of my uncles served in that war and my namesake uncle was killed in Germany. My niece is stationed in Afghanistan and my brother went to Iraq last year. Whatever our political beliefs, we can share in this respectful remembrance. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to explain this holiday to your kids. It's one of those topics where you can teach them so much by modeling.

Did you see the science projects on exhibition? The kids did a wonderful job in displaying their talents and intelligence. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Ross for organizing the science fair, to the judges and to all the parents who guided their kids to get the project done! This week we will have Open House in conjunction with both Music Night performances. Please visit the classrooms at 6:00 to see their work and projects. So much to celebrate! So much to appreciate!

As we near the close of the school year I'm reminded of how much and how often parents contribute to our school in terms of effort, time, and funds. So many people supported the Walkathon in early May, and last fall, the Benefit Auction! And we have so many classroom volunteers, room parents, and people who help us in too many ways to be listed here! In gratitude, the faculty and staff of Kaiser Elementary want to invite you who have volunteered at our school to a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on Wednesday, June 2, and one later that same day at Uncle Dougie's. The only caveat is that we'd like to know how many to expect, so please write your child's teacher a note or call the office to RSVP. Thanks!

Mel Stenger, principal

Getting In The Know

Don't Forget...

Please resolve any missing library book or textbook issues. District policy is to hold report cards until these issues are resolved.

Volunteer Celebration on June 2

The Volunteer Celebration is June 2 at 1:45 pm at Kaiser. Later we'll have another celebration at Uncle Dougie's, 362 17th Street at Webster beginning at 4:30 pm. If you're coming, please RSVP to the office. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered in our school this 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/

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
May 27	Instrumental Music Concert, 6:30pm
May 28	No School
May 31	No School
June 2	Volunteer Celebration
June 4	ALIVE Picnic at Lake Temescal, 5 p.m.
June 11	New Families Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm on the playground
June 12	Garage sale, 8:30-noon
June 14-17	Last week of school. Minimum days all week—dismissal at 1:25 pm.
June 16	5th Grade Promotion, 1 pm
August 30	School starts, 8:45 a.m.

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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Kaiser Kiosk

Kaiser ALIVE! Picnic

Let's celebrate everyone's achievements in the Kaiser ALIVE! Program at a picnic at Lake Temescal on June 4 at 5 p.m. Prepay for a BBQ meal (\$6) in the office. Medals and trophies will be awarded.

2010 Kaiser ALIVE Raffle Prizes

<u>Points</u>	<u>Drawing</u>
100 - 149	Webkinz
150 - 199	One year Kids National Geographic mag or \$20 Gift Card to Target/Game Stop
200 - 249	Six month subscription to Club Penguin/Moshi Monster or \$30 Gift card to Target/Game Stop
250 - 299	iPod Shuffle
300 +	Choice of 4 season passes to either Great America or Six Flags Marine World

Jewish Community Center Accepting Applications for After School and Camp

The JCC of the East Bay is currently accepting applications for the 2010-11 Olam Yeladim After School program as well as our amazing summer camp, Camp Tzofim. Space is limited and filling up fast.

For more information, visit our website at www.jcceastbay.org/youth or contact Michele Levine at 510-848-0237, ext 130 or michelel@jcceastbay.org.

Kaiser School Garage Sale Saturday, June 12, from 8:30-12:00

Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off June 10 and 11 in the music room behind the stage.

Welcome donations include:

- Gently worn, clean clothes, toys, sports equipment, and dishes
- Electronics, appliances, and instruments in working condition
- Please do not bring undergarments, books, magazines, or broken items
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Please bring your donations in a box or bag.