



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

March 7, 2017

KAISER CALENDAR

Thursday, 03.09.17	PTA Meeting (ALL)
Tuesday, 03.14.17 – Friday, 03.17.17	Early Dismissal
Saturday, 03.25.17 7pm – 10:30pm Oakland Museum	Annual Auction
Friday, 06.02.2017 5:30pm – 8:00pm Lake Temescal	Kaiser Alive Picnic

Save the Dates!

SCHOOLA

Kaiser Lost & Found and Schoola, an online kids discount clothing store Ever wonder where the Lost & Found items go from rack outside the multi-purpose room? They are donated to an online company called Schoola, a kids discount clothing store. All the brand name items donated to Schoola are then sold in their online store and any purchases made from the items we donated go back to Kaiser's PTA fund to continue to benefit our school's programs. A recent check we received from Schoola included a purchasing discount code of 50% off any clothing purchased online and I wanted to share that discount code with the community.

At checkout, use code: OURSCHOOLS

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Dear Kaiser Families:

This month we welcome longer days and the official start of Spring. The hills around Kaiser are a verdant green and campus gardens are bright with color.

We are looking forward to our auction this month! I hope to see EVERY adult Kaiser family member at this fun and important event. If you haven't already bought your tickets, get them now at www.tinyurl.com/KaiserAuction. There is more information about this and how to bid online in this edition of The Pink Panther. Please invite local friends to join us at the event and friends far and wide to bid online!

Our 2nd marking period report cards will be going home this Friday in an envelope that should be signed and returned to your child's teacher. Next week we have minimum day dismissal at 1:30 PM from Tuesday, March 14, through Friday, March 17. (Monday the 13th is a full day with a 3:00 PM dismissal.) If your child is enrolled in Adventure Time after school program, it will be available those days.

Finally, we are already looking ahead to next year. You will see an important page in this edition of The Pink Panther that asks you to confirm your plans to return to Kaiser or to change schools. (5th grade families need not complete this form.) Please return this to the Kaiser office or your teacher in the next two weeks. I expect that all families will get this back to us by the March 24th deadline.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at school as well as at the auction!

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal



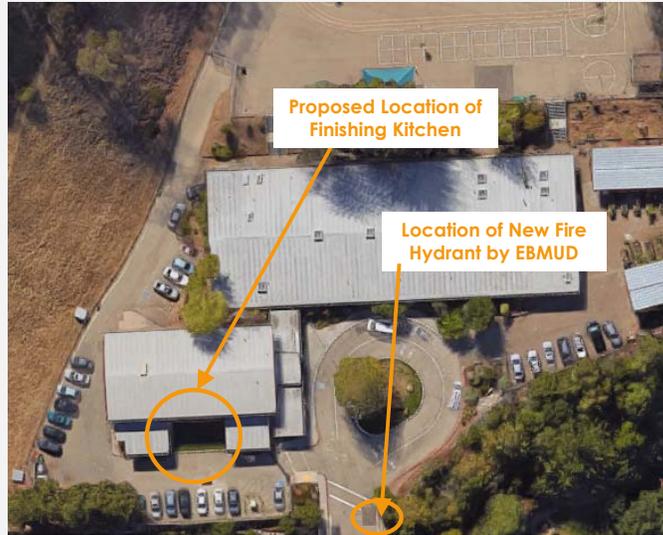


School News

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

New Fire Hydrant:

During Spring Break, EBMUD will be installing a new fire hydrant at the top of Hill Ct, near our traffic circle. During this week of vacation, the campus will be open to pedestrian, but not vehicle traffic. As there are no classes or programs this week, this will not negatively impact Kaiser students or families.



Aerial View of Kaiser Elementary



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Currently, the Multi-Purpose Building at Kaiser Elementary School serves as a makeshift kitchen serving pre-packaged food delivered to the school. The scope of this project is to construct a fully equipped Finishing Kitchen addition to the Multi-Purpose Building. The Finishing Kitchen will have space to prepare food and will contain a service line of hot food, salad bar and milk coolers.

UPDATE

Project plans approved by Division of State Architect (DSA) on Feb. 22nd. Bidding in March 2017. EBMUD is scheduled to install new fire hydrant at top of South Hill Court during 2017 Spring recess 4/3 thru 4/7 & will be closed to automobiles but open to foot traffic. Construction scheduled to start June 13, 2017.

MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Design Completion & DSA Approval	February 22, 2017
Bidding & Contract Approval by BOE	March 2017
Construction (8 months)	6/2017 thru 2/2018

Finishing Kitchen:

Plans for a “finishing kitchen”, which will greatly improve the quality and healthy options for school lunch, have been in the works for some time. This project is moving forward, and it is expected that construction will start at the beginning of summer vacation. While the plan is to get much of the “heavy” work done over the summer, the construction is scheduled to continue through February, 2018.

February 2017

Kaiser Elementary School Finishing Kitchen

Project Address

25 South Hill Ct, Oakland, CA 94618

Architect

Byrens Kim Design Works

Project Manager

Mary Ledezma
mary.ledezma@ousd.org

Quick Facts

Funded by Measure J Bond

OUSD's 'Rethinking School Lunch in Oakland' initiative is dedicated to expanding the District's healthy meals program by updating meal service facilities districtwide. This includes renovating and building finishing kitchens on school campuses, allowing our students to enjoy fresh meals prepared daily on site.



