



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." Albert Einstein

"Why do we have to do this?" Any student at some time

This Pink I would like to thank all the teachers of our enrichment classes. Kaiser's enrichment classes help students explore those other areas of interest. Part of the purpose of these classes is to connect to the basic core subjects of language arts, math, science, and social studies. When students ask, "Why do we have to know this?" we can often help provide that answer. We have national standards and curriculum expectations for our various fields, and some disciplines allow more opportunity to connect to academics than others. However, the enrichment classes help the students apply what they are learning in the core areas and take their learning a step further. Here are a few examples of how we incorporate the academic curriculum into our classes:

Art

Ms. Leonardo students produce beautiful work that always allows students to express themselves

- Students use compasses and rulers to conceptualize spatial relationships.

Technology

Have you seen some of the cool things Mr. Frey students are making?

- Students learn how to manipulate photos and show their creativity.

Health and P.E.

Ms. Ostrom finds creative ways to get students moving.

- Students understand the importance of physical activity and health as it relates to their daily lives.

2nd step

Ms. JacksonCarroll prepares students for life.

- Students learn to set goals and expectations for themselves and their group. In the process, they learn valuable life and social skills.

Music

- Mr. Wise and Mrs. McCarthy work to instill in our students the importance of organization, dedication, and creativity.

In my brief experience, I have found that sometimes students who are unsuccessful in academic areas can be outstanding achievers in the enrichment classes.

To Kaiser's enrichment teachers, thank you for your awesome support. I hope you'll forgive my exploitations of your programs. To the teachers in the academic areas, thanks for recognizing that what is done in enrichment relates directly back to what you are teaching. Together, we enrich the learning experiences of our students.

Thank You,

Darren L. 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 June 2, 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!

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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KAISER CALENDAR

| DATE / DAY | EVENT |
|-------------|---|
| May 7-14 | Kaiser Science Fair |
| May 14 | Career Day, 9:30-11:30am |
| May 21 | SSC Meeting |
| May 22 | PTA Board Meeting |
| May 23 & 26 | No School |
| May 27 | K-3 Open House, 6pm ORFF Performance, 6:30pm |
| May 29 | 4-5 Open House, 6pm Instrumental Concert, 6:30pm |
| May 30 | Kaiser Alive Picnic |
| June 4 | Field Day |
| June 5 | Ice Cream Social for Incoming Families, 4-6pm |
| June 11 | 5 th Grade Promotion |

Check out the complete 2013-2014 school year calendar at
www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar

August 25 - Day of School 2014-15

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 Community,

Great job Susy Hovland and Jennifer Sedlachek for coordinating the Kaiser Walk-A-Thon. Also, great job to the Kaiser Dads' Club for coming through again with another great BBQ. Thank you to everyone that helped and for all the students that participated in this event. Thank you everyone! We have many more fun end-of-year activities, so keep your eyes and ears open (or just check the Kaiser website calendar).

Thank you everyone who stepped up to be on the PTA Board next year. We only have one position left... Treasurer! Contrary to what most people think, this is not a scary position. It would be helpful if someone with bookkeeping, accounting or budget experience handle this position. The Treasurer is responsible for processing checks, balancing the PTA checkbook, sending appropriate fees to Peralta PTA and working with our CPA to make sure our PTA taxes are filed on a timely basis. Everything is input into QuickBooks, so you just need to categorize the expenses and run reports from QuickBooks. This position takes approximately 10 hours per month. Plus, this position is great for full time working parents that want to help the school, but cannot help during school hours since they work. If you think you might be interested in this position, but have a few more questions, please feel free to email me at KaiserPresident@gmail.com.

On a completely different note, I wanted to make sure everyone congratulates Ms. Sheila (our office administrator) for her son's full scholarship to Cal Berkeley. This is a great accomplishment! He is a product of the OUSD system (elementary through high school) and, through hard work and dedication, he has secured a scholarship. Great job!

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza
Kaiser PTA President



Don't forget that if your child is tardy to school to have them sign in on the school computer located in the school office. Also, if your child is late or leaving early because of a doctor or dentist appointment, they should get a note from their doctor or dentist. Please provide this note to Ms. K who works in the school office.

One last note... **PARENTS MUST CALL THE SCHOOL IF THEIR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL.** If no one answers the phone, please leave a message on the machine. They will check it.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

[The Path of Parenting](#) @ SF Zen Center, Green Gulch Farm

Sunday, May 18, 11 am - 5.30 pm (*includes lunch*).

Science and spirituality come together in this unique parenting workshop co-led by Buddhist teacher Laura Burges and psychologist Dr. Erica Reischer.

This workshop is for any parent who wants to **cultivate greater mindfulness and learn proven parenting methods** for shaping positive behavior and raising happy, secure and loving kids. Workshop topics include:

- The ABC's of great parenting—Acceptance, Boundaries, and Consistency
- How to gently reshape challenging childhood behaviors
- How to help kids and their parents manage intense feelings
- Meditation instruction—plus mindfulness practices for children and their parents
- Buddhist principles that support sound parenting

[Registration information and more details, go to http://www.sfzc.org/ggf.](http://www.sfzc.org/ggf)



Ice cream social for incoming kindergartners will be on Thursday, June 5, from 4 – 6pm. Volunteers are needed to help serve ice cream and to welcome new families to Kaiser. If you can help, please contact Lisette at Lisettebaha@earthlink.net