



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

February 1, 2017

KAISER CALENDAR

Monday, 02.20.17	NO SCHOOL*
Thursday, 03.09.17	PTA Meeting (ALL)
Friday, 03.10.17	Dad's Club Movie Night
Saturday, 03.25.17 6pm - midnight	Annual Auction

* President's Day

Save the Dates!

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Dear Kaiser Families:

The sounds and smiles of our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders at the Orff music concert last week (see picture below) was a reminder of what makes Kaiser Elementary such a special place. But music isn't the only subject at Kaiser that promotes harmony and collaboration. At last Friday's professional development, our staff shared highly engaging and collaborative strategies to teach math. Things sure have changed since we (parents and staff) were in elementary school. I recall being taught that there was one right way to solve a problem. Today's math instruction allows our children to come to conclusions through multiple avenues, and the thinking that goes into an answer is as important as the answer itself. Socio-emotional learning (SEL) is woven into the mix as well.

In a turbulent time, the positive culture and climate of Kaiser Elementary is more important than ever. Thanks for all YOU do to contribute to this.

Dennis Guikema, Principal



TAKING A STAND IN DIFFICULT TIMES

The city of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District are "sanctuaries" for those who are undocumented. Find out more at <http://www.ousd.org/sanctuary>

Many Kaiser families and kids are also taking a stand on issues important to them. On the next page are two pictures from the recent Oakland Women's March in Downtown Oakland.

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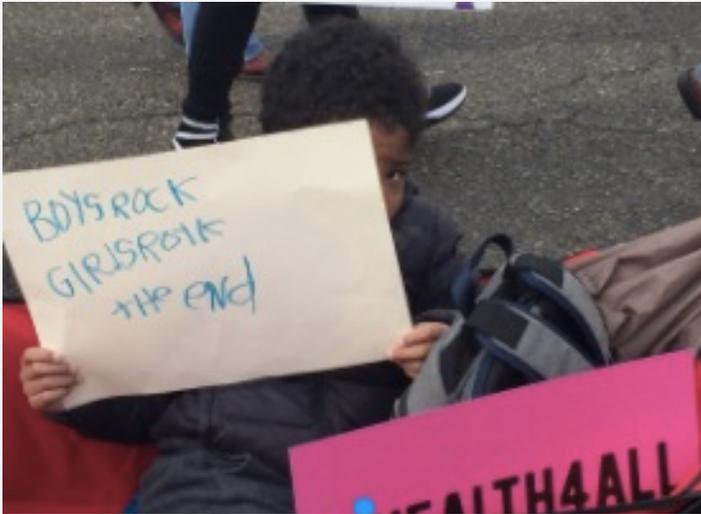


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The picture of Rhyan and his sign was picked up by the news wires and broadcast on BuzzFeed, NBC and other outlets. The picture of Addie riding above the crowd on her dad's shoulders was snapped by Principal Guikema.



CALIFORNIA PARENT SCHOOL SURVEY

We are hoping to hear from all Kaiser families in this year's **California Parent School Survey!** This is an opportunity to notice areas of strength in our school community as well as opportunities for growth. All staff and 5th graders take a version of this survey, and this year I am hoping that every child will have a family member responding as well. We will be sharing data from this survey, and it will help guide the decisions of our staff, SSC, and PTA.

Speaking from experience, it will take less than 5 minutes to complete!

ACTION FOR FAMILIES:

Please take the survey! Here is a shortcut link to access the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/KaiserCHKS>

Thanks for taking the time to do this!



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Rough winter. Tough stuff coming down. Wind, rain, cold and flu. The rain is so, so welcome, but the flu? The flu? Take my advice. You don't want to go that route. Anyway,...

THERE ARE GREAT THINGS GOING ON AT KAISER ELEMENTARY!

K - 3RD ORFF MUSIC CONCERT RECAP

Mr. Eli had a shining moment in time in the multi-purpose room rolling out his musical magic for the ORFF Music Performance. With up to fifty little Kaiser Panthers on stage at once, he had the students working as stage hands. tinkling xylophones, genres spanning folk to contemporary and glittering interpretive dances involving second graders and even sports. Songs sung in Spanish and African tongues brought the blend of diversity home and Cat Stevens put the cherry on top.

You can do what you want, the opportunity is on. There's a million things to be. You know that there are."

After being kept glued to their seats for the entire performance, every attendee left the room with a proud and delighted heart, confident that Kaiser Elementary School is THE school for the ARTS.

GENERAL PTA UPDATE

The PTA continues to work hard organizing and preparing for the next round of activities and community events. **February** is looking pretty quiet since we've changed the auction date to later in the spring. Then comes **March** when we will launch our official pledge month. This project represents a pivotal effort in the establishing the success of our year's journey. We have two events the first full week of the month with a Dad's Club Movie Night and our PTA Association Meeting. Our new Auction date is March 25th. Please, take a moment to contact Rebecca Mullens, our volunteer organizer, Parin Shah or Jim Armstrong if you can help in any way with donations or service on the day of the event.

So lets just hunker down, stay warm and get through the winter. Here's to better times and brighter days just around the corner.

Linda Handy
President, Kaiser PTA

DONATION MATCHING CAMPAIGN

NOW IS THE TIME TO DONATE!!!!

The kindness and generosity of our Kaiser Community never ceases to amaze me. Many, many thanks to one of our wonderful and awesome Kaiser families (who wishes to remain anonymous) that has offered to hold their Annual Matching Campaign.



Details:

For every \$1 the community donates, a generous family will donate .50 per dollar up to \$1,000.

This means that if the community can bring in \$2,000, this family will donate \$1,000. Just write a check to "Kaiser Elementary PTA" and put it in the PTA box in the front office or go to our website and scroll down to the "donate now" button.

I want to encourage every one to help us take advantage of this opportunity to reach the \$1000 goal. Lets grab those check books and piggy banks and "make it so"!