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PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE FROM LINDA HANDY

Dear Kaiser Families,

Don't know if it is really fair to measure a teacher's influence when she is not in her classroom, but I dropped by Ms. Apaydin's class last week at the start of the morning. She was in a meeting and Mr. J was covering. Her expert effectiveness was definitely on display. I was drawn into the class because of conversations I heard about some of my favorite things: commas, capital letters and quotation marks. The students were engaged in an on-going discussion about an assignment entitled Warm Up #59. This type of warm up exercise is apparently a routine day starter for Ms. Apaydin's class. As Mr. J handled questions and took attendance, the class settled into the day's work like little experts. When they finished the assignment, most students transitioned into silent reading of their individually selected choices or they worked on art and other items while they waited for all to complete Warm Up#59. I found a seat and watched as Mr. J lead a stimulated discussion of the editing assignment with students supplying grammar rules and reasons for their corrections to the sentences. When Ms. Apaydin returned from her meeting, she was able to seamlessly slip into her first lesson of the day. I felt I should probably leave the room at that point, but I found myself still captivated. The lesson was on non-fiction reading strategies. Once again, I saw that class discussions and contributions were an established habit. Students supplied ideas for tackling non-fiction selections including the importance of previewing the reading material, close reading to look for unfamiliar words, revisiting the material a second and even third time focusing on meaning and annotating in the margins, on post-it notes, index cards or in a journal. Ms. Apaydin has her class rules posted on the back wall of her classroom. As I sat in her class, both in her absence and after she returned, I want her to know that I observed her few simple rules in action. Her students were kind to each other; they were respectful to each other, to Mr. Jay and to me; they certainly assumed responsibility, and they worked with each other in unity. There was the usual amount of youthful exuberance bubbling around the room as the students went about their tasks, but more than that, there was the joy of learning and the mark of an effective Kaiser teacher on display.

Linda Handy, PTA President

KAISER ALIVE!

Kaiser Alive is up and running. "Thank you's" are in order for Annie de Yong and Carolyn Sacramento who are making this project a reality. Cover art will be collected this Friday and I get to join Mr. Guikema in tackling the hard task of selecting the winners of the cover contest. We will announce the winners in the kick-off assembly on March 27th, and the participants then have until May 7th to complete their volunteer work. Hope everyone will join us on June 2nd for the Kaiser Alive Picnic at Lake Temescal 5:30-8:00PM.



PTA News

PTA MEETING – THIS THURSDAY!

Hope to see everyone at the PTA meeting this Thursday. We have our board election scheduled. We are still in need of a parent to fill the treasurer position. Our current treasurer Nadia Bari has completed the two terms allotted her, but she has volunteered to serve in an advisory capacity to the new treasurer. So, if you love numbers, budgets and have the time, we are in need of your expertise. The job may be challenging, but it is also rewarding.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
6:00 – 6:35	Principal's Welcome	Mr. Guikema
6:35 – 6:40	Principal Introduces TA President	Linda Handy
6:40 – 6:45	Minutes Read and Approved	Felicia Romero
6:45 – 6:55	Membership Report / Update Volunteer Needs	Rebecca Mullens
6:55 – 7:00	Fundraising Report	Cynthia Nelson
7:00 – 7:15	Treasurer's Report	Nadia Bari
7:15 – 7:30	Auction Update	Parin Shah & Jim Armstrong
7:30 – 7:45	Election of New Board	Jim Armstrong
7:45 – 7:55	Open Discussion: Listserv	Jim Armstrong
8:00	Meeting Adjourns	Linda Handy

PTA PLEDGE MONTH

March is Pledge Month. We are depending on your generosity this year like never before. Our students deserve the excellent music, art and computer instructions, reading specialists, classroom assistants, and administrative support that you provide through the PTA. Please go to the Kaiser Elementary School website at www.kaiserelementary.org and click the DONATE button to make your contribution or drop off your Cash or Check payment in the PTA drop box in the office. Friends and family can help, and don't forget to check with your human resource department to see if your company provides matching funds. You can maximize the effectiveness of your gift through the matching funds program that many organizations offer.





**Friday,
April
21st @
7:05 pm**

**Oakland
A's vs.
Seattle
Mariners**



Kaiser Elementary Day at the A's!

GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Enjoy a game with Kaiser Elementary friends & family!
- Discounted tickets in the Field Level seating area
- Portion of every ticket sold goes toward supporting Kaiser Elementary
- Pet Calendar giveaway to first 10,000 fans

Seating Area:
Field Level

Ticket Price:
\$28

Deadline to purchase tickets:
Monday, March 27th

Please make checks payable to
"Kaiser Elementary"
Submit completed order forms and payment to the
front office

For any questions or for more info, please contact
Alysia McDonough at alysia.mcdonough@gmail.com

PARENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CHILD'S NAME & TEACHER: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF TIX: _____ x \$28= _____



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OUSD ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION



OAKLAND UNIFIED
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Community Schools, Thriving Students

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School
2017-18 Assignment Confirmation – Continuing Students

Dear Kaiser Elementary Families –

As we prepare for the upcoming 2017-18 school year, please let us know if your child will be returning to our school next year. **Please return this form to school by Friday, March 24.** (Note: 5th grade families do not need to complete this form.)

Yes, our child will return to this school next year. If our plans change, we will notify the school immediately.

No. We've received a letter from the Student Assignment Center with a new OUSD school placement.

No, we are choosing a non-OUSD school. Name of new school: _____

City: _____

If not returning, reason for choosing a different school: _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Full Name of Student: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any input about next year's class assignment, please write this on the back of this form or email Mr. Guikema (dennis.guikema@ousd.org). Family input is taken into consideration and valued, but it is not a guarantee of a specific class assignment.

