



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 18, 2012

Dear Kaiser Families,

On Monday, October 15, a group of Kaiser parents met with Brigitte Marshall, Associate Superintendent Human Resources Services; Kathleen Clow, Director Financial Services and Budget; and Sondra Aguilera, Region 1 Executive Officer. The details of the meeting were delivered to everyone via the room parents.

As I stated in an earlier letter Kaiser Elementary was projected to have 294 students. Twenty students who attended Kaiser last year and were eligible to return elected to leave the school without informing Kaiser or OUSD. Similarly, 10 students were “no-shows” at Kaiser; these were new students whose families registered for the school, but did not attend and did not advise Kaiser or OUSD of this decision. Kaiser must hold these spaces based on the assumption that many of these kids would attend Kaiser for the 2012-13 school year. What became clear in Monday’s meeting was that in order for Kaiser to avoid combination classes in K and 1st grades we need to overcome a \$26,000 deficit.

On Thursday, October 18, select members of the PTA board and I will meet with Sondra Aguilera to discuss overcoming the \$26,000 deficit. I want to be clear this is not an agreement that Kaiser will raise \$26,000. This meeting is to get an understanding of the process so that we can report back to the community for a final vote. I was informed that if we decide to raise the funds, it would not have to be raised right away and that a 6- to 8-month timeline will be developed.

For those of you who were not present for the community meeting last week, I explained that both Ms. Gale (K teacher) and Ms. Jackson (Second Step) have not been paid this year. Ms. Jackson’s salary was one of the first casualties of consolidation. She is a very valuable member of the Kaiser community and many of the students have benefited greatly from her services. Ms. Gale cannot sign her contract until the matter of the \$26,000 deficit is resolved. If the community agrees to raise the funds, she will sign her contract.

Also on Monday, October 15, the state released the API scores. Unfortunately, I must report that Kaiser dropped 40 points (from 885 to 845) on the API. I take full responsibility for this drop and will be working with the staff and community to correct it.

Thanks,

Darren L. 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 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!

KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Oct 15 – 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – minimum days all week
Oct 15 – 19	Fall Book Sale, 1:25 p.m. to 4:00 pm in the library
Oct 17	SSC Meeting
Oct 22	Half-baked pizza orders due
Oct 26	PTA Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
Oct 26	Picture Day
Oct 30	Half-baked pizza order pickup, 3 p.m.
Oct 31	Halloween Parade, 1:15 p.m.
Nov. 3	Kaiser Auction, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at The Uptown

Kaiser's Fall Book Fair is coming up!

We'll be in the library every afternoon of conference week, October 15-19, from 1:25 p.m. to 4 p.m. For the fourth year, the Fall Book Fair will be a partnership with Pegasus Books, a local independent bookseller. Pegasus has hand-selected books for Kaiser students at every level: early readers, chapter books, new books, sale books, used books, nonfiction, Halloween books, and more! They will also bring a small selection of books for older readers. A portion of every sale directly benefits the school. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Please come check us out!

Interested in helping with the book fair? We need volunteers! Please contact Janice at miralumom@gmail.com. Thank you!

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/

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Renee Sanchez

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Check out the complete 2012-13 school year [calendar](#) at

www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar

The Edna Brewer Middle School Tours and Outreach Committee welcomes all interested families and guardians to come and learn about our middle school.

This year we will host four ***Prospective Parent Tours***. These tours allow interested parents the opportunity to learn about our high performing Oakland public middle school. After a welcome from Principal Sam Pasarow and key staff, parents will visit our 6th grade classrooms and tour our campus. Tours will be led by Brewer parents who will share their first hand knowledge about our school. We will conclude our morning with the opportunity for parents to ask any remaining questions that they may have.

Edna Brewer will also host an ***Evening Informational*** so that prospective parents or guardians and their students can learn about Edna Brewer. This event will take place in the evening to accommodate those who could not make a daytime tour, or who would like another opportunity to find out what makes our school a top choice for Oakland families. We will begin our evening with a series of short presentations from Principal Pasarow, key faculty, and our innovative program directors and staff. Prospective parents will have the opportunity to enjoy a short arrangement from our award-winning musicians and meet a panel of 6th grade students. We will conclude the evening with a question and answer session.

Please mark your calendars and sign up for these events online at Eventbrite.com.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/directory?q=edna+brewer&loc=Oakland%2C+CA&=edna+brewer>

Edna Brewer Prospective Parent Tours:

Friday, November 9, 2012 at 8:30 AM
Friday, November 16, 2012 at 8:30 AM
Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8:30 AM
Monday, December 17, 2012 at 8:30 AM

Edna Brewer Evening Informational:

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 6:30 PM (GYM)

Tickets to each of these events are free, but please RSVP! We look forward to meeting you!

- Edna Brewer Tours and Outreach Committee

Dear Parents:

Lifetouch will be taking student portraits at **Kaiser Elementary School**. Below are some key points for picture day:

- Picture day is **Friday, October 26**.
- Watch for a Lifetouch flyer/order form to be distributed within one week of picture day.
- All students will be photographed individually and as a classroom group.
- Please return orders to the school by the due date indicated on the order form.
- All photographs are guaranteed 100%. A make-up day will be available for students who are absent on picture day.
- Please direct any questions to Lifetouch Studios at www.lifetouchbayarea.com (510.293.1818).



PTA Membership Update

We are strong! We are powerful! We are Panthers! Go Kaiser families! Which classroom will win a pizza party? Here are the numbers so far:

Apaydin's class (4th graders) – 21 members or 34%
Araki's class (1st graders) – 29 members or 138%
Bailey's class (3rd graders) – 27 members or 104%
Feague's class (4th/5th graders) – 35 members or 167%
Gale's class (kindergartners) – 14 members or 67%
Haruyama's class (1st graders) – 19 members or 86%
Hunter's class (3rd graders) – 21 members or 84%
McGhee's class (2nd graders) – 18 members or 67%
Neat's class (5th graders) – 22 members or 79%
Vineyard's class (kindergartners) – 34 members or 136%
Yang's class (2nd graders) – 21 members or 81%

I noticed Feague's class keeps doing morning workouts. Are they making room for pizza? Araki must have made PTA membership as part of her homework for the kids since they went from 4th place up to 2nd place. It looks like we have a competitive teacher on our hands. Vineyard's class is still up there in 3rd place. Will this kindergarten class be ordering pizza next month? We still have a few weeks, so get your membership forms and payment in!

Please remember that for \$10, you too can become a Kaiser PTA member. Please note this does not require you to show up to the PTA association meetings. It does allow you to vote and be a voice in our Kaiser PTA community. Plus, you can qualify for discounts – and who doesn't want that?

We are also looking for pledges! Any amount is acceptable. Anyone can pledge – grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, godparents, guardians, friends, etc. They can either send a check to Kaiser Elementary (payable to Kaiser PTA) or donate online at <http://www.kaiserelementary.org/>.

Thank you to everyone who has become members and/or pledged.

Jennise Mendoza (Kaiser PTA - VP Membership & Pledges)

All donations are tax deductible
(Tax ID # 94-6184119)

WAYS TO DONATE TO KAISER PTA



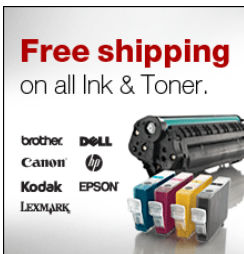
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Shop at www.escrip.com or sign up your Safeway and credit cards with eScrip. A percentage of your purchase goes directly to Kaiser PTA. Every year you need to designate Kaiser Elementary School PTA, Oakland, CA as the beneficiary (**ID: 139262109**)



Sign up for a Target REDcard and designate Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School as the beneficiary. Every time you use your REDcard, 1% goes to Kaiser PTA (ID:33866).



Don't throw away your old ink cartridges! Kaiser can use them to raise money. Drop off your old ink cartridges in the school office. Contact: Lisette Bahamondes lissettebaha@earthlink.net



Please clip & save Box Tops for Education labels and place them in the Box Tops box in the school office. Contact: Lisette Bahamondes lissettebaha@earthlink.net



Ask your company if they provide a company matching program. Some companies will match your donation, some will match a portion of your donation, some will donate if their employee donates their time to the school. If your company needs confirmation of your donation, have them submit their request to KaiserMembership@gmail.com.



Please return form & payment to the school office or the PTA Membership Box located right outside the office (Tax ID #94-6184119).

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

#1 Email Address: _____ #2 Email Address _____

Home Phone #: _____ #2 Home Phone (if different): _____

#1 Cell Phone#: _____ #2 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

This directory is prepared and distributed by the Kaiser Elementary School PTA for official Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School use, and also for individual communication of a personal nature between members listed herein. Use of the information in this directory for any other purpose, or sharing the information with any business or person not included in the directory, is strictly prohibited. Such unauthorized use may also violate the rights of privacy and/or publicity of individuals listed herein. Kaiser PTA disclaims any and all liability which may arise from the unauthorized use of the information in this 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.** \$ _____

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 – 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 _____ 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 _____

38th Annual 2012 Kaiser Elementary School Auction

Join together to make sure our children continue to thrive at Kaiser. Show your Panther Pride!

It's a Panther Party!

HENRY J. KAISER JR.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"A Community of Leaders"

Saturday November 3rd, 2012 6-11 PM

At the Uptown

401 26th St Oakland, CA 94612

Bring friends, relatives, and have a wonderful evening raising money for the Kaiser Community.

Advance Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Tickets are \$30.00 at the door, so buy your tickets now! Drink tickets available for pre-sale. \$5 per drink ticket.

Show your Panther Pride and join us!!

The classroom that sells the most auction tickets will win a pizza party!

Auction Ticket Order form

Ticket Holder's Name(s): _____

Your Child(ren)'s Teacher(s): _____

Yes, I will help celebrate and support Kaiser Elementary School! I will purchase ____ # of tickets at \$25 per person or \$50 for two tickets. Please note: You will not receive an auction ticket but will be placed on the auction guest list.
Ticket Purchase Price \$ _____.

Yes, I would like to purchase drink tickets in advance! I will purchase ____ # of tickets at \$5 per ticket. Please note: You will receive drink tickets the night of the auction.
Ticket Purchase Price \$ _____.

I would like to underwrite the cost of a ticket for my classroom teacher or another Kaiser staff to enjoy an exciting and enjoyable evening.
Donated Amount \$ _____.

I am sorry; I cannot attend the 2012 Kaiser Auction but will gladly donate the enclosed amount to make sure our children continue to thrive.
Donated Amount \$ _____.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

You may pay with the attached *One Time Credit Card Authorization Form* or make your check payable to *Kaiser PTA*. Place this form and your payment in the clear box labeled *2012 Kaiser Auction* on the front counter in the main office. Your donation is tax deductible. Kaiser Tax ID #94-6184119

One Time Credit Card Payment Authorization Form

Sign and complete this form to authorize **Kaiser Elementary PTA** to make a one-time debit to your credit card listed below. By signing this form you give us permission to debit your account for the amount indicated on or after the indicated date. This is permission for a single transaction only, and does not provide authorization for any additional unrelated debits or credits to your account.

Please complete the information below:

I _____ (full name) authorize **Kaiser Elementary PTA** to charge my credit card account indicated below for _____ (amount) on or after _____. This payment is for tickets for the Kaiser Elementary Auction tickets (date)

Billing Address _____ Phone# _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

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) _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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, for the amount indicated above only, and is valid for one time use 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.