



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

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## **Principal's Message**

Dear Kaiser Families,

We have reached the halfway point and things are looking good.

I would like to thank the Auction Committee for putting together an outstanding auction. The venue was nice and I'm sure everyone had a great time. I really appreciate the way the Kaiser community always pull together and get the job done.

I'm also proud to announce that Kaiser has made it to the final phase of the California Distinguish School Award. State and County officials will visit the school on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, to view the school in action and interview students, teachers and SSC. I have asked the PTA to help with lunch (people are always happier on a full stomach), and we will be reviewing the applications with the SSC. If any parent would like more details on applications, just ask and I will review it with you.

This is a big deal and if anyone has any ideas for breakfast or lunch, please let me know.

Thanks.

Darren L. Avent

# Getting In The Know

## A Big Thank You From the Auction Committee!

What fun we had last night! Everyone had a great time, raised money and had a chance to catch up with friends. Our first look at the numbers, show that you were all very generous, and our children and programs will benefit. We are still finishing up some final numbers, last minute purchases and classroom projects this week. Once all the information is in, we will give a final run down of how successful the auction was.

Our biggest message of the night was that not only was everyone generous with their bidding, but they were generous with their time. Our PTA and school functions are run by volunteers. It will never be lost on us, how many people just chip in and ask "what can I do to help." We are all very lucky to be raising our children in such a great school/ community.

Understandably, many people needed to leave early last night. If you were unable to pick up your auction items or still need to pay, please contact Anna Gruver at [anna.gruver@gmail.com](mailto:anna.gruver@gmail.com).

Again, thank you all for being so wonderful!

The Auction Committee

### **ATTENTION PARENTS**

Around the time of a SCC Meeting, Gregory Brooks lost an item. Mr. Brooks, please come by the School's Main Office and see the School Secretary, Ms. Thornton. Thank you.

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

PTA President: Renee Sanchez

### **Pink Panther Staff**

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## KAISER CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Feb. 15	SSC Meeting
Feb. 20	<b>No School</b> – Presidents' Day
Feb. 24	World Heritage Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 29	PTA Board Meeting
Mar. 7	PTA General Meeting
Mar. 13	Classroom Picture Day
Mar. 14, 15, 16	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:25 p.m.
Mar. 30	<b>No School</b> – Cesar Chavez Day

### **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 2/21, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2 and after Spring break.

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

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

# Help Kaiser Kids by Recycling Ink Cartridges

Save the planet!

Help the kids!

It's easy!

Just bring your empty printer ink cartridges to Kaiser and leave them in the cardboard box behind the first door to the left in the school office. We'll take them to the cartridge recycler, Kaiser will receive a little bit of cash, and you'll feel great about helping the environment and your kids' school at the same time!

Be sure to tell your family and friends too! Every contribution helps.

Questions or comments? Email Janice Grossman at [miralumom@gmail.com](mailto:miralumom@gmail.com)

Thank you!

## Amazing Kaiser Families:

Your Kaiser PTA needs you! Please consider volunteering for a PTA position next year. Whether you can make a large time commitment or a small one, we have a job for you! Want to help plan the auction, reading night, Math and Science night, or the walk-a-thon? Want to be on the PTA Board? Consider running for Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Assemblies Coordinator, Membership Director, or something else.

Contact any of the Nominations Committee members, including Chris Jones (Committee Chair) [bassjones478@gmail.com](mailto:bassjones478@gmail.com), Monica Yu [monicajyu@gmail.com](mailto:monicajyu@gmail.com), Cherisse Gash [cherissegash@ymail.com](mailto:cherissegash@ymail.com) or Maggie Hunter [mlhunter2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mlhunter2000@yahoo.com). Thanks for taking the time to make Kaiser the amazing school it is!

# Kaiser School PTA

## Electing the PTA Executive Board for 2012- 2013.



### Our Nominating Committee:



At our General PTA Meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>, we elected our 2012 Nominating Committee: Chris Jones, Cherisse Gash and Maggie Hunter; Monica Yu will work as an alternate. They are already meeting to prepare for the Association Board Election in March. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, you can contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. In their continuing work, they are contacting existing Board members to ask if they are interested in serving again and then identifying different people who may be gifted and passionate to serve in particular leadership positions and offices. They'll present their nomination slate (their recommendations) before our March 2012 General PTA Meeting.

**Below are the positions for the PTA Executive Board and other PTA Offices.  
Talk to the Nominating Committee if you're interested.**

*This information is also on the PTA bulletin board outside of the School's Main Office.  
You can also find descriptions of positions and responsibilities on the Kaiser Yahoo Group page under FILES > PTA Communication.*

#### **Elected Positions**

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Secretary  
VP of Membership  
VP of Fundraising

#### **Appointed Positions**

Auction Co-Chair  
Kaiser Alive Chair  
Fundraising Assistant  
Assistant Volunteer Coordinator  
Book Fair Coordinator  
Evening/Event Concessions Coordinator  
Grants Committee Chair  
Assistant Wellness Coordinator



If you have questions that you would like to ask, you can e-mail them to our Kaiser PTA Parliamentarian, Monte McClain @ [KaiserParliamentarian@gmail.com](mailto:KaiserParliamentarian@gmail.com). This Question and Answer section will be a regular part of the Pink Panther, composed by PTA President, Renee Griffin-Sanchez, and our Parliamentarian, Monte McClain.