



**The Pink Panther**  
**Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School**  
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 17, 2011

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Hello Kaiser Families,

This week I'm not going to write about the problems at our school, but choose to write a thank you letter to the Kaiser Community.

First, I would like to thank the Barzell-Weber family (Elijah, Jadon, Maren and Shayna). They set-up a lemonade stand and raised \$43 for a new library. Thank you!

Being from New Jersey I had no idea the mornings could be so cold in California, but thanks to Jim, Janet and Emmanuel Callas that is not a problem anymore. After seeing me freeze on the yard, they gave me a nice warm fleece to keep me warm. Thank you!

We live during a time when teachers are often attacked for their chosen profession. All have college degrees, but are the lowest paid of all professionals. All too often they are told, why complain when you work from 8-3 and have summers off. What these people never see is how often teachers give up their weekend to grade papers, how they reach in their own pocket to help their students and how they come to school on a weekend to work on their classroom. Therefore, I must thank the staff at Kaiser Elementary; they are the people that move the school. I am truly honored to work with you. Thank you!

Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents, PTA and SSC. I thank you for asking me the challenging questions, helping the school in many ways, and most of all, for your personal support for me.

Regards,

Mr. Avent  
Principal

### **HANDICAP PARKING**

Parents please be cognizant of our Handicap Parking for those who has placards or the handicap sticker on license plates. There has been numerous complaints of abuse of these space (designated with either a blue strip on the side of the curb or a wheel chair sign painted on the ground) that's much needed for our Handicap. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Thornton  
Administrative Assistant

# Getting In The Know

## How to be in the *Pink Panther*

The Pink Panther comes out every other week. Look for it in your child's backpack on or around 10/31, 11/14, 11/28 and 12/12.

We welcome submissions from everyone in the Kaiser Community. 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:

**joliem29@yahoo.com – Jolie McRae**  
**ingridpatrick@gmail.com – Ingrid Patrick**

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

The Pink Panther is also available at  
[www.KaiserElementary.org](http://www.KaiserElementary.org).

## Bake Sale Schedule

Hunter 12/15, 3/22  
 Apaydin 1/5, 3/29  
 Yang 1/12, 4/5  
 Neat 1/19, 4/19  
 Banks 10/20, 1/26, 4/26  
 Gorham 10/27, 2/2, 5/3  
 Bailey 11/3, 2/9, 5/10  
 McGhee 11/10, 2/16, 5/17  
 Araki 11/17, 2/23, 5/24  
 Haruyama 12/1, 3/1, 5/31  
 Feague 12/8, 3/8, 6/7

## **Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors**

PTA President: Renee Sanchez

## **Pink Panther Staff**

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## KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Oct. 19	School Site Council Meeting, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Picture Day
Oct. 26	PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Kaiser Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade 1:15 p.m.
Nov. 2	PTA Meeting & Family Game Night, 6:30pm
Nov. 11	No School--Veteran's Day

## Alternative Activity During Halloween Parade

An alternative activity will be provided in the Library during the Halloween parade, for those children whose families do not celebrate Halloween, or who do not want to participate in the parade. Have your child listen for the announcement, and go to the Library before or during the parade.

**Check out the complete 2011-2012 school year [calendar](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar) at [www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar)**

## 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/)



Thank you to everyone who has joined Kaiser Elementary PTA! Our students and teachers appreciate it.

Here are the stats as of October 15:

**Kindergartners:**

Bank's class – 24 members or 100%  
McGhee's class – 29 members or 131%

**1<sup>st</sup> Graders:**

Araki's class – 27 members or 119%  
Haruyama's class – 19 members or 122%

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:**

Gorham's class – 15 members or 104%  
Yang's class – 18 members or 76%

**3<sup>rd</sup> Graders:**

Bailey's class – 25 members or 107%  
Hunter's class – 27 members or 122%

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

Apaydin's class – 18 members or 70%  
Feague's class – 23 members or 97%  
Neat's class – 22 members or 93%

That's correct folks – Ms. McGhee's Kindergarten class is still leading the pack. There is a little competition with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders, since Ms. Haruyama's class pushed Ms. Araki's class out of 2<sup>nd</sup> and is **tied** for 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ms. Hunter's class. Should we count out Ms. Margaret's class or will they say, "Another one bites the dust," as their percentage rises. Will any of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes get to the top three? Stay tuned and find out which class wins the \$100. The competition ends **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Don't forget, PTA is not just for parents. It is open to all (grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, etc.)

