



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 5, 2015

Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see so many Kaiser students and families at the Walkathon this weekend. I am constantly amazed and impressed at how much our community does to support our teachers and staff on a daily basis. I want to thank all of you for all that you do to make Kaiser such a wonderful place to be.

As we draw to the end of this school year, teachers are also in the process of creating class lists for the next school year. I'd like to share with you all the process for creating class lists. When preparing classroom placements for next year, teachers consider the match of student and teacher, the blend of students within a room, and the balance of both classes academically, socially, culturally, and by gender. Additionally, the students in a current room will be divided as evenly as possible between the classrooms available for the next school year. This procedure is used so that classrooms of the same grade are heterogeneous and balanced academically and socially. Dividing the current students in one classroom between the classrooms available for the next year helps the children establish new friends and, therefore, to develop socially.

As professional educators, we take great pains in the development of class rosters. We take into account the needs of individual children and the ways they relate to various teacher styles. We know which children work well together and those who do not. Each class is balanced as much as possible with an equal number of boys and girls, with a range of high to lower ability levels, and we are careful not to place too many children with behavioral problems in a single classroom. These decisions are made very carefully, by considering the best learning situation for all of our children. Due to a number of variables, it is too complex for site principals to honor all parent requests for specific teachers. Therefore, the policy will continue to reflect that schools will not be able to honor parent requests as a primary means for student placement. Please note that all student and classroom assignments are tentative until final classroom enrollment is determined after school starts. Based on actual enrollment needs, student and staff assignments may change after the school year has started.

Thank you all for a wonderful year and welcoming me into the Kaiser Community. I look forward to many more years of working together to make this the absolute best school for our students in Oakland.

In Partnership,
Kathy Hatzke

Getting In The Know

How to be in the Pink Panther

The Pink Panther comes out every other week. Look for it in your child's backpack on or around 5/19, and 6/2.

We welcome submissions from everyone in the Kaiser Community. This is your newsletter, so feel free to make it relevant to our community. To include your story or information in your school newsletter: forward your news, questions, or article to the editor by **12 p.m. on Sundays** via e-mail:

joliem29@yahoo.com – Jolie McRae
clily@mac.com – Lily Chien-Davis

Please put "Pink Panther" in the subject of your email to ensure that it is not deleted accidentally!

LOST & FOUND

We will be clearing Lost and Found out on a monthly basis and donating unclaimed items to a local charity.

Next donation dates: 5/5 and 6/2

Don't forget to look for any missing items before items are cleared!

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jennise Mendoza

Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

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/kaiserelementaryschool_group/

KAISER CALENDAR

- May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 Lost & Found Donated
- May 6 SSC Meeting
4pm in Library
- May 11 Assembly / Flash Mob
9:30 am
- May 13 PTA Assoc. Meeting
- May 15 Open House – 6pm
Spring Concert - 6:30pm
- May 15 Kaiser Alive Booklets Due
- May 18 Career Day
- May 20 Volunteer Tea
- May 22 No School
- May 25 Memorial Day-no school
- June 1-5 Spirit Week
- June 3 Field Day
- June 4 Ice Cream Social for
incoming families
- June 5 Kaiser Alive Picnic
- June 9-11 Minimum Days, 1:25 release
- June 10 5th Grade Promotion
- June 11 Last Day of School

- August 24 First Day of School

Check out the complete 2014-2015 school year [calendar](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar) at the back of this newsletter or at www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar

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



Hello Kaiser Families!

What a great turn out and a lot of fun this past weekend at our annual Walk-A-Thon. One thing I have always loved about this event is that it brings the old Kaiser alumni to come and visit. It is great seeing their faces, but a little scary to see how much they have grown. Thank you Susy Hovland and Jennifer Sedlachek for making this happen. Also, thank you to all the volunteers (check in, check out, toy section and various walking stations). I even saw a former Kaiser parent helping out! Wow, what true love for our little community. Finally, thank you to the Dad's Club for providing great food and drinks for this event. I heard they ran out of food... I don't have the final numbers, but it sure looked like a success.

As we wind down our school year, do not forget to mark your calendars for the annual Kaiser Alive Picnic that will be held at Lake Temescal. I hope your kids are filling out their books. I know this is a lot of fun for the students. Kids are rewarded for their hard work during the picnic. You are more than welcome to bring your own food, but if you do not, the Kaiser Dad's Club provides a meal for a nominal fee.

