



The Pink Panther
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2, 2012

Principal's Message

Hello Kaiser Families,

WE DID IT!!!!!! It is now official that Kaiser is a California Distinguished School.

Thank you to the staff for the hard work, writing, rewriting and rewriting the application. Also, thank you to former principals, Katie McLane and Mel Stenger, for help reading the application.

Thank you to the following parents for taking the time to be interviewed and helping with the luncheon: Moya Henderson, Maggie Hunter, Marino Tover, Chris Jones, Monte McClain, Suzy Hovland, Marie Kawase Huxley, Renee Sanchez, Carolyn Watson and Monica Lannon.

Thank you to the following students for being great interviewers: Nyah Reinhart, Peace Nwakudu, Ben Batom, Octavio Vaughn-Tovar, Marco Hovland, Zhane Fuller, Anyo Bell, Maxwell Leonardo, Talia Jones, Cadence Patrick and Kylie Jackson. Also, thank you to the following students for explaining the many projects they have completed in class: Nathan Sledjeski, Aman Sudarajan, Lily Yu, Jojo Thompson, Annie Cocek, Nicholas Simmons, Talia Moxon, James Mendoza, Luna Scott-Chung, Sydney Wilkinson, Hank Gaw and Gabrielle Igondjo.

Thank you to everyone who spread the word about Kaiser, and we all should be proud of this accomplishment.

Back in October, I thanked the Barzell-Weber family (Elijah, Jadon, Maren and Shayna) for raising \$43 for the school by selling lemonade. Well, the Barzell-Weber's have competition. Paloma Shelton, 3rd grader, raised \$24.50 in lemonade sells two weeks ago and another \$30.00 yesterday. That's \$54.50 she raised for the school. That's why Kaiser is a California Distinguished School.

Thanks.

Darren Avent
Principal

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 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:

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Please put "Pink Panther" in the subject of your e-mail to ensure that it is not deleted.

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KAISER CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
April 5	OUSD Music Festival, 4 th and 5 th grades, 1 p.m. at Kaiser School
April 9-13	Spring Break
April 18	SSC Meeting 4 p.m.
	Math/Science Night 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 19	General PTA Meeting
April 25	Small Strategy Group Meeting with OUSD 6:15-6:45 p.m.
April 26	PTA Board Meeting

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



Kaiser ALIVE is Back!

April 6 – May 18, 2012

Kaiser ALIVE kick-off Assembly is April 6, so help your kids get psyched!

We all know the importance of being active. It stimulates your mind, keeps you fit, and helps prevent diseases. How about enjoying activities simply because they are FUN? There are so many awesome things to do both outside and inside that will keep your brain fresh and creative.

Once again, we have created a “passport” for the students at Kaiser that will give them opportunities to be active, make healthy choices, get involved in their community and be rewarded for it. It will also give them an opportunity to acknowledge all the great choices they already make! Starting Friday, April 6, 2012, your child may use this booklet of suggestions for ways to stay fit, in mind and body. They can choose from activities that encourage them to play on their own or they may select a page that will get them out in the community or enjoy fun things with the family.

The passport booklet takes into account every age group from K – 5th grades. Everyone can participate and have a chance to win fabulous prizes. We have some great prizes to give out at the end of the ALIVE program, and we want EVERYONE to qualify for the prize drawing at the end of the year! In order to do that, we need you as a parent, coach, or teacher to witness and validate the child’s passport on the line at the bottom of the appropriate page. Their name will be entered in a drawing to win prizes based on these levels:

- 100-149 points
- 150-199 points
- 200-249 points
- 250-299 points
- 300+ points

Each child will only be eligible for the drawing if they have earned the minimum 100 points. However, all students will earn a participation medal at our program-end celebration. Also, the student in each grade who earns the most points will take home a beautiful trophy!

The kids should complete their booklet and return it to their teachers by Friday, May 18. One passport is required for each student, and it is important that they have their name, teacher and grade—and total number of points filled out at the end of the Kaiser ALIVE period—all entered in the front of their booklet. Supplies are limited, so help them hang on to it!

Please encourage your child to fill as many pages as he/she can. The more they do, the better the prizes are at our End-of-the-Year celebration on Friday, June 1!

We hope that your child will experience something new and test his/her limits.

Be ALIVE! Kaiser ALIVE!
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