



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

As many of you are aware, in 2011 the Oakland Unified School Board set a mandate for the expansion of Kaiser Elementary. Since that time the district and a small group of parents and teachers have been exploring expansion options and what that would look like at Kaiser Elementary.

Earlier this school year officials from the Oakland Unified School District and the small working community met to discuss expansion options. It was during this meeting that we were informed that because of the budget changes in the state and local enrollment changes, Kaiser is no longer mandated to expand until further notice.

I know this process has been a source of stress for the community but I would like to thank everyone for their patience and especially the small working group for giving up their time to look at this important issue.

Thank you!

Darren Avent
Principal

Getting In The Know

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE log your hours in the front office - including, **but most especially**, those hours you spend doing something for the school at home, and whenever you are on campus helping the classrooms, the front office, the garden, the library, the lunch hour, the playground, the Dad's Club, the PTA meetings, the SSC meetings, all the events, potlucks and so much more that we know our community does for Kaiser Elementary.

We are a school that functions on our highly involved parent community however, whenever, wherever you donate time.

Please take the time, the next time you are at the school, to record any past volunteer time you have provided for the school.

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 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:

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

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KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
March 20	PTA Spaghetti Dinner
March 21	Kaiser ALIVE Cover Art Deadline
March 31	No School – Caser Chavez Day
April 2	Kaiser ALIVE Kick-Off Assembly
April 11	Evening of Art & Music
April 14-18	No School – Spring Break
May 3	Walk-a-thon

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

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/

PTA President's Corner

Hello Kaiser Families,

Thank you to Kaiser Dads' Club for providing the Kid's Movie Night this past Friday night (March 7th). All proceeds will be donated directly to Kaiser PTA. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

Thank you to **Kelly Martin** for applying for a grant through The James Irvine Foundation. We received \$1,000 for your efforts. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS since we have a few more fun filled events coming up:

Thursday, March 20th - Spaghetti Night Dinner. Don't worry about planning dinner for that night. All you have to do is show up with an empty tummy and eat spaghetti, salad and bread. All are welcome. A small fee will apply but that is mainly to cover the cost of the food. Come enjoy the company of other Kaiser families - eat, drink and be merry...

April 11th - Evening of Art and Music. Learn about the art and music programs that your child is involved with at Kaiser. See what the PTA consultants do for our school. This is a great opportunity to see what our PTA funds support.

Month of April & May - Kaiser A-Live. Help your child learn how to live a healthy lifestyle while supporting the greater Oakland community. Children have a chance to earn small prizes for their efforts. The event is finished off with a picnic at Lake Temescal scheduled for **Friday, May 30th.**

Saturday, May 3rd - Kaiser Walk-A-Thon. Everyone seems to love this event! This is one of Kaiser PTA's big fundraisers. Keep an eye out for information in April and plan on attending the event on May 3rd. I look forward to seeing all Kaiser families at this fundraiser.

As you are aware, Kaiser PTA needs money. When I read the newspaper or watch the news, it appears that we are not alone. Many non-profits and PTAs are publicly asking for funds. With that said, please inquire with your employer about matching funds or donating funds to our school. Don't forget that if you shop online to go through eScrip's website or if you are shopping through Amazon, then through the Kaiser home page and click on the Amazon tab. A portion of your purchase price goes to Kaiser. Please remember that all monetary donations are accepted and no amount is too small.

It takes a village to raise a child, and we are that village. Thank you Kaiser families for all that you do.

NEED HELP: I am asking for help in developing a flier for the Hiller Highland community to ask for their financial support. If you can help me with this task (i.e. developing the flier or handing the fliers out), please let me know.