We have two big school wide events that you need to be on the look out for:

- (1) Kaiser Spirit Week
- (2) Kaiser Field Day (this is coordinated by our Kaiser teachers)

Both of these events are a blast! Make sure your child participates in both of these fun filled activities.

This week we celebrate our teachers. Thank you for all that you do! Thank you for managing your classrooms the way that you do and making sure that all of our students learn. Thank you for all the time you spend on the clock and off to support our students.

One last thing, we have our final 2014-2015 PTA Association meeting this month (Wednesday, May 13th). I'd love to see as many families as possible, so you can hear how we did this year.

Thank you to everyone that has helped our community through volunteering or monetary donations.

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza
Kaiser PTA President



We wanted to remind parents that even though it can be very stressful dropping off and picking up your kids, we need to respect the neighbors near our school as well as the parents and staff at Kaiser. We know that life in general can be stressful, but we are the role models for our children. Please respect everyone. We are requesting families adhere to the following rules:

1. Obey the speed limits. Speed limits are reduced around schools for the safety of the children.
2. **Do not park in the red zones**
3. **Do not park on a corner (which is the red zone)**
4. Do not park in the handicap zone unless you are handicapped and have an authorized handicap placard
5. **Do not park in the staff parking lot (Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm)**
4. Follow the traffic circle rules. There is no parking in the traffic circle during drop off and pick up hours.
5. **Do not block any neighbor's driveway this includes when your car is idling but still running**
6. Do not use foul language on or near campus.
7. Do not use inappropriate body language with the neighbors or with families at Kaiser (ie do not flip someone off).
8. Respect the people that are setting up for Thursday snack sale. These are volunteers. Please wait for them to set up the tables before you start purchasing item(s).

I realize that we are the Kaiser Panthers, but we do not need to pounce on people like a real life panther. Thank you for following the above rules.

Traffic Guidelines for Drop-off/Pick-up Zones at Kaiser Elementary

PUBLIC SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

In an effort to keep all of our students safe during drop off and pick up, we request all parents and guardians adhere to the following rules that have been in effect since 2012.

- The traffic circle is for drop off and pick up of passengers only – NO PARKING from 8:30am – 9:30am, 2:30pm – 3:30pm and 1:00pm -2:30pm on minimum days.
- Respect and be courteous to the Safety Patrol members and parent volunteers. They are here to assist you with safely arriving and leaving the school site.
- Always let your child out of the car in the drop off zone near the sidewalk;
 - ❖ **DO NOT let your child out of the car in the far lane of the circle** (lane closest to the grass and tree).
 - ❖ **DO NOT let your child out on the driver's side of the vehicle without an adult escort**
- Parking and leaving your vehicle unattended in the circle during drop off times is prohibited. You can and will be cited by school and city police authorities.
- Parking in/blocking teacher parking spaces is prohibited; you will be towed and you will be responsible for any towing fees.
- Unless you have a handicap permit, parking in a handicap zone is ALWAYS prohibited. This includes the blue handicap zone in the circle. You can and will be cited by school and city police authorities.
- You are strongly encouraged to park on Hiller Drive. Do not park in the red zones. By parking on streets or areas other than the circle, you reduce traffic congestion and can safely walk your child to the school campus.
- Be courteous to drivers at all times; everyone is or may be trying to drop-off/pick-up their child at the same time.

All parents and guardians will be expected to adhere to these policies.

4th and 5th Grades Present....

KAISER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 6:40 p.m.

Ms. Piper's class arrive at 6 pm
Mr. Neat's and Ms. Apaydin's class arrive at 6:20 pm
concert attire – dark bottoms and white top.

Dear Parents:

Mrs. McCarthy, Ms. Sanderson, and the Kaiser 4th and 5th Grade Band and Orchestra are proud to present their 2015 Spring Concert on Friday, May 15th at 6:40 p.m. Students should arrive early to tune up. You won't want to miss this final performance of the school year!

Parents, please have your child dress in **concert attire** – dark bottoms and white top. Also please sign the participation form below so that we know ahead of time if anyone can't make it. Student participation is required, unless we have a note from parents.

