



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

On behalf of the staff at Kaiser, I am happy to welcome you to the 2013-14 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

Educating a child is a big job, and we need your help to do it well. Please be sure your child comes to school each day rested and ready to learn. Attendance and arriving on time are also important – we don't want our students to miss any instructional time, so please make sure your child is here on time every day.

We also ask that you support us by making sure your child understands that school is important and success in school is something that your family values. A lot of research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education do better in school than children whose parents are not involved.

So I hope you'll be an active partner with us, whether you choose to join our school's PTA, volunteer at the school or take part in special events. We welcome your involvement in our school.

Please join us for Open House on Wednesday, September 11th. Please check with your teacher for times.

I also encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher or teachers and with me if you have any questions during the school year. Working together, I know we can make this a great year at Kaiser and I look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child learn!

Thank you,

Darren L. Avent

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, 11/12, 12/10, and into 2014.

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
Joanna.Fraguli@gmail.com – Joanna Fraguli

Please put "Pink Panther" in the subject of your email to ensure that it is not deleted accidentally!

Remember to fill out the free/reduced lunch forms that came in your registration packets. Why fill them out? If OUSD gets 80% of the students to complete this form, then the district would be eligible for \$10M from the state. What if you know you don't qualify or don't want everyone knowing your business? You can just write **DO NOT QUALIFY** in the line provided for income. Lost your form? Just pick another one up in the office as soon as possible.

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors
PTA President: Jennise Mendoza
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KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Sept 11	Back to School Night
Sept 27	Kids' Movie Night / Parents' Night Out
Sept 30	Emergency Packets Due
Oct 5	Harvest Faire
Oct 10	School Potluck
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day
Oct 21 – 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences – minimum days all week + Book Faire
Dec 7	Kaiser Auction

**Check out the complete 2013-2014
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/)**

Welcome Kaiser families – new and returning. We are excited about this upcoming year. We had a very successful Registration Day. Thank you to Karen Henderson, Valerie Hellmold, Lisette Bahamondes, Kelly Paschal-Hunter, Wendy Harcarik, Sarah Coulthurst, Jennifer Sedlachek, Stacie Sundarrajan, Lawrence Edmonds, Monica Lannon, Annie deJong and the Kaiser Dads' Club (Jim Mendoza, Jim Moxon, Jim Tomic [no your name does not need to be Jim to be apart of the Dads' Club] Josh Simpson, Blaine Torpey and MeiBeck Scott-Chung) for your help. We have many exciting Fundraisers planned, so be sure to mark your calendars and save the dates:

- ❖ **September 27th – Kids' Movie Night / Parents' Night Out**
- ❖ **October 5th – Harvest Festival**
- ❖ **December 7th – Kaiser Auction**
- ❖ **February 7th – Kids' Movie Night / Parents' Night Out**
- ❖ **March 21st – Spaghetti Fundraiser**
- ❖ **May 3rd – Kaiser Walk-A-Thon**

We have many more exciting events that I have not mentioned above. Please keep your eyes and ears open. Plus, be sure to join the Kaiser Elementary Yahoo Group (KaiserElementarySchool_Group@yahoo.com) or visit our school website (KaiserElementary.org) for more information.

As many of you know, we are a public school, but our PTA supports many of the various activities that are available to all students here at Kaiser. Kaiser PTA supports:

- Every classroom including books, supplies (paper, writing utensils, etc.), materials, field trips, teacher's aides/staff
- Student development programs and events
- Resource teachers
- Musical instruments
- Orff Music including instructor
- P.E. Equipment (not the teacher)
- Library
- Emergency Equipment (available for all students and the staff)
- Computer Class (teacher and supplies)
- Multi-cultural assemblies
- School website
- School garden maintenance
- After school program coordination
- Awards provided for various events (walk-a-thon, Kaiser Alive, etc.)

We cannot do this without the support of the community and beyond. Therefore, please be sure to donate to the Kaiser PTA. No amount is too small. Also, check with your company and see if they will match your generous donation. We also will need your help throughout the year, so please make sure to sign up and help our school. The biggest reward is being involved in your child's life.

We appreciate your support and look forward to a rewarding new year!

