



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 31, 2016

Dear Kaiser Families- old and new!

As we welcome our new families to Kaiser, let's remember that, just like the Warriors, we all have to step up to be a winning team.

How wonderful it was to see our students all performing last week. The joy that was in their faces as they acted, sang and played musical instruments was so positive and the art that they've produced in their classes and also under Ms. Leonardo's skillful tutelage was inspiring. A talented group of amazing students are here at Kaiser.

Our PTA has worked diligently to support these programs over the past years, but we are in a dilemma right now, as one of our important grants for Ms. Leonardo, has expired. While our staff and grant writers are putting together grant proposals, we have no idea whether we'll get them, and we are over \$20,000 short of our ability to fund our current contractors. Our dream would be for each family to make an end of year contribution of \$75 to \$100, then we would be able to start the year knowing that our music, art and technology programs could continue. We'd love to leave this legacy for our new principal, Dennis Guikema.

The school year will begin on August 22nd, with registration on the 19th-22nd. After you have registered online or in our office in August, you will find out the class assignment for your child. Lucky for our students, all of our staff members treat each other's students as their own, and with the exchanging of classes for the enrichment programs, our students are welcomed wherever they are assigned. Kaiser has had a long-standing policy of not changing class assignments at the beginning of the school year.

Another policy that we have tried to re-instate, is that once the students are in class, that teachers should not be interrupted. We have to maximize the learning time, and treat class time as a sacred time for instruction. If parents/guardians wish to speak with the teachers, come to the office and set up an appointment. We love our parents and their involvement at Kaiser, but instructional time must be just that. If you are volunteering to aid with the instruction, the administration and your child's teacher will set the guidelines.

There are still fun times ahead: Spirit week (Tuesday, dress like someone else; Wednesday, wear a sports jersey or your walk-a-thon shirt; Thursday is Wacky dress and hair day; and Friday is pajama day. Field day is Wednesday morning, New Family Ice Cream Social is Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, and Friday at 1:30, we have Ms. McGhee's class performing, followed by Pope Flyne's African dance students.

Join us in bidding farewell to Sheila Loarca, administrative assistant, Aaron Hinde, computer teacher, and Daniel Krasnor. K teacher. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Most appreciatively,
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. As this is the last issue of the Pink for this school year, please consider submitting for next year!

Send submissions to our new editor, Celia Carter at celiacarter@gmail.com.

Great news!

Kaiser is one of 16 schools to launch the Oakland Promise program. All of our incoming kindergarten students will have a College Fund set up with a \$100 deposit. This is a program inspired by the City of Oakland in conjunction with OUSD.

Mr. Guikema wrote the application and it was accepted! Congratulations.

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

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

KAISER CALENDAR

May 31- Jun. 3	Sprit Week!
Jun. 1	Incoming Families - Ice-Cream Social, 3:30pm-5:00pm
Jun. 3	Ms. McGhee's class & African Dance performances, 1:30pm
Jun. 3	Garden Club 3pm-5pm (All welcome!)
Jun. 3	Kaiser ALIVE Picnic, Lake Temescal 5:30pm
Jun. 6-9	Early Release Days, 1:25pm
Jun. 8	5th Grade Promotion, 1pm
Jun. 9	Last Day of School
Aug. 20	Back to School BBQ & Registration
Aug. 22	2016-17 Classes Start

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

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/>

PTA President's Report

June 1, 2016

Upcoming PTA/School Events

Spirit Week	June 1-4		
Incoming Families Ice Cream Social	Wed. June 1	3:30-4:00	Kaiser Upper Yard
Kaiser Alive/End of Year Picnic	Fri. June 3	5:30-7:30	Lake Temescal Park
Back to School BBQ and Registration	Aug. 20		Kaiser

Thank You! We want to thank the entire community for your many contributions to PTA events and programs this year. While this has been a challenging year in many respects, we are very excited for what the next school year will bring. With a dynamic new principal, our continuing focus on offering outstanding arts education programs to our students, a commitment to expand our fundraising to outside sources such as grants and corporate giving programs and a new focus on PTA sponsorship of community development activities not tied to fundraisers.

