



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1, 2016

Principals' Message

Dear Wonderful Kaiser Families,

The Principal Selection Committee is meeting again this week, after focusing on the eight major characteristics that we are looking for in a new principal. Thank you for your feedback. We were happy to hear that there currently are ten candidates who are applying for Kaiser and after we draft the interview questions this week, we will be ready for the first set of interviews in mid-March. The district is in the process of vetting the applicants this week and will be putting them through a rigorous process to assure that the candidates are ready to assume the many roles that a principal needs to be able to balance.

Early drop-offs- We have supervision from 8:30 a.m. on the upper yard. If at all possible, please do not drop off before 8:30. We almost had an accident last week as children dropped off early were playing behind the auditorium. There is still space in Adventure Time for early care. Parents are always welcome to join us on the upper field to help supervise before school.

Early pick-ups- Please try to avoid early pickups by arranging appointments on Wednesdays, whenever possible. If students must be picked up early, just come to the office and we will contact the teacher and have your child gather his or her things and meet you in the office. This is a procedure that is used throughout the OUSD schools to ensure the safety of all students.

Warm weather clothing- It seems a bit early to be talking about this, but we had a couple of lovely warm days and we need to remind our students that they are not on their way to the beach. For the young ladies, we recommend that their shorts not be too tight nor too short and that skirts also have shorts under them. Spaghetti straps are also not to be worn. Flip flops and sandals are also unsafe on the playground. We will demonstrate in the classes, so that the students know the dress code. Thanks, parents, for your cooperation.

Report cards will be distributed the week of March 14th, during or after the teacher/parent conferences that are scheduled for March 14, 15 and 16th.

Emergency drills and procedures- Our thanks to our wonderful parent, Mr. Ibarra, who has worked with Ms. Hartney to set up the procedures that will ensure safety on the field and within the school if there were to be an emergency.

Spring cleaning- Our thanks to our head custodian, Alonzo Hardin, for doing a great job of tidying up the school and making it sparkle!

Parking cones- Thank you all for helping us have a smooth flow of traffic by not parking in the circle or where our large cones are situated.

Appreciations also to Mr. J, our STIP sub who seems to be everywhere we need assistance! He is quite an asset to the school.

Planning ahead for next year? School will begin on August 22, 2016, the Thanksgiving break will be November 21-25, Winter break Dec. 19-Jan.2, 2017. Spring Break will be March 31- April 9 and the last day of school is June 9, 2017.

Appreciatively,
Maureen Hartney, Katie McLane and Kathy Maloney (acting principals)

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 3/13/16 at noon**.

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Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on Tuesday 3/15/16!

Last chance to check the Lost and Found for missing jackets, water bottles or lunch boxes. Items will be donated to charity after Friday 3/4/16.

Spring Teacher-Parent Conference are coming up on March 14-16. Look for a notice from your child's teacher if they feel a conference in necessary.

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

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KAISER CALENDAR

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| Mar. 1 | A's Ticket Kick-Off |
| Mar. 1 to Mar. 31 | Pledge Drive |
| Mar. 3 | 5th Grade Civil Rights Play, 6:30pm |
| Mar. 4 | Lost & Found cleaned out |
| Mar. 10 | PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm |
| Mar. 14 | Kaiser Alive Kick-Off |
| Mar. 14 | Minimum Day |
| Mar. 15 | Minimum Day |
| Mar. 16 | PTA Board Meeting |
| Mar. 25 | No School — Holiday |
| Mar. 28 to Apr.1 | No School — Spring Break |
| Apr. 20 | PTA Board Meeting |
| Apr.(TBD) | Kaiser Showcase and Dinner |

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

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/>

Hello Kaiser Families,

Just a reminder - we have our online auction open here;
<https://kaiser.schoolauction.net/auction2016/login>

We have some great item but also some really awesome party spots including;

Kite Making

Billiards Tournament

Beer Brewing Party

And the always favorite

KAISER FUN NIGHT with Kaiser Teachers on April 8th

Thanks for your support

Mary Young and the auction committee.

It's Girl Scout Cookie time

Get these favorites for \$5 per box:

Samoas
Savannah Smiles

Do-Si-Dos
Trefoils

Thin Mints
Tagalongs

And gluten-free Toffee-Tastic for \$6 per box.

Buy yours from
2/1 - 3/13 ONLY!

Kaiser Girl Scout Troops

will be selling cookies at school on these

Mondays from 3-4pm:

- 2/1 (Daisy Troop)
- 2/29 (Brownie Troop)
- 3/7 (Juniors Troop)



Hello Kaiser Community!

The first of March starts our March for Donations Campaign. We are kicking it off with a matching donation from a very generous family. They will give \$1 for every \$2 donated up to \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000. We need to raise \$560 per student to continue our current PTA programming. Consider asking the company you work for if they give matching donations!

Companies we have received matching donations from in the past:

Wells Fargo

PG&E

Disney (for employees who work for Pixar)

Kaiser Permanente

ExxonMobile

Salesforce.com

Working Assets

Genentech

CSAA

Morgan Stanley

We have raised almost \$21,000 so far but need to get to \$35,000 to meet our goal. We need to meet our goal to continue funding programs such as music, art, computer, academic support, assemblies, and administrative support. Thank you for supporting Kaiser Elementary!!