P.S. The East Bay Symphony is sponsoring their annual String Festival on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. (Roosevelt Middle School). 4th grade violin and cello students are invited to play in this concert. Please see the note that went home with string students. Tune-up time is 6:15 p.m.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

Claudia McCarthy and Candy Sanderson
Instrumental Music Teachers

Student's Name: _____

Yes () My child will be able to participate in the Kaiser Spring Concert on Friday, May 15th starting at 6:40 p.m. (6:00 or 6:20 p.m. arrival).

No () My child will not be able to participate. _____
Phone number

Parent Signature: _____



Kaiser ALIVE!

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

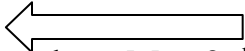
It's on!

Kaiser ALIVE is in its last weeks. Hopefully kids are busy engaging in activities to promote healthy living (exercise, nutrition, outdoor activities), community participation, and learning. The activity period ends, and booklets are due, on 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.)

A reminder for the kids: Participate! All participants will earn a medal and are eligible to win prizes in the drawing.

For parents: You will need to sign the release at the front of the booklet, sign off on the activities as they are accomplished, and total the points at the end of the activity period. Please make sure the booklets have the student's name, teacher's name, and your name and phone number on the front. We have very few extra booklets, so please hang on to them!

Kaiser ALIVE Schedule:

Cover Contest:	March 5 th through March 20 th	
Kick-Off Assembly:	March 30 th	
Activity Period:	March 30 th through May 15 th	
		*Includes a Kaiser ALIVE activity at the Walk-a-thon, May 2 nd
Booklets Due:	May 15 th	
Picnic:	June 5 th , Lake Temescal	

Kaiser ALIVE is looking for gift cards and other donations. If you can help, contact Caroline Stern at carolinestern@sbcglobal.net.

WAYS TO DONATE TO THE KAISER PTA



Think of Kaiser PTA when you shop online. Go to www.kaiserelementary.org and click on the Amazon button on our school's home page.



Shop at www.escrip.com or sign up your Safeway and credit cards with eScrip. % of your purchase goes directly to Kaiser PTA. Every year you need to designate Kaiser Elementary School PTA, Oakland, CA as the beneficiary (**ID: 139262109**).



Sign up for a Target REDcard and designate Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School as the beneficiary. Every time you use your REDcard, 1% goes to Kaiser PTA (**ID:33866**).



Don't throw away your old ink cartridges! Kaiser can use them to raise money. Drop off your old ink cartridges in the school office. **Contact: Lisette Bahamondes (lisettebaha@earthlink.net).**



Please clip & save Box Tops for Education labels and place them in the Box Tops box in the school office.

Contact: Christine Kizziah (christinekizziah@yahoo.com).



Ask your company if they provide a company matching program. Some companies will match your donation, some will match a portion of your donation, some will donate if their employee donates their time to the school. If your company needs confirmation of your donation, have them submit their request to **KaiserTreasurer@gmail.com**.

Hi Families,

It has been such a pleasure to work with your children in Dance Class this year. They really love to move and some of them got a chance to perform at Luna Dance Institute's 20 Points of View on April 23rd!

I will be offering a Family Dance Class for parents, caregivers, guardians and siblings on the last day of class – Monday May 11th. Come move with your family and see what we have been up to...

See schedule for times:

9:30am - Whole School Assembly

10:15am- Zombie Flash Mob - 4th and 5th graders will show the flash mob to the entire school

10:30am Ms. Apaydin's class

11:15am Mr. Krasnor's and Ms. Haruyama's classes

12:45pm Ms. Rebekah's and Ms. Araki's classes

1:30pm Ms. Piper's class Hope to see you there!

Thanks so much!

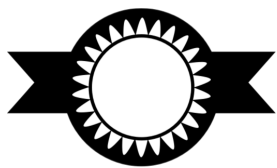
Ms. Sam

Samantha Blanchard

Artistic Director

Eclipse Dance Theater

www.eclipsedancetheater.org



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Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation Week is coming...

Silema Bogans, Owner of Blaque Dahlia Designs (and Kaiser parent of a 3rd grader) is offering a 10% discount to Kaiser parents towards any purchase of a terrarium. She specializes in drought-tolerant succulents, container gardens and terrariums.

For a limited time, she is also offering a discount on Terrarium Parties. Like a Tupperware party, but you build your own terrariums, learning step-by-step. Perfect for both kids and adult birthday parties, and Moms Night Out. For Terrarium Parties, \$20/person for Kaiser folