



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 29, 2013

Dear Kaiser Families,

First let me apologize for the delay in the Pink. I was hoping to have this message accompanied by a letter from the district's budgeting department, but to avoid any more delay that letter will appear in a later edition of the Pink.

At the beginning of the school year Kaiser was projected to have 294 students. Twenty students who attended Kaiser the previous year and were eligible to return elected to leave the school without informing Kaiser or OUSD. Similarly, 10 students were "no-shows" at Kaiser—new students whose families registered for the school, but did not attend and did not advise Kaiser or OUSD of this decision. This caused Kaiser to be under-projected by 23 students. With the under-projection, along with a \$41,000 increase in salaries and benefits, the school had an initial deficit of \$115,000. The school district recommended consolidation as one way to remove this deficit.

In an effort to avoid consolidation, there was a meeting that included myself, three family representatives, a teacher representative, and central office staff from School Portfolio Management, Fiscal, and the Regional Officer. In the meeting we were able to reduce the overall deficit to \$26,000. The use of discretionary (PTA) funds that could help minimize the school impact was also discussed. After an emergency PTA meeting the Kaiser community voted to raise the funds to avoid consolidation. The Executive Officer for Region I, Sondra Aguilera, authorized and created a time-line for the payment of the \$26,000. The \$26,000 would be used to help fund kindergarten teacher Ms. Gale's position and to avoid and K/1 combination classes. The first payment was made in late November 2012.

On November 6, the state of California passed a sales and income tax increase initiative known as Proposition 30. This initiative raised California's sales tax from 7.25% to 7.5%. The revenue from this increase would be used to fund the state's education system.

Thank you to everyone who voted for Proposition 30. Because of your vote and other factors, \$23,000 was added to the Kaiser budget in late December. In early January 2013 after I made a request, Ms. Aguilera authorized that this additional \$23,000 be used to fund Ms. Gale's position. As a result, the PTA is no longer required to make payments to the district.

Thank you to everyone for putting the children of Kaiser first.

Sincerely,

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 again after winter 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 accidentally!

## Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Renee Sanchez

## Pink Panther Staff

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## DADS'S CLUB MEETING (DADS OF ANY GENDER)

### THIS THURSDAY EVENING

JANUARY 31

6:30-7:30 p.m.

KAISER

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Please bring your ideas for fundraising and projects.

For further information contact Jim Moxon at [asapqp@\\_ash.net](mailto:asapqp@_ash.net)

Check out the complete **2012-13**  
school year [calendar](#) at  
[www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar)

## KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Wed. 1/30	PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
Fri. 2/1	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Professional Development Day
Mon. 2/18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Presidents Day
Wed. 2/20	SSC Meeting
Fri. 2/22	World Heritage Potluck
Wed. 2/27	PTA Board Meeting
Fri. 3/1	Kids' Movie Night and Parents' Night Out, 6:30-10 p.m.

## 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/)**

## ½ - BAKED PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Pick-up date: April 30 at 3 p.m.

Fliers will be available in the office.

For questions contact: Susy Hovland  
[shovland@yahoo.com](mailto:shovland@yahoo.com)

**KAISER 5TH GRADE PRESENTS**

**KID'S MOVIE NIGHT AND PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!**

**GAMERS BRING YOUR HEADPHONES PLEASE**

**PIZZA!**



**MOVIE!**



**Drinks!**

**POPCORN!**

**Friday March 1, 2013 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm**

**Only \$35. w/ siblings an additional \$10.**

**Come in your PJs! Bring a Cozy Blanket & Pillow!**

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE 5TH GRADE OUTDOOR SCIENCE EDUCATION TRIP**

Excellent supervision provided by: Monica Yu, Mari Cocek, Rebecca Barzell-Weber, Monica Lannon, Sidney Martinez, Annie de Jong & Dora Pulido-Tobiassen

**Questions? Contact Mari Cocek 384-7119 or [mcocek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcocek@sbcglobal.net)**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spots for the following children:

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**ATTACH CHECK MADE OUT TO KAISER PTA AND DROP IT OFF IN THE "MOVIE NIGHT" BOX IN THE OFFICE**