Jennise Mendoza
Kaiser PTA President



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to all the people that have signed up to support the PTA. We need several more volunteers to help make this school year successful. A sign up sheet is available in the school hallway and will be available on Back-to-School Night. Here are some positions we are looking to fill:

- eScrip Coordinator
- Red Boy Pizza Night Coordinator (TBD)
- Kid's Movie Night / Parents Night Out Coordinator (Sept 27th & Feb 7th)
- Gift Wrap Sales Coordinator (Oct 7th – Oct 25th)
- Spaghetti Night Coordinator (March 21st)
- Spring Book Fair Coordinator (April 30th – May 3rd)
- Grant Writers
- Kaiser Potluck Chair (Oct 10th & Apr 4th)
- Lost and Found Coordinator (clear out lost and found 2-3 times per year)
- Gardening Coordinator
- Website Content Coordinator
- New Enrollment Chair (lead a team of parents to market Kaiser to new families)
- OUSD Board Representative (be apart of a team of parents that goes to OUSD meetings to represent Kaiser and let the community know what is going on with the OUSD Board).
- Parking Circle Coordinator and team (keep the cars moving in the circle during the beginning of school and the end of school)
- Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

If you don't want to be in charge of something, then be a part of a team:

- Harvest Festival Committee
- Auction Committee
- Spaghetti Night Committee
- Walk-A-Thon Committee
- Gardening Committee
- Parent Lunch Patrol

Thank you for your support!

Kaiser Fundraisers 2013-2014

Fundraising Co-Chairs: Monica Lannon ms.lannon@gmail.com
Annie de Jong annemiekedejong@comcast.net

Rolling Fundraisers

Farm Fresh to You Monica Lannon www.farmfreshtoyou.com
Stuck on You Labels Annie de Jong <http://www.stuckonyou.com/usa/fundraising>
Kaiser Spirit Wear Liza Lyons lizajolyons@yahoo.com
Indigogo Campaign Liza Lyons lizajolyons@yahoo.com
Red Boy Pizza Nights **Need Coordinator**
Box Tops Jacqueline DuBose drdubose8967@sbcglobal.net
Ink Cartridges Lisette Bahamondes lissetebaha@earthlink.com
eScrip **Need Coordinator**
Target REDcard & Amazon

Movie Nights/Parent's Night Out (9/27 and 2/07) **Need Coordinators + Team**

HARVEST FAIR (10/05) Sharece Bradley londonbridgesproductions@gmail.com
Anna Gruver anna.gruver@gmail.com

Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale (10/07-10/25) **Need Coordinator + 2 (for distribution)**

KAISER AUCTION (11/09) Monica Lannon ms.lannon@gmail.com
Anja Qualls anja1@rocketmail.com

Monica Yu monicajyu@yahoo.com

Donations: A. Kelly Paschal-Hunter akpaschal@yahoo.com

Charsina Imara isalah@yahoo.com

Mrs. Dalloway's Annual School Benefit (11/22-11/24) Lily Chien-Davis cili@mac.com

Warriors Ticket Sale (1/6-1/24) Jean Paul LaBelle jplabelle@hotmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner (3/21) **Need Coordinator**

A's Ticket Sale (3/10-4/12) Chinela Key-Baysinger ckeybn@gmail.com

WALK-A-THON (4/07-5/10) Susy Hovland shovland@yahoo.com
Jennifer Sedlachek (assistant) jennifer.c.sedlachek@exxonmobil.com

Book Fairs

Fall (10/14-10/18) Lisette Bahamondes lissetebaha@earthlink.com

Spring (5/07-5/10) **Need Coordinator**



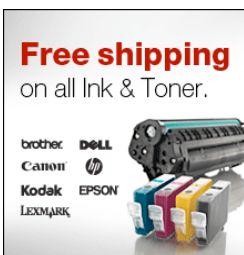
Think of Kaiser PTA when you shop online. Go to www.kaiserelementary.org and click on the Amazon button on the home page.



Sign up your Safeway and credit cards with eScrip at www.escrip.com. A % of your purchase goes directly to Kaiser PTA. Remember to re-designate Kaiser Elementary School PTA as the beneficiary annually. (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 (a debit card linked to your checking account), 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. Questions? Contact Lisette Bahamondes lisettebaha@earthlink.net.



Please clip & save Box Tops for Education labels and place them in the Box Tops box in the school office. Questions? Contact Jacqueline Dubose at drdubose8967@sbcglobal.net



Ask your company if they provide a company matching program. Some companies will match your school 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.

100% of proceeds benefits the students and teachers at Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School.

eScrip Fundraising

It's Free • It's Easy • It's Powerful

Register or **Re-Activate** your **Safeway Club card** and Earn \$ for Kaiser!

NEW to escrip?

- Go to <http://www.escrip.com/>
- Click on *Member/Supporters*
- Click *Sign Up Now* to create your account
- Register with your Safeway card # ___ - ___ - ___ (11 DIGITS)
(If you lost your card call (877) 723-3929 to get your # from Safeway Customer Service)
- Select *Kaiser Elementary PTA* as your beneficiary

OR

ADD Kaiser or **RE-ACTIVATE** card (Families must do this to re-activate annually)

- Go to <http://www.escrip.com/>
- Click on *Member/Supporters*
- Click on *My eScrip*
- Enter your password (or click “forgot password”)
- Click on ***Re-Activate for 2013***
- If relevant click on *Change/Edit my Group Selection*
- Select *Kaiser Elementary PTA* as your beneficiary

Questions? Please contact Annie de Jong annemiekedejong@comcast.net

Target **RED**card

Please Apply!

Add Kaiser as the beneficiary school for your Target REDcard

(It links to your checking account like a debit card)

In addition to receiving 5% off your target purchases and FREE shipping at Target.com, a percentage will be donated to Kaiser, as part of Target's *Take Charge of Education Program* (TCOE)

IN-PERSON AT TARGET

(just bring a blank check)

OR

ON-LINE

- Go to www.target.com
- Click on **RED**card *Apply Today/Apply Now*
- Register your information
- Select KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (School ID:33866)

KAISER **STUCK-ON-YOU** FUNDRAISER

Dear Kaiser Families,

We are excited to introduce a great fundraiser **STUCK-ON-YOU** which are the coolest kids labels and other personalized items! It is a great way to eliminate lost property problems at our school while raising money at the same time.

This fundraiser has many benefits:

- It offers **colorful personalized name labels** that are perfect for identifying all of your children's belongings.
- Labeled property helps to **keep kids healthy by reducing the spread of germs**.
- Knowing what items belong to who helps teacher save valuable time and saves parents money since items will come home at the end of the day.
- **It's simple!** – Just complete your order online at: <http://www.stuckonyou.com/kaiser> or call toll free 1-888-236-2800 to order. For each packet of labels ordered, our school will receive a 20% commission. Don't forget to mention our fundraiser code **KAISER** when ordering.

STUCK-ON-YOU designs and manufactures high-quality, colorful, personalized labels for children. Their best-selling vinyl stickers are **waterproof, microwave and dishwasher safe!** They are perfect for everything children bring to School including lunch boxes, sports equipment, back packs, school supplies, food and drink containers, bike helmets – even shoes! Their clothing labels - commercial laundry-safe and tough – are ideal for clothing, towels and athletic uniforms. Even better - children can choose from over 100 adorable “icons” to put on their labels to make them more personalized and easy to recognize.

Any questions? Please contact **STUCK-ON-YOU** at 1-888-236-2800 or one of your PTA fundraising co-chairs below.

We look forward to a very successful fundraiser!

ORDER NOW !!!

And help us put an end to the Lost & Found forever!

Sincerely,

Annie de Jong and Monica Lannon

Co-Vice Presidents, PTA Fundraising

Wonderful Steps for the Kaiser Library!

Dear Kaiser Families -

With the new school year beginning, I wanted to share some of the fantastic things going on in the Library.

This past Spring, with the help of Measure G funds, I was able to make a large purchase of books to help fill in some of the gaps we've had in the collection. I know the kids are going to love them. Also, over the summer, the Kaiser Library was extremely fortunate in having the assistance of two highly qualified Library Professionals donate nearly 350 hours of work to restructure and re-catalog, discard damaged and out-dated materials, and to overall revitalize the Library from top to bottom.

Karen Smith was an Attorney and English Teacher before working in school Libraries for the past 30 years. She raised 3 children, and along the way she developed a passion for Children's Literature and Libraries and has dedicated herself to providing access to Libraries for all children.

Susie Goodin has raised 4 children, and in fact, they went to Kaiser Elementary! Susie was an elementary school teacher before becoming involved at Kaiser and laying the foundation for the Library we have today (you will see her name on the door!). She raised thousands of dollars, built shelves and ordered books - some of which we still have. Susie has managed several school libraries and recently earned her MA and PhD in Language, Literacy and Culture with a focus on Literacy Development and Reading Comprehension at UC Berkeley. In fact, Rick Frey, our computer teacher, was a colleague in that program!

Needless to say, Kaiser has benefitted tremendously from Karen and Susie's incredible expertise and commitment over the summer. It looks beautiful in there! Karen and Susie will be onsite for the next 2-3 weeks completing an inventory and doing finishing touches on their work. If you pass by the Library please stop in to say hello and thank you.

Also, we have to acknowledge that without the help of Mr. Piper, none of this work could have taken place. He went out of his way to allow Karen and Susie access to the Library throughout the summer. Please, when you see him in the hall, give him a high-five and let him know his work is appreciated too (both for the library and in the school all around).

Believe or not, the Kaiser Library still has plenty of work to be done. With the help of the PTA, we hope to continue adding supplies and books and even a computer for the students to access the collection on their own. Rick Frey has generously offered to connect all the classrooms to the collection as well. The Library is an important learning resource and environment! Please think of this when you join the PTA and you think of all the amazing programs they help to provide.

Also thanks in advance to the many people signed up to volunteer in the library this year - I will contact you soon.

Have a wonderful 2013-14,

Jessica Forbes, Kaiser Library parent volunteer

Henry J. Kaiser Elementary

School Site Council

Solicitation for 1 new parent member for the 2013-14 school year

The **School Site Council** is pleased to have one **(1) open position** for parents in our school community.

- The SSC provides a forum for all the major players in the school to come together, identify common goals and, establish a plan to achieve these goals
- The SSC is representative of all segments of the school community, composed of the principal, teachers and parents.
- The SSC is the vehicle by which the school community comes together to chart the school's path to improvement.
- The SSC has been influential in restructuring; more fully implement the arts as vital part of the core curriculum.

The SSC meetings are open to all parents and, all are welcome to participate in the discussions. However, only elected members have voting ability.

The positions are elected and require a commitment of 3 years. The election will be held on back-to-school night (September 11, 2013).

If you are an interested parent, we encourage you to contact the Chair – Susy Hovland at shovland@yahoo.com - and provide a brief descriptive paragraph of who you are and why you would like to be on the Council. These descriptions will be used as part of the ballots to be cast during back-to-school night.

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School Site Council

SSC - Board of Education Liaison Position

History: With the school mandated to fulfill expansion requirements, now more than ever, is the time to be present and alert as to the workings of the Board of Education and in particular to their Real Estate Managing Subcommittee.

Purpose of the Position:

The purpose of this position will be to:

- Monitor voting as it relates to and affects Kaiser Elementary
- Keep abreast of all issues affecting the school coming up for a vote or a report.
- Be present and make comments to go into the public record at Board of Education meetings and subcommittees.
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Responsibilities and Accountabilities:

The person who will take this position should be prepared to do all of the following:

- Monitor postings of agendas, meetings, meeting times etc. on OUSD site
- Attend as many meetings in person as possible.
- Be informed to speak and rebut untrue or incorrect statements during the comment periods
- Take notes and report back to the SSC.
- Work with the Marketing and Communications group to rally and inform parents on issues.
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Sharing the Load:

Because of the high-level of attendance required at meetings - most of which will be at night – the responsibilities can be shared with a PTA-appointed person - who shall operate under the same premises - to provide a means of relief, trade off attendance, and a way of preventing burn-out. Further, additional parent support may be used to share attendance at meetings as long as the following goals are met:

- The appointed liaison (and not any alternate) will still be accountable for bringing issues and notes to SSC meetings – as per responsibilities section above
- Coordination of other parents for attendance of meetings will be the appointed liaison's responsibility.

SAVE THE DATE...

Wednesday, September 11th is Back to School Night. This is an adult only event. If you can not find daycare for your child, please discuss directly with your teacher. You do not want to miss out since this is the night to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher and discover what your child will be doing this upcoming year. Plus, there will be a brief presentation by our Principal, PTA and SSC at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room that will address our upcoming year. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Girl Scout Leader Needed!

We need a Girl Scout Troop Leader for Brownie Troop 32895. This troop is for girls in 2nd and 3rd Grade. The previous leaders have retired, so this troop needs a leader in order to continue.

Please contact Mari Cocek at mcocek@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or interest in volunteering for this VERY rewarding job.

Snack Sales

Kaiser's after-school Snack Sales begin this week! Every Thursday after school please join us in front of the auditorium for a little treat, or send your child with some money for a snack. All proceeds go directly to support the classrooms. Every week a different class will take a turn to host the sale – check with your teacher or room parent to find out when you can help with your class's sale!



