



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Say Good-bye to Robin!

Dear Kaiser Families,

The final day is Monday, February 28. That is, the final day we get to enjoy Robin Sasada as our administrative assistant. Robin has taken a much-deserved promotion to a management position in our Special Ed department. We will all miss her very much. She has been assistant, friend, nurse, confidant, organizer, point person, information provider, budget wiz, messenger, and so much more for all of us. It is not an exaggeration to say that she will be impossible to replace. Her presence at Kaiser is not only a catalyst for our community formation, but a pivotal part of everyone's experience in this welcoming and diverse community of learners. Robin will always have a place in our hearts and a welcome here!

As a community of learners our focus is on the learning. Robin did a wonderful job of assisting the teachers in providing the materials, supplies and conditions for them to teach the kids. She understood deeply that her role was to support us in our roles as educators. She also understood the role of parents in supporting the learning of children, as was often reflected in the conversations she had with our parents, listening patiently and keeping them aware of the events happening at our school.

Regarding awareness, there are a couple of things for which I'd like to give gentle reminders. We have had Progress Assessments in math and ELA (three subtests for writing, comprehension, and reading fluency) over the past couple of weeks, for grades 2-5. These tests are indicators of your child's progress for the past 8-10 weeks, and should give a general idea of how your child may do on the standardized test in May. Your child's teacher should have sent home the results of those tests; if not, please contact them.

The marking period ends March 11 and there will be a minimum day on that Friday. Report cards will be sent home the following Friday. There will also be minimum days for conferences on Thursday and Friday. We do not expect conferences for all children. Teachers will be sending home requests for those who need them, or you can contact the teacher if you want a conference.

Last week at the School Site Council meeting I announced that at this time we will be able to have the same number of teachers next year as this. The budget cuts are severe again. Please do what you can to make yourself aware of the effect of your vote on the tax extensions in June. I will be presenting more information about the budget and next year's plans at the PTA meeting in March.

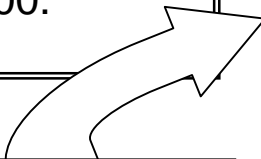
So we say good-bye to Robin. Farewell and best of luck in your new adventure. Please don't forget us, we will always remember you! We love you, Robin!

Mel Stenger, Principal

Getting In The Know

We could use your help!

Until we can get a replacement in the office we'll need some volunteer assistance. The busiest times in the office are the first hour and last hour of the day. If you can help out by answering phones and helping with various office tasks please contact Mel at 549-4900.



Three Early Dismissal days in March! Please make arrangements for 3/11, 3/17 and 3/18.

Sam Pasarow, the principal of Edna Brewer Middle School, is inviting us to their School Site Council meeting on March 15 at 7:00, to plan a response to the current state budget crisis. If you are interested attending, please call Edna Brewer Middle School.

Check out the complete 2010-2011 school year calendar at www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar

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:

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

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
March 2	PTA General Meeting
March 9	Chinese acrobats performance, 10 a.m.
March 11	Second period ends, Early Dismissal – 1:25
March 16	SSC Meeting
March 17	Conference Day, Early Dismissal – 1:25
March 18	Conference Day, Early Dismissal – 1:25
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day No School

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/



Heart and Seoul Concert

An Evening of Music, Food & Wine
Featuring Kathy Quain and Friends



Renée Benmeleh



Kathy Quain



Ron San Miguel

Saturday | March 5, 2011
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Concert
Hillside Community Church
1422 Navellier Street | El Cerrito, CA

Thank you for your support!
Funds from this concert will support
Kathy Quain's July 2011 trip to
Seoul, South Korea.

\$15 Concert Tickets
~ Bring your friends and your appetite ~
~ Food and wine available for purchase ~

Featuring:

Kathy Quain *vocals | piano | ukulele*
Atruro Carrillo *congas | percussion*
Carey Camacho *slack-key guitar*
Dan Howard *guitar | harmonica*
Elaine Herrick *bass*
Gordon Lustig *guitar | vocals*
Renée Benmeleh *vocals | percussion*
Rick Creelman *steel-string guitar*
Ron San Miguel *vocals | guitar*
Rose Fienman *vocals | guitar*
Steven Strauss *ukulele*

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