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza
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Kaiser ALIVE Starts Soon

Hello Kaiser Families -

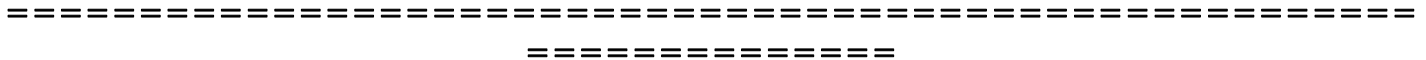
Kaiser ALIVE is coming right up, starting on **April 2!**

The first step in getting this wonderful program going is the starting the cover contest. This week I'll be visiting the classrooms to give a brief reminder/orientation about Kaiser ALIVE and highlight the KA themes. Later this week the kids will receive the templates with instructions, and they can start working on their masterpieces! The drawings are due in a very short time, on **Friday, March 21, no exceptions.** Mr. Avent will be selecting the covers for the booklet (front and back) that afternoon, so please help your kids to get their drawings in on time!

Stay tuned for many more details about Kaiser ALIVE coming soon!

Jessica

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KAISER COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER



Mark your calendars! Please join us on **Thursday March 20 @ 6:30pm** in the Multi-purpose room for a delicious spaghetti dinner.

Have questions? Want to help? Contact Mike Loudon (Samantha's Dad) at

**Oakland A's Step Up to the Plate for Education with
Kaiser Elementary!**



Kaiser Elementary is excited to participate in the Oakland A's Step Up to the Plate for Education program for the 2014 season! Students, parents, and their friends and families have the opportunity to purchase special fundraising tickets for select A's games. A portion of each ticket will go directly back to the school. To purchase tickets and view the available games, please visit our school's personalized link below:

www.athletics.com/kaiser

Tickets for the select games are limited – to participate in this special offer, we recommend purchasing tickets ASAP to reserve the best seats. There are 6 dates to choose from including giveaway days, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and a game vs. the Boston Red Sox.

Opponent	Date	Time	Promotion
Athletics vs Seattle Mariners	Saturday, April 5	1:05 pm	Back-to-Back AL West Champs Fleece Blanket
Athletics vs Houston Astros	Saturday, April 19	1:05 pm	Josh Donaldson Diorama Bobblehead
Athletics vs Washington Nationals	Sunday, May 11	1:05 pm	Breast Cancer Awareness Day
Athletics vs Detroit Tigers	Monday, May 26	1:05 pm	Elephant Batting Practice Cap
Athletics vs Boston Red Sox	Thursday, June 19	7:05 pm	Patelco Throwback Thursdays
Athletics vs Kansas City Royals	Sunday, August 3	1:05 pm	

Game times subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability. All game times are listed in Pacific Standard Time (PT).

Pricing:

Plaza Outfield - **\$15** Field Level - **\$25**

If you are unable to purchase your tickets online, here are a couple of options:

- Organize with another parent to purchase your tickets together and have that parent make the online purchase.
- Your room parent may want to organize the whole class, collect the money, and pay online (this is the best if you want to sit together).

Special Note:

If you want to sit with certain people you should purchase tickets together (in the same purchase)

Deadline to Purchase Tickets: April 30, 2014



PANTHERS'

PRIDE



Congratulations to Ms. Margaret's 2nd Grade Class!

On March 6, 2014 Ms. Margaret Yang's 2nd grade class visited the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center in Marin as part of a project based lesson on architecture and Wright's style. Field trips, as we all know, are wonderful learning opportunities for the children while at the same time they take a lot of planning, coordination and hard work on the part of teachers, and chaperones/drivers. Most importantly, the students have to maintain their focus, contain their excitement and manage their behavior during a break in their school routine.

Well, Ms. Margaret's students did exactly that! So much, that they got noticed by the docent leading the tour and the front desk librarian gave them an A++ for their exceptional behavior! The staff was so impressed that they took the time to contact the principal and express their appreciation about interacting with our Kaiser second graders. With over 20,000 school-age kids having visited the center, this was never done before in our "Kaiser stars" made such an impression to warrant notice and praise by the wider community.

Thank you Ms. Margaret! Congratulations to all the students that at such a young age became models of good citizenship and behavior. No doubt, this is what we call **Panther Pride...**

Have another Panther Pride story to share? This is the space where you can feature Kaiser staff, students and families whose actions and accomplishments make our community proud. Go Panthers!

E-mail your story to Joanna.Fraguli@Gmail.com.