

The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Here and There Around the School

Dear Kaiser Families,

Wow, Wow, Wow—what a Walkathon! The sun was shining, a gentle breeze was blowing, and the kids were putting in their laps around the school. Parents and extended families came to soak up the sun and fun and meet up with friends they've made in our community. Happy day! I won't try to name all the volunteers (because there were over 80! Another wow!) but I want to send out special thanks to **Sarah Coulthurst** and **Wendy Harcarik** who were the main organizers. Terrific job ladies, and many, **many thanks!**

I've been remiss in not welcoming our new administrative assistant. Please stop in and say hello to Beth McCleary, the newest member of our Kaiser Family. She comes to us with lots of experience, and is learning the policies, particulars, and peculiarities of our school. As you know there's a lot to learn in such a busy place! **Welcome, Beth!**

The California Standardized Test will be happening here beginning this week. You don't need to do anything special except to make sure your children get lots of rest and eat a good breakfast. Things like that make a difference in their performance. I'm encouraging all teachers in grades 2-5 to not assign any homework this week. Depending on projects in progress, it may not be totally possible, but we do want the kids to relax.

Last week I sent home a form intended to help us determine which children will not be returning. It had the wrong title. It is attached again in its correct form. Please return it if you plan for your children not to return to Kaiser. The information will help us invite new students to our school.

On the health front, allergies are a plague! Children have been coming to the office with sneezes, runny noses, itchy eyes, and headaches. At the same time we've had several cases of pink eye, which is highly contagious. Please be patient with us as we try to determine exactly what your child's condition may be, and if we call for your help.

Here are some common childhood ailments:

- Pertussis – sign usually start with a cough and runny nose for about 1-2 weeks, followed by weeks or even months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes have a whooping sound. The school refers the family to a doctor who then verifies when the child is no longer contagious. The child can then be re-admitted to school.
- Pink eye – the whites of the eye have a pink to reddish coloring, which can include discharge, morning crusting and swelling of the eyelids. The school refers the family to a doctor who then verifies when the child is no longer contagious. The child can then be re-admitted to school.

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Getting In The Know

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- Lice used to be reason to send a child home but not anymore. Lice is considered a nuisance. The school will call the family when lice is suspected. The family then treats the condition with over-the-counter products. The child is not excluded from school.

This Thursday, May 12, at 6:30, there will be a general PTA membership meeting addressing the topic of developing a Positive School Climate. This will be a continuation of the work already done in faculty meetings and an earlier meeting in March. Everyone is welcome!

Mel Stenger, Principal

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

**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
May 9-17	Standardized Testing, grades 2-5
May 12	PTA General Meeting
May 18	School Site Council Meeting, 4 pm
May 20	Kaiser ALIVE Booklets Due
May 27	Holiday
May 30	Holiday
May 31	ORFF Music Concert, 6:30 pm
June 2	Instrumental Music Concert, 6:30 pm
June 3	Kaiser ALIVE Picnic and Award Ceremony
June 13-16	Minimum days; 1:25 pm dismissal

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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How to Reach Kaiser School

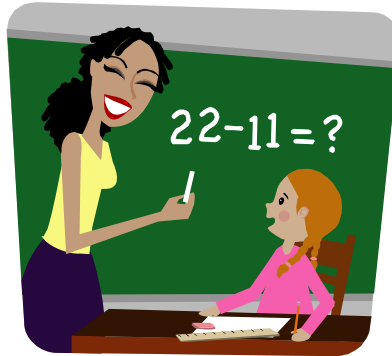
Our phone number is **(510) 549-4900**
(includes a 24-hour message service).

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/)**

Announcements

- It's Teacher Appreciation Week! Please take a moment to tell a teacher that you appreciate their work, or write a short note. It will give them a smile!
- There will be PTA General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion topics include developing a positive school climate. There will also be time for voting for the new PTA board. Ballots will be provided.



Important Date Changes:

Orff music night will be May 31, and the instrumental music night will be June 2. Both programs start at 6:30. There will also be an Open House on those evening for you to see children's work. As always, parking will be available on the upper playground.

Please note:

The main building is closed at 4:30 daily. The custodian is cleaning after that and cannot open doors.

Don't miss **SWING N2 SPRING**--Oakland Youth Chorus' spring choral concert with special guests CHICAGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR and featuring all of OYC's chorus ensembles including our own **KAISER ELEMENTARY'S MIRACLE CHORUS!**

Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 6:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Oakland
Broadway at 27th St.

Tix & Info at oaklandyouthchorus.org or 510-287-9700 x110

Movies in the Park at the Redwood Heights Recreation Center

All movies begin at dusk. Please note that this time changes, as the days get longer in the spring and summer. We plan on starting the movies once it gets dark enough to see it on the screen. Sunset on April 15th is around 7:30 pm.

Be sure to dress warm and bring a lawn chair and / or blanket as the grass starts to get a little damp in the evening. We will have some mosquito spray, but you may want to bring some as well.

From 6:45 - 8:45, we will be selling hot dogs, drink and chips for \$4. We do need to charge for popcorn and hot chocolate this year (\$0.50 each). All of the money goes towards our scholarship fund for summer day camp and after school Rockets program.

List of upcoming spring/summer/fall movies are as follows:

Friday May 20 - The Karate Kid (2010 version)

Friday May 27 - Megamind

Friday June 10 - Grease

Friday June 24 - E.T.

Saturday July 16 - is "A Day at Your Park" which is the day that we also have our summer carnival. Movie this night will be "Return of the Jedi"

Friday August 5 - A Bugs Life (this movie will be shown at Joaquin Miller Park in the meadow)

Friday September 2 - Pirates of the Caribbean

Friday September 23 - Tangled

Friday October 7 - Beetlejuice