



The Pink Panther

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School & Community Newsletter

April 18, 2017

KAISER CALENDAR

*Monday, 04.17.17 – Friday, 05.08.17	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Grade SBAC Testing
Tuesday, 04.18.17	PTA Meeting & Election
Friday, 04.21.17	Kaiser @ A's Game
Friday, 04.28.17	Oakland Community Orchestra @ Kaiser
Monday, 05.01.17 – Friday, 05.12.17	Math & Science Fair
Saturday, 05.06.17	WALKATHON!
Monday, 05.08.17 – Friday, 05.12.17	Teacher Appreciation
Wednesday, 05.10.17	Kaiser Alive! Booklets Due

**Exact test date(s) dependent on classroom*

Save the Dates!

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Kaiser Elementary Families:

I was asked by Ms. Haruyama if I could welcome everyone back from Spring Break by reciting a poem over our public address (PA) system. This is how I first learned about Kaiser's tradition of celebrating National Poetry Month by beginning each day with a poem. Listen closely after the first bell and you will hear the words of E.E. Cummings, Shel Silverstein, or even our own resident poet Alonzo Hardin.

This month is a busy one for us Kaiser. Students continue filling in their Kaiser Alive! booklets, upper grade scholars take the annual SBAC assessments, and all kids prepare projects for our science fair and get pledges for the walk-a-thon.

Taking a moment to look back, I am grateful for the auction volunteers and all those who bid on the wide variety of items last month. Your support keeps the visual arts, music, and academic support at Kaiser robust. Our school would not be the same without the tremendous participation of our families and community.

I hope you enjoy this issue of The Pink Panther!

Dennis Guikema, Principal

OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORCHESTA TO PERFORM AT KAISER

At Kaiser Elementary all 4th and 5th graders play an orchestra instrument. This month we will get to experience a full orchestra live! **The Oakland Community Orchestra will present two performances on Friday, April 28.** Kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade students will enjoy the 9:15 performance, while 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will have a 10:15 performance.

All Kaiser family members are welcome! Hope to see you there!





School News



THE SCIENCE FAIR!!

Early May at Kaiser Elementary is all about science! Here's where our young scientists will be showcasing their genius, curiosity, and innovation:

- **May 1ST-12TH:** The Science Fair will be on display in the hallways
- **May 6TH:** Science Fair judging during the Walkathon-- from 10-3 in the hallways. There will be several community members joining us as judges this year. If you know anyone who may be interested please send their information to Misato.Araki@ousd.org.
- **May 10TH:** We will announce the top 6 projects that will represent Kaiser Elementary at the Chabot Space and Science Center.
- **May 17TH:** The Gala Event at Chabot Space and Science Center from 5-8 PM where the top 6 projects from every school will be on display! This is a FREE family event and ALL are invited!



KAISER ALIVE! EARN POINTS! DONATE BOOKS & SUPPLIES!

KAISER ALIVE! IS UNDERWAY!

Did you know there are over **50 ways to earn points up to 475 points** in the Kaiser Alive! Booklet?

One of those ways is by **donating books and supplies!** You can earn 10 points for donating to the books to the Children's Hospital, and 10 points for donating supplies to a Local Women's and Children's Shelter (via Building Futures).

Thanks to all students and families who have already brought in books and supplies!

For those who have not, the Boxes/Bins for donations are now in the entry way across from the office.

As you are putting your donation together, please go to the link to review their updated "wish list": http://www.bfwc.org/wish_list.php. They are specifically looking for new toiletries, diapers, wipes, and easy food like microwavable soups, noodles, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

- Submitted by Annie deJong



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Greetings Kaiser Family,

Welcome back from an enjoyable and well-earned Spring Break. The Kaiser PTA has had excellent successes with our Auction and Pledge month, and as Spring evolves we are looking forward to several more fun events to complete the year!



We have Pizza and **PTA on Tuesday, April 18th**, which for some reading this, that's tonight or maybe yesterday, depending on when you see the PINK, (oh well!). Our agenda is to elect the new PTA board.



The Kaiser/ **Oakland A's Tailgate party on April 21**, from 5:30 until game time.



Saturday, May 1st begins the Kaiser Math and Science Fair.



Saturday, May 6th we host the Kaiser Walk-a thon and Science Fair Judging.



Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 8-12th, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COORDINATE. If you can help or chair please contact Rebecca Kilkenny, Annie deJong or myself.



Kaiser Alive Ends Wednesday, May 10th and all booklets will be collected.



Families may sign up to bring a favorite dish to our **PTA diversity Pot Luck on May 11th** where we will also feature a performance by our Kaiser Elementary African Dance Troupe.



We will host the **Spring ORFF performance on Tuesday May 23rd.**

June 2nd is the date for the Kaiser Alive Picnic at Lake Temescal from 5:30 – 8pm.

Volunteer at Kaiser!

I want to extend a thank you to Annie De Jong and Rebecca Kilkenny, our membership chair and volunteer coordinator for their dedication. As they work relentlessly to ensure that the events on this year's calendar are staffed, they are looking ahead to the 2017-2018 transition. Please take a few minutes to visit the link sent out via the Kaiser YahooGroup, or flip to the next page to see open opportunities. I can ensure you, you will join a wonderful team of parents and community members who have the best interest of our Kaiser students at heart.

Thank you
Linda Handy. Kaiser Elementary PTA President



PTA News

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS 2017 – 2018



We have a wonderful group of candidates who volunteered for our new PTA Board. It's time to make sure the rest of our activities run smoothly. Next year's programs for our kids depend on lots of you stepping up! There are many graduating/retiring program leads this year. Please think about your time/skills/interests and how you can pitch in. Respond to this email or contact our PTA President, Linda Handy kaiserpresident@gmail.com to volunteer.

Here's what we'll need to have a successful 2017-18--volunteer by yourself or with a friend:

Harvest Fair Coordinator(s)
Auction Chair(s)
Kaiser Alive Coordinator(s)
Potluck Coordinator(s)
Spring/ Fall Book Fair Coordinator(s)
Spring/Fall Dance Coordinator(s)
Math & Science Night Coordinator(s)
Teacher Appreciation Coordinator(s)

Grants Committee
Gardening Committee
Auction Committee
Kaiser Alive Committee
New Family Tours Committee
Kaiser Marquee
Facebook Page Moderator
Volunteer Clearance Coordinator
Box Tops Program Coordinator

- Submitted by Annie deJong



40TH Annual Kaiser Walk-A-Thon

May 6th, 10AM to 3PM

T-shirt Design Contest:

The winner, selected by Principal Guikema, is 5th grader Tycho Sedlachek! His design is shown above.

Online Pledge Site:

Hurray!!!! We have finalized the details for the on-line donation alternative – WALKSTARTER! A **COMPLETELY FREE** web based fundraising platform that makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends...and allows sharing via social media! Families can choose to set up an online account - or not - we have NOT shared any of the students' or parents' information with WALKSTARTER. WALKSTARTER Link: <https://kaiser.walkstarter.org/>

GO to "My WALKSTARTER", hit "GUIDE" and follow the very simple instructions to set up your child's online pledge page...and then email or share link via FB, Twitter or Google+! So Easy and So Effective! If you do not want to create an online pledge page for your child, you can simply forward the link above (<https://kaiser.walkstarter.org/>) to friends and family and they can donate to your child's Walkathon effort by clicking the "DONATE NOW" button. They simply need to enter your child's name and the donation will be tracked online!

Call for Volunteers:

Please Sign up for volunteer positions by **APRIL 28th** at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0548abad23a57-kaiser>. This awesome event relies on at least 60+ volunteers, so please consider donating your time. The volunteer slots are set up by location at hour-long intervals. And please sign up other members of the family if they would like to help.

Thanks! Walkathon Chairs - Jennifer Sedlachek, Christine Kizziah & Carolyn Sacramento

