



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

December 13, 2016

KAISER CALENDAR

Wednesday, 12.14.16 6:40pm 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert

Monday, 12.19.16 – Monday, 01.02.17 NO SCHOOL*

* All OUSD – Winter Recess

2017
Save the Dates!

Thursday, 01.12.17 PTA Meeting Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, 01.21.17 Dad's Club Pancake Bkfst

Tuesday, 01.24.17 ORFF Music Performance

Saturday 02.11.17 Annual Auction

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Happy Holidays Kaiser Elementary Families:

This small window between Thanksgiving and our Winter Holidays is an exciting and creative time at Kaiser Elementary. The sounds of music and play rehearsals waft through the school, and learning brightens and warms our short and cold days in all of our classrooms.

As we head into this winter break I am wishing you and your families a peaceful and restful time. Encourage your kiddos (and yourselves!) to keep reading over this vacation.

As we head into 2017, **one New Year's resolution I would like us to make as a school is to reduce our number of tardies.** Most families put considerable effort getting to and from Kaiser each day, and it is understandable that there will be an occasional tardy. But the rate of tardies we experience, for some children, impacts their learning. In the new year I will be having conversations with individual families about this.

I want to thank all the family members who jumped through significant hoops to become "fully certified" to volunteer at Kaiser in 2016. By registering with the Oakland Ed Fund, being fingerprinted, and submitting proof of a negative TB test, many more volunteer options are opened. If you have any questions about this or want to confirm your volunteer status, feel free to contact Guadalupe Padilla in our office or by email at Guadalupe.Padilla@ousd.org

Finally, it is the support of Kaiser families and our amazing PTA that makes our music, art, computer, and academic enrichment possible. Please consider the PTA in your year end giving and please reach out to local businesses you patronize to ask for a donation to our annual auction coming up on Saturday, February 11, 2017.



Sincerely,
Dennis Guikema, Principal





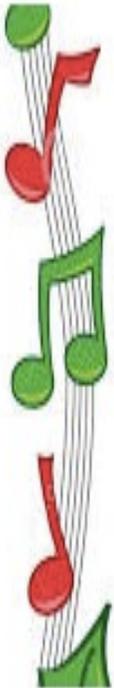
School News

BE SAFE, MINDFUL AND RESPONSIBLE VIDEO

Kaiser Elementary's school wide expectations center around being Safe, Mindful, and Responsible. Throughout the year we teach, practice, and discuss the importance of these expectations in a variety of ways. Last week all students have seen this fun video. I hope Kaiser families will watch and discuss this with your children at home too. :-)

Link to Video: <http://tinyurl.com/kaisersafe>

KAISER 4TH & 5TH GRADE WINTER PROGRAM



Wednesday, December 14th at 6:40pm

Dear Kaiser Families:

You are invited to join us for the opening instrumental event of the year. Come celebrate the winter season with the music of the Kaiser Band and Orchestra and hear the beginners perform for their very first time. You won't want to miss it! The concert will be followed by Mr. Neat's 5th grade play.

Parents, please keep encouraging your child to practice regularly: 10-20 minutes / 5 times a week is suggested (or 50-100 minutes per week). We want to sound great for our performance.

Concert participation is mandatory. Please let me know if your child won't be there because of an early vacation or other circumstances.

Thanks for your support.

Claudia McCarthy & Candy Sanderson
Instrumental Music Teachers

**Strings report at 6:20 p.m./Band 6:30 p.m.
**Concert attire: Something nice!*



KAISER / CHARLESTON WRAP ITEM DELIVERY

For those who participated in this fundraiser and ordered products,

**The items will be delivered directly to your child's classroom
this Friday, December 16th.**

Please contact Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Parent Coordinator, Cassandra Dunn at cassandrajj@berkeley.edu with any questions.



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

PTA EVENT DATES

Greetings Kaiser Families,

PTA Calendar: The PTA Board has been hard at work tying down our calendar events for the next few months of the school year. We wish you a restful and enjoyable Holiday Season and then some fun and exciting dates to get us through the winter months. Be sure to mark your calendars for the events listed to the right. 

Charitable Donations: We are looking forward to the December 31st tax deadline that so many Kaiser families have taken advantage of in the past to enhance the impact of their donations. These donations help the PTA provide computer instruction, music, art, reading specialists, classroom assistance and administrative support staff. In these times of budget cuts and a general attitude of diminishing support to public education, your donations to Kaiser Elementary School are of critical value. You deserve a tax break so get your donations in by December 31st, and remember to check with your employers for matching funds. Many local and national companies do provide the matching funds option and we welcome community and business support from that area. To find out more about how to double your Kaiser donation, visit the Kaiser Elementary site at <http://www.kaiserelementary.org/fundraisers/>.

Snack Sales: The PTA owes a debt of gratitude to all of the Kaiser teachers and parents who are supporting our ongoing snack sales. All classes have hosted at least one sale, and some have already hosted two. Your efforts are contributing substantially to our fundraising target. As we acknowledge the work that goes into snack sales, we want to commend all involved on handling the challenge of finding healthy sales items. As teachers, parents, grandparents and just folks who want the best for our children, we respect the guidelines that are set to protect children from childhood obesity, diabetes, poor nutrition and food allergies. Finding snack items that are "ok", and that the students will eat is no easy job, but we want our snack sales to model the healthy food choices set by PTA guidelines. I have to say that our parents are doing a great job of keeping these challenges in the forefront. Please keep up the good work.

In closing, let's look forward to the Holidays with joy and then plan to start the New Year with renewed energy. Our PTA Association meeting on January 12th will be the opportunity to select a nominating committee for the upcoming board. We have the first of our ORFF music performances in January as well, and then the big event, the Auction. Jim Armstrong and Parin Shah are giving this project much energy and right now, they are in need of volunteer help soliciting auction items. If you are available and can help out as a host or hostess at the auction February 11th please contact Rebecca Mullens (our volunteer coordinator) by e-mail at rebeccakilkenny@gmail.com.

Thanks and Appreciation,

Linda Handy
Kaiser PTA President

12.31.2016	Donation Deadline for 2016 Tax Deduction
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01.12.2017	PTA Meeting, Spaghetti Dinner
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01.24.2017	ORFF and Instrumental Performance
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02.11.2017	Annual Auction, Oakland Museum
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02.23.2017*	Diversity Festival
<i>*To Be Confirmed</i>	

03.2017	Pledge Month
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Community News & Opportunities



NOLL / SOLL SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Spring 2017 registration is still open for all divisions!

You can find more information and register now at <http://www.nollsoll.com/registration-information/>. NOLLSOLL is open to boys and girls ages 5 thru 16 in Oakland, Piedmont, Emeryville and Berkeley (south of Virginia St).

Please note: Scholarships are also available for those in need. Please visit the NOLLSOLL website for more information.

Registration closes on December 19th for Competitive Divisions (ages 8 through 14) and January 17th for T-Ball and Farm Divisions.

SUBROSA COFFEE



A delayed special thank you to Subrosa Coffee who donated delicious coffee and treats at our Harvest Fair this year.

Please visit them at:
Subrosa Coffee 419 40th Street, Oakland
subrosacoffee.com

