



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Kaiser Families,

The 2012-2013 school year has started and I'm proud to report that everything is going well!

We are off to a great start and I have to thank all the Kaiser families and the energetic team of teachers and staff for their wonderful support. I'm excited and looking forward to a great year.

I would really like to thank all of you for your cooperation with the new rules for the circle. I know for some of you it's been an inconvenience, but it is important that the children of Kaiser are safe. In the coming weeks the Safety Patrol will start its training with the Oakland Police Department; until that time I ask parents to remember to use the drop off lanes and have students exit vehicles on the passenger side.

I'd like to welcome you to our Back-to-School Night / Open House on Wednesday September 19 at 6:30 pm. At this event, you will get a chance to hear from your children's individual classroom teachers as well as the PTA. I look forward to seeing you there.

I look forward to working with you and your children. If I have not met you, please feel free to stop by my office to say hello and/or chat. My door is always open!

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 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/13, 12/3 and 12/17.

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!

Parent volunteers needed to help out during drop off in the mornings and in the afternoons. The more volunteers we have the more we can rotate people on a schedule - i.e. rotation once-twice/month is better than once/week - and not make always the same parents be present for the next 10 months, days-in-and-days-out.

If you can find time to donate to help our hard working 4th and 5th graders who will be attending to drivers as they approach, please contact Mr. Avent or Ms. Aguilar.

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Renee Sanchez

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KAISER CALENDAR

| DATE / DAY | EVENT |
|-------------|---|
| Sept 10 | Emergency Packets Due |
| Sept 19 | SSC Meeting |
| Sept 19 | Back-to-School Night / PTA General Meeting 6:30-9pm |
| Sept 26 | PTA Board Meeting |
| Sept 29 | Harvest Festival, 11-3 |
| Oct 12 | NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day |
| Oct 15 – 19 | Parent-Teacher Conferences – minimum days all week |
| Nov 3 | Kaiser Auction |

***Check out the complete 2012-2013
school year [calendar](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar) at
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/)**

Second Annual Harvest Fair

Saturday, September 29th 2012 11am-3pm

What is it?

- A fabulous community celebration with live music, carnival booths, crazy games, arts & crafts, a toy sale, a bake sale, and delicious BBQ
- A wonderful opportunity to enjoy our kids and make new friends
- An all-school fundraiser to support the arts and other important enrichment activities at Kaiser Elementary School

How do we get involved?

- Room parents from each class will soon be reaching out to all families for help with ideas for creating and running your children's classroom booth(s)
- Plan to sell lots of raffle tickets!
- Invite family, friends and neighbors and plan to attend the **Harvest Fair**
- Contact the **Harvest Fair** coordinators with your own innovative ideas to add to the carnival

Offering:

- Artist/Vendor space available at \$25/per booth

Seeking Donations:

- Musicians/entertainers 30-minute or 1-hour slots from 11-3
- Amp/Mike set up for main stage
- Toy donations/Bake sale donations (details to follow)
- Bounce House Donation
- Snow Cone Maker
- SUPER SIZE grill
- 2 or 3 Raffle Prize Donations
- Coordinators for the following **Harvest Fair** activities--sign up at school on the bulletin board or contact the coordinators:

- GIANT RAFFLE COORDINATOR
- FAIR TICKETS AND CASH BOX PREP
- BAKE SALE COORDINATOR
- CAKE WALK COORDINATOR
- T-SHIRT SALES COORDINATOR
- CRAFT TABLE(S) COORDINATOR
- CHESS AND GAMES TABLE COORDINATOR
- FACE PAINT COORDINATOR
- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATOR
- JUMPY HOUSE COORDINATOR
- SET-UP CREW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

HARVEST FAIR COORDINATORS:

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Healthy and Tasty Kid and Teacher Lunches
by A Taste of Paradise Catering, at cool costs!

I'm a busy Kaiser mom so I designed this yummy program for my kids and yours too! Every lunch includes a lean protein, vegetables, grain, a fresh fruit, and milk. Students have a chance to experience regionally diverse and seasonally appropriate entrées, fruits, and vegetables with every meal.

Plus, we support the community, using farm-fresh and locally-sourced foods. And, our lunches are packaged in eco-friendly products! Contact **Kristin Smith** at **510-282-3067** or visit **www.atasteofparadisecatering.com**!



Girl Scouting at Kaiser

Daisies

There will be a meeting for those interested in joining the Girl Scout Daisy Troop for Kindergarten and 1st grade girls this Thursday 9/6, 5-6pm on the upper field.

The troop will be run as a co-op, with each parent taking on a role such as treasurer, cookie manager, or meeting planner for specific meetings.

If you are interested in having your daughter join, and are willing to participate actively in the troop - or you just want to find out more - please come to this meeting.

Brownies

The Girl Scout Brownie leaders will be having a meeting on September 14th from 5:00-6:00 on the upper yard for the parents and girls of prospective Girl Scout Brownies. Please attend the meeting if you have a daughter in the 2nd or 3rd grade and are willing to **actively participate and volunteer** to make this year a wonderful experience for the girls. If you have any questions please contact Mari Cocek at mcocek@sbcglobal.net

The Kaiser Auction is just around the corner!!

It will be November 3rd at the Uptown in Downtown Oakland. We need your help!!! As the saying goes many hands make light work (and its is a whole lot more fun).

We need help with:

1. Solicitations. Do you have a business? Know of someone who does? Can they donate services to sell at the Auction? If so don't be shy! Attached is a copy of the donation letter. Please help in any way you can. We also need help walking businesses to remind them to donate to Kaiser :-)
2. Decorations. Are you a decorating maven? Can you help us create the best atmosphere at the auction?
3. Data Entry. Yes, data entry. When items are donated we need to enter them in the auction software to make sure they are properly accounted for. It goes fast if there are several of us.
4. Ticket sales. Let's try to get as many of us, friends, family and co-workers there as we can
5. Food/beverages. Need help coordinating the food and beverages for the evening. We are looking at some catering options, but if you have ideas, please let us know!!

The auction committee has a gmail account to help stream-line the process.

KaiserAuction@gmail.com Contact us directly as well at anja4now@yahoo.com (Anja Qualls Auction Chair) and lisa@lisacartolano.com (Lisa Cartolano Co-Chair) Thank you so much and looking forward to an amazing year at Kaiser!!

The Kaiser Community is always fundraising, and there are two easy ways to participate. We collect Box Tops for Kids and used printer cartridges. Box Tops are on a lot of products - a complete list is on their website or on the bulletin board outside the school office. If you see the coupons on any products you purchase, please tear them off and put in the blue box in the office. Used printer cartridges can go inside the cardboard box in the nurse's room, located in the room immediately to the left within the school office. We accept used cartridges, large and small, from your home or office.