PTA Meeting/Planning for the 2016/17 School Year: The Board will continue to meet through the summer to finalize a PTA budget, set a PTA schedule, and begin planning for our Fall events. If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns for the new year, please contact one of the following board members

Linda Handy: kaiserpresident@gmail.com

Jim Armstrong: kaiservicepresident@gmail.com

Nadia Bari: kaisertreasurer@gmail.com

We continue to look for volunteers to work on the following important committees or events;

- * Auction
- * New Enrollment/School Tours
- * Winter Art and Music Festival and Bazaar
- * Room Parent Coordinator
- * Teacher Appreciation Week
- * School Dances
- * Kaiser Alive
- * Gardening Committee

If you are willing to co-lead or volunteer on one of these two important programs or fundraisers, please contact Board President, Linda Handy kaiserpresident@gmail.com, any PTA Board member, or Ms. McLane.

Grants and Corporate Giving Committee: The Grants and Corporate Giving Committee is beginning to identify funding sources for many of the the school programs. Anyone interested in volunteering to support this important effort should contact Alexandra at kaiser.grants@gmail.com .

Spirit Wear: We have set a goal of providing one Kaiser shirt, free of charge, to every student next year. In order to do this, we will have to find a sponsor or sponsors to fund the cost. If you know of anyone or any company who might be able to help us reach this goal, please contact Jim Armstrong, kaiservicepresident@gmail.com

Thank you to Jolie and Lily, editors of the Pink Panther, for helping keep the Kaiser community aware of news and events!

Thank you,

Jim Armstrong / kaiserpresident@gmail.com or armj24@gmail.com

Kaiser Spirit Week 2016

May 31-June 03

Tuesday May 31-Twin/triplet day

Dress the same as someone

Wednesday June 01- Jersey Day

Wear your favorite sport shirt or team jersey

Thursdays June 02-Wacky Thursday

Mix Match your clothes, socks, shoes, wacky hair, etc...

Friday June 03-Pajama Day

Reflections on Art by 4th and 5th graders

I like art because it has opened my eyes to a new world and it has taught me how to be mindful. I would love to be an artist because it has made a difference in my life. – Madison

I learned that art can be lots of different things. Art can be creative, fun, happy. Art is also nice and peaceful because when doing art you need to concentrate. It has taught me a lot overall. Art is wonderful. – Owen

Art is a mixture of everything—calming, creative, culture, visions, kind, imagination. Everybody has different visions. Art is beautiful to see what others think. – Alejandro

