



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

October 11, 2016

KAISER CALENDAR

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Thursday, 10.13.16	Flu Shots
Friday, 10.14.16	NO SCHOOL*
Monday, 10.17.16 – Friday, 10.21.16	MINIMUM DAYS**
Saturday, 10.22.16	Harvest Fair
Friday, 10.28.16	Costume Ball
Saturday, 11.5.16	Anne Lamott

Hello Kaiser Families!

It feels as though we just started the current school year, but we are already looking ahead to the next and need your help to spread the word. We are gearing up for the 2017 – 2018 OUSD Options Enrollment process. We will hold several Info Sessions and School Tours for prospective families. This information is also at KaiserElementary.org and on our Facebook Page. We need your help to spread the word about our special school community!

Meanwhile, in the past week you may have noticed a couple new smiling faces on campus. This year, for the first time, we have two counseling interns who are available to work individually or in small groups with children. Of course, this work is with prior consent of families. Please join me in welcoming Uzma and Barry, and if you would like to know more about their services, please see me or Ms. Jackson.

At Kaiser, kids’ learning comes first, but adult learning is also essential for us to continue to provide relevant, engaging, rigorous and differentiated instruction. Kaiser staff meets weekly on Wednesday’s for our professional learning. We have just closed our first cycle, focused on school wide and classroom expectations, culture, and climate. We are now headlong into a cycle focused on non-fiction writing, aligned with Common Core standards and the work of Lucy Calkins. This Friday, October 14, is a “student release day” at Kaiser and all OUSD schools for a full day of professional learning.

As I’m entering my second month in the Kaiser community, I am continually moved by the...

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- All OUSD Schools – Staff Development

** Family / Teacher Conferences

1:30pm dismissal daily. There will be Adventure Time, but NO after school enrichment classes this week

Save the Dates!

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If you would like to submit feedback or request to have content published in the Pink Panther, please contact, Editor Celia Carter at celiacarter@gmail.com





School News

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA (CONTINUED)

tremendous positive impact our family volunteers make! Thanks to the 79 people who participated in the onsite fingerprinting recently, as well as the many families who have submitted their TB clearance. If you still need to do either of these things, it is not too late. More information is on our website.

As we move into the 2nd week of October, there are a couple things on my mind that are not specific to Kaiser, but directly impact our school. First, October 24 is the last day for Californians to register in order to vote in the November elections. With ballot measures that directly impact education funding, and leadership choices both locally and nationally, I hope all Kaiser families are voting and encouraging others to do so. You can register to vote on-line at <http://registertovote.ca.gov> The second thing is that October 20 marks the 25th anniversary of the Oakland Fire Storm. Our school was narrowly spared by this disaster, but some in our community lost lives, were injured, or lost their homes. Our thoughts go out to all those impacted on this anniversary, as we also remember to keep safety on the forefront of our minds at school and at home.

Dennis Guikema, Principal

SHOO THE FLU



Kaiser Elementary students who have turned in a signed permission slip will be given the flu vaccine on October 13th. The vaccine is administered by trained nurses during school hours. The vaccine is free to all students, plus Kaiser teachers and staff are also able to receive the vaccine at no cost. "Shoo the Flu" will need at least 2-4 volunteers to help with pulling children from class and walking children back to class. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Padilla in the Kaiser office (510-549-4900).

MORE ON FINGERPRINTS FOR VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE

We have made a minor clarification to the information about volunteer clearance. The update is to note that anyone going to get fingerprinted must bring a specific form with them. The form is available to be printed online and/or available in the Kaiser front office.

The updated information, with a link to the form, can be found at:

<http://www.kaiserelementary.org/volunteer>



PTA News

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT.....

Hello Kaiser Families,

Hope all are enjoying this wonderful fall! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the PTA events noted on the front page of this issue of the Pink Panther!

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with these events. If you have time to offer please contact Rebecca Mullens our membership/volunteer coordinator. We need parent volunteers to make the Fall Festival a success. We need ushers and hostesses for the Anne Lamott evening and, planning ahead, we are seeking help with request for donors to the Kaiser Auction in February. Please consider signing up for one or all of these events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest appointed PTA Board member, Jasara Navarro. Jasara joins us as Historian and we are looking forward to working together.

Included here you will find the approved Kaiser PTA Budget for the the 2016/2017 school year. Our thanks to our treasurer, Nadia Bari. Nadia can be reached at kaisertreasurer@gmail.com for questions.

Linda Handy
Kaiser PTA President

CHINOOK BOOK FUNDRAISER: TWO WEEKS LEFT!

There are less than **TWO WEEKS LEFT** to sell the books you have committed to sell and/or request more books to buy or sell!

HOW IT WORKS - THE LOGISTICS

- 1) You request as many books as you think you can sell (no advance payment required).
- 2) You sell books and collect the money. (\$20 / book)
- 3) Return money and any unsold books to Sandra Litchy by Friday, 21-Oct-2016.

NOTE: If you would like to turn in money prior to 21-Oct-2016, you pay drop the completed envelope (seal and fold in half) in the locked PTA box in the office.

WHO TO CONTACT

Contact Sandra Litchy via email (slitchy@yahoo.com) or mobile (510-502-3467) to purchase books or pickup books to sell.

PRIZES AVAILABLE

There are two to three families geared up toward winning the \$100 and \$50 gift cards for selling the most books! There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners with other prizes as well.

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PTA News

VISIT THESE EXCITING VENDORS AT THE HARVEST FAIR!

We are pleased to be having a handful of community businesses and organizations hosting booths at the upcoming Harvest Fair. Please be sure to visit:

- Farm Fresh To You
- Bike East Bay
- Teresa Green – Probate, Trust and Estate Attorney
- College Fund Programs
-and more!!

Please see the general flier on the next page for Harvest Fair information.

ANNE LAMOTT EVENT: SAT., NOV. 5th 7:30 PM

ABOUT THE EVENT

We are excited and honored to announce that author Anne Lamott will be speaking at a special event, with all funds benefiting Kaiser Elementary's art program. You won't want to miss her progressive and profound perspective and powerful presence.

This event is open to all, so please share event details with your personal communities!

TICKETS MAY SELL OUT!

Visit the URL to the right to buy your tickets today!

There are a limited number of discounted, \$5 tickets available, for those families who cannot afford the \$25 tickets. Please visit the Kaiser Elementary School office for these tickets.



Anne Lamott is a bestselling novelist and essayist who lives in Northern California. She has generously donated her time to speak at this event to raise funds in support of the arts enrichment program at Oakland's

Henry J Kaiser Elementary.

An Evening with **Anne Lamott**

SATURDAY NOV. 5 2016

MONTCLAIR PRESBYTERIAN
5701 THORNHILL DRIVE, OAKLAND

\$25 - \$100

VIP event from 6:30-7:30pm with wine, cheese, and music.
Tickets for this are a minimum donation of \$100.

The main event starts at 7:30pm

Buy tickets online at www.eventbrite.com

Co-sponsored by A Great Good Place for Books
www.ggpbooks.com/



You're invited to Kaiser Elementary School's
5th annual

harvest fair

A fun community celebration and fundraiser with music, carnival booths, entertaining games, arts & crafts, a toy sale, bake sale, and delicious BBQ.

Where: Kaiser Round-About

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 11 AM to 2 PM