Jennise Mendoza  
PTA – VP Membership

## PTA Pledges

Thank you to everyone who has pledged. Our goal is \$30,000 or \$120 per student. PTA accepts pledges all year long, so you can either drop a check in the PTA box located right outside the office or donate online at [www.KaiserElementary.org](http://www.KaiserElementary.org). No amount is too small.

Also, we are nearing the end of the year so most companies are thinking about getting their donations out prior to closing their books for the year end and focusing on next year's budget. Please inquire with your company. Thank you to all the parents who have already approached their companies and sent pledges, scholarships, or donations to us.

**Please note that the money Kaiser Elementary PTA makes goes 100% toward our students.**

**Donations are tax deductible (tax ID # 94-6184119)**

### More ways to give

Don't have the money to pledge, but still want to support Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School—no problem. Think of us when you shop online. Go to [www.kaiserelementary.org](http://www.kaiserelementary.org) and click on the Amazon button on the home page.



Amazon does not have what you want—no problem, shop on eScrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Please make sure your “group selection” is Kaiser Elementary School PTA, Oakland, CA.



Help me spread the word! This news doesn't have to stay within the Kaiser Elementary community. Ask your friends and family to help support Kaiser too with the options I mentioned above.

Thank you to Mariah Orsulak for having some sort of town hall family meeting and asking for their pledges. I can only imagine that your fingers are throbbing from all the emails and phone calls you did to your family members. Great job!

*Thank you to everyone using eScrip and shopping on Amazon through Kaiser Elementary's website. Our PTA Treasurer is starting to see the returns!*

**Reminder...**

When you shop online, please try shopping through eScrip's mall ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)). Just make sure you are signed up and have Kaiser Elementary as your beneficiary. Please remember **there is no cost to you**. You can still go to your local restaurants, shop for clothing, shop for your pets (1-800-Petmeds, Petco, etc.), shop for your electronics (HP, Dell, Apple) get your school or office supplies (Office Depot), etc., but just shop through the eScrip's mall when you do this.

Also, if you are shopping on Amazon, try shopping on Amazon through the Kaiser Elementary's website ([www.kaiserelementary.org](http://www.kaiserelementary.org)). When you shop on Amazon through Kaiser Elementary's website, a percentage of your sale goes to Kaiser's PTA.

**Please continue to spread the word!** Ask your family and friends to hop on board and shop through eScrip ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)) or shop on Amazon through Kaiser's website ([www.kaiserelementary.org](http://www.kaiserelementary.org)).

Your efforts are greatly appreciated since it will help fund the wonderful programs (computers, P.E. equipment, classroom materials, ORFF music) that are sponsored by the PTA and made available to our students.

Go Kaiser Elementary!  
Jennise Mendoza  
PTA – VP Membership

# 2011-12 Kaiser PTA Membership

Please return form & payment to your child's Teacher or the PTA Membership Box outside the front office by **Friday, October 28th**.

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Kaiser's PTA to include my information in the school directory

Please do not include my information in the school directory

**Children's First/Last Names**

**Teacher(s) Names/Grade**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues and enrichment donations are tax-deductible.

**Yes! I want to join the Kaiser PTA**

Membership: \$ 10.00 X (# \_\_\_\_\_ of adults) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes!** In addition to my membership, I want to make an enrichment contribution to continue programs like music, computer, art and library. **This year's pledge drive goal is \$30,000.**

other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** (Membership + Pledge) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **PAYMENT** (CHECK, CASH, CREDIT CARD)

Cash Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

- My check is attached (write check to **Kaiser PTA**)
- Credit Card (paid online at [kaiserelementary.org](http://kaiserelementary.org) - donate button)
- Credit Card (see below)

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School PTA to charge my credit card account as indicated below:

One-time payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reoccurring monthly pledge payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_ and ending \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type:  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

CVV2 (3 digit number on back of Visa/MC, 4 digits on front of AMEX) \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the above named business to charge the credit card indicated in this authorization form according to the terms outlined above. This payment authorization is for the goods/services described above and for the amount indicated above only. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card and that I will not dispute the payment with my credit card company; so long as the transaction corresponds to the terms indicated in this form.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



# PICTURE DAY IS COMING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

SAY  
CHEESE!



This year's photographer is Jarreau Cross @ Mug Shots Photography. Photos will be taken in the morning hours before noon. Make-up photos will be at a later date (TBD). # Volunteers will be needed for this day to escort students from the classrooms to the stage of the Multi-Purpose Room. Please contact Ms. Thornton in the Main Office if interested in volunteering. Thank you.