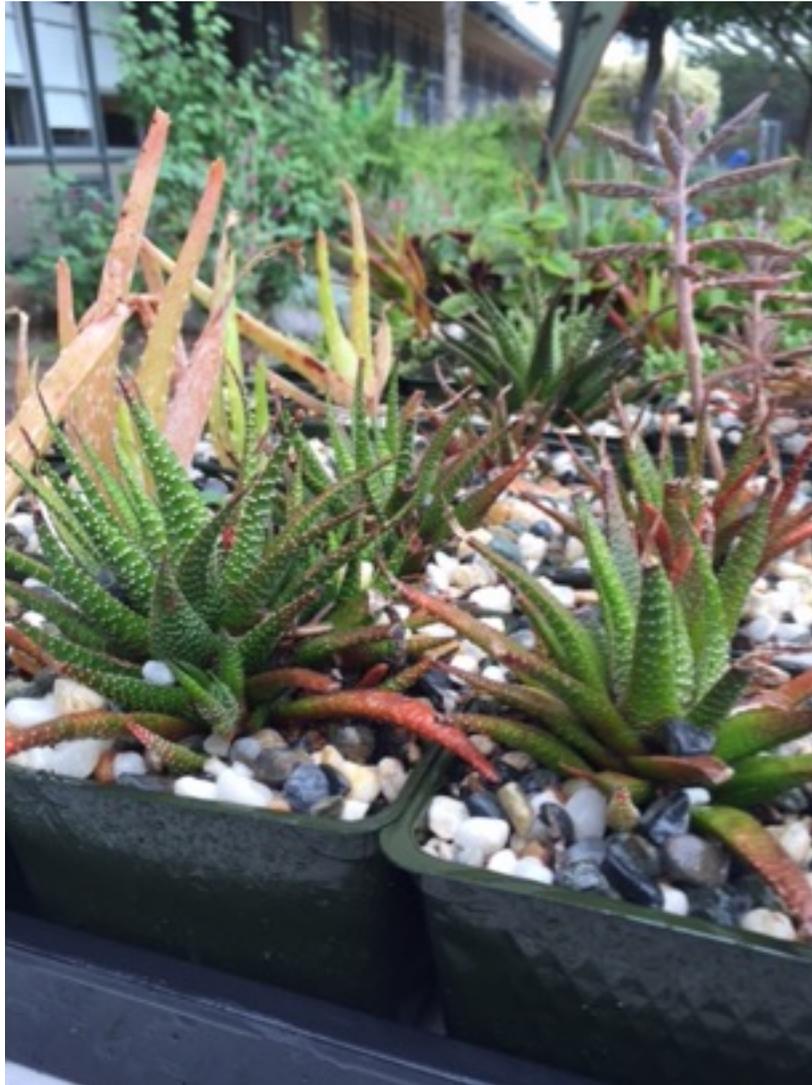
Art has taught me many wonderful things. How to use my imagination, to be creative, to express my thoughts, many cultures. We've done many exciting projects while remaining quite. – Kylie

I love art because you get to express how you feel, not in words but in colors and lines. I love it because you don't have to say anything in words. I love art because some people can understand what you are saying. There are no mistakes in art. – (no name)

I love that you can express your love for art and no one can judge you. I love that you can doodle and the teacher can't get mad. I love how all our projects affect us in a good way. I love how relaxing the music is. I love art. – Sophia

What I learned about art is that it calms me down. What I like about art is that we get another history lesson. What I learned about art is that it can make the bones in your hands grow. I like art. – (no name)

In art, be creative. Don't be the same as everyone else. Use your creativity and imagination. Don't be shamed that you are doing something different. You are amazing and what you do is amazing. – Daisy



KAISER'S GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOU!

(All Are Welcome; No Experience Required)

Please come join Kaiser's Garden Club to volunteer for our last meeting of the school year.

June 3, 2016, Friday; 3pm to 5pm
Kaiser Elementary Garden Area

For details, please contact Amy Schoneman: amysch1man@hotmail.com

DRAMA CAMP

There is still space and generous financial assistance available for the drama camps that will be held at Kaiser and Redwood Heights Schools this summer.

These are two week camps-full day-with extended care from 8:00-6:00. Full length productions, creative drama, theater games, improv and storytelling.

There are even a few sessions held at Kaiser's campus this summer.

Details can be found at www.dougsdrama.com

Please continue to clip and collect Boxtops for Education. We've already submitted more than 1,700 this school year! Let's see if we can reach 2,500.

Boxtops for Education are the little pink coupons found on many products you already purchase. Granola bars, cereals, apple sauce, Ziploc bags, Pillsbury biscuits, frozen pizzas, etc!

Boxtops can be dropped off in the box in the office. Our next submission will be June 1st.

Incoming Ice Cream Social

We are hosting the annual Ice Cream social for new students - if you know someone coming into the school please make sure to let them know about it.

The event takes place on June 1st from 3:30-5 PM on the upper yard.
Here is the evite <http://evite.me/B19jjj6gmX>

If you are around to help set up and serve - please let me know.

Thanks and I'm super excited to meet our new families.

Mary Young