



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

Last week all 2nd-5th-grade students began taking the first of three Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) assessments. The SRI is a short (25-40 minutes) computerized reading comprehension test. This quick test will result in a Lexile assignment.

The Lexile Framework for Reading is a scale for measuring a student's reading level. This helps teachers match books for independent reading, and track each student's growth. The chart below provides a grid representing an approximate Lexile Level range for each grade. For example, students in Grade 2 generally read books with a Lexile Range between 300L and 500L. The goal at Kaiser is to have each student increase his or her reading capacity by one grade level by year's end.

Grade	Lexile Level
2	300L – 500L
3	500L – 700L
4	650L – 850L
5	750L – 950L
6	850L – 1050L
7	950L – 1075L
8	1000L – 1100L
9	1050L – 1150L
10	1100L – 1200L
11 and 12	1100L – 1300L

Improving your child's reading abilities requires regular practice both at home and school. Some suggestions for supporting your child's reading progress:

- Encourage 20 minutes of reading everyday from a book of your child's choice.
- Help your child find books that are at the appropriate reading level.
- Show that you value reading by filling your home with books, magazines, and newspapers.
- Show your child that adults also learn new words. Keep a running list of new words that you want to learn together.
- Encourage your child to write letters or postcards – or perhaps your child might be interested in keeping a journal.
- Show interest in what your child is reading. Ask questions about the plot of the story. Ask about the characters.
- Set a goal as to the number of books your child might be able to read over a period of time. Celebrate the successful completion of that goal.

I appreciate your support in developing each student's literacy skills and help in making Kaiser a "School of Readers."

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 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

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KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
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 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/)

Kaiser PTA Corner

Thank you Kaiser families for stepping up to the plate and financially supporting Kaiser PTA either through pledges, matching pledges or supporting our Kid's Movie Night / Parent's Night Out event. Keep up the momentum! I am hoping for a great turn out to the upcoming Harvest Festival. Please remember that Kaiser PTA pays for many of the programs that your kids benefit from weekly:

- Every classroom with their books, supplies, materials, field trips, teacher's aides, staff, resources
- Student development programs and events
- ORFF music including the instructor, musical instruments and assistant music instructor
- P.E. equipment (not the teacher, who is paid by OUSD)
- School library
- Emergency equipment (available for all students and staff, this is beyond the care package you provide)
- Computer class (equipment and teacher)
- Multi-cultural assemblies
- School website
- School garden maintenance
- After school program coordination
- Awards provided to our various students for their outstanding achievements
- Lunch supervisors

Everyone is welcome to support the PTA, so ask any family members or close friends to see if they want to donate to our lovely school. Please remember that 100% goes towards every student at Kaiser Elementary AND 100% of your pledges is tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

Jennise Mendoza

THANK YOU KAISER DADS' CLUB! You all rock!!!

The Kaiser Dads' Club fronted the money for our school library and donated 2 white boards. This is enabling our school library to open soon and be available for our Kaiser Elementary students.

PLUS, the Kaiser Dads' Club is getting two locked slot boxes for the PTA. One PTA box will be available for parents that drop off or pick up their kids at Adventure Time. The other PTA box will be available for Spiritwear Orders. Thank you for making this happen!

**This Saturday is Kaiser Elementary School's
3rd Annual Harvest Fair from 11-3pm!**

It will be a fun event for the entire family with delicious BBQ hosted by our Dads' club, carnival games, and more!

Please check-in with your classroom parent to see if they need any supplies and support for your classroom booth.

If you have a tent to donate, we could use it! It is going to be a warm day, so shade will be helpful. Please email anna.gruver@gmail.com to lend your tent.

Also, if you have PA Sound System, could we borrow it so that we can have some music for the day? Email Anna above.

If you would like to help out in others ways, check out the board near the front office to sign up!
We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank You,

Your Harvest Fair Team-

Jessie Jaeger at yeyewawa@yahoo.com

Anna Gruver at anna.gruver@gmail.com

Sharice Bradley at londonbridgesproductions@gmail.com

THE KAISER DADS' CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Now calling Kaiser Dads (of all genders) to join our group! Meet great folks, create community, all while raising money for our school... All skills and talents welcome.

Wanna know more??

Contact: Jim Moxon at asapqp@flash.net



The Kaiser Dads' Club will be hosting a BBQ and car wash benefiting the PTA.

Bring your dirty cars and minivans to the Harvest Faire on October 5!

Cars \$10

Minivans \$15.