



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 5, 2016

Principals' Message,

Good news! We are very close to being able to announce our selection of our new principal! As soon as our Superintendent gives his final approval, the unanimous choice of the Principal Selection Committee will be announced. We are thrilled, and know that you will be too, as your new principal is known for being accessible and building community.

As the three of us are reviewing all the goals that were set by the School Site Council last year, there are a couple of things that we haven't accomplished and that we hope to set in motion so that there will be a very smooth transition for our new principal.

One of the critical issues that we continue to address is the tardiness caused by traffic and the distances that so many of our families are traveling. We know that each family's circumstances are different, and we will try to contact you to see if there might be a way we can help. As adults, we know that when we arrive late to a movie, we are trying to figure out what happened before we took our seats. That's how each of our students feels. Missed instructional time tends to lead to decreases in student achievement. For the remainder of the year, we are going to recognize progress in getting to school on time. Last year, by May 5, we had over 2690 tardies. (Approximately 10/student.) We are so grateful that our families do get the children to school, but we really need to work on this together, having everyone in class by 8:45 a.m. Thank you all!

Another goal was to teach the students recess and lunchtime games and provide the equipment to play these games. A representative from Playworks comes one week per month and teaches new games. Ms. Hartney is working with the Junior Coaches to train them to help with these games.

Our new families are being welcomed to the school and we are delighted to have such a wonderfully diverse and excited group of new families. We will be inviting them to attend activities this Spring. Thanks to the welcoming committee, headed by Mary Young.

We had hoped to have more gatherings, so that our families could celebrate together. The calendar for next year will include more community-building events, and space out the fund-raising activities!

Be sure to encourage your wonderful children to participate in **Kaiser ALIVE!** This is a chance for them to develop the skills that will last a lifetime, and help them realize the impact that they can make on their own community!

Our best to you,

Maureen Hartney, Kathy Maloney and Katie McLane

Getting In The Know

How to be in the Pink Panther

The Pink Panther is your community newsletter! It comes home usually every other Tuesday. All community members can submit information to the newsletter. Submissions for the next newsletter are due to both editors by **SUNDAY 4/17/16 at noon.**

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Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on Tuesday 4/19/16!

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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**The Pink Panther is also available at
www.KaiserElementary.org.**

Check out the complete 2015-2016 school year [calendar](#) at the back of this newsletter or at www.kaiserelementary.org/events

KAISER CALENDAR

Apr. 6 Kaiser ALIVE Kick-off Assembly

Apr. 8 Walkathon T-shirt Design Due

Apr. 13 Walkathon Permission Slips Due

Apr. 20 PTA Board Meeting

Apr. 22 Spring Dance

TBD Kaiser Math/Science and Showcase

May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 Walkathon

May 18 Kaiser ALIVE booklets due

June 3 Kaiser ALIVE Picnic

June 9 Last Day of School

How to Reach Kaiser School

Our phone number is **(510) 549-4900** (includes a 24-hour message service).

To participate in the school community group, go to (and join) this website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>

President's Report

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful spring break.

The board would like to thank everyone who was able to make a donation during our March pledge drive because of the overwhelming response we are now within reach of our goal of \$35,000 dollars in pledges. If you planned to donate but didn't have the chance in March, it is not too late. Donation envelopes can be left in the black PTA mailbox located just inside the office.

If you are unable to make a monetary donation, please consider a donation of your time. We have a number of important events remaining this year including Kaiser Alive and the Walk-a-thon.

Thank you to every parent who has donated to the classroom snack sales. We know that following the OUSD Nutrition policy has been challenging and every class has done a great job adjusting. You can find a copy of the snack sale guidelines on the school website. Please refer to them if you are unsure if an item is acceptable.

Donation Opportunities:

- Amazon Smiles Program (use the link at kaiserelementary.org)
- eScript
- Lucky's S.H.A.R.E.S. Program (Cards available from kaiserpresident@gmail.com)
- Sports Basement (sign up as a basementeer) 10% of your purchase is donated to the school and you receive 10% off your purchase.
- PayPal donation (click the donate button on the kaiserelementary.org website).
- Cash donation in locked PTA mailbox

If you have any questions or concerns regarding PTA activities, please feel free to contact any board member.

Thank you,

Jim Armstrong
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Kaiser ALIVE!

*Active, Learning, Taking Initiative,
Volunteering, and Getting Energized*

What is it?

Kaiser ALIVE is a program designed to promote healthy living (exercise, nutrition, outdoor activities), community participation, and learning. On March 30th, each student will receive a Kaiser ALIVE booklet filled with suggested activities, and each activity is assigned a number of points. The activity period ends, and booklets are due, on Friday, May 15th. Students are recognized for participation, with prizes for students with the most points, at the Kaiser ALIVE picnic on June 5th. (The goal, of course, is fun, but the competition can inspire kids to get out and try something new.)

What's happening now?

The cover art contest ended on Friday, March 18th. We can't wait to see your children's work. Our acting Principals had the tough job of deciding which art should be featured on the Kaiser ALIVE booklets. Winners will be announced at the Kaiser ALIVE Kick-Off Assembly on Wednesday April 6th, and booklets will be distributed that day or soon thereafter. Let the activities begin!!

Kaiser ALIVE Schedule:

Kick-Off Assembly:	April 6 th
Activity Period:	April 6 th through May 18 th
Booklets Due:	May 18 th
Picnic:	June 3 rd , Lake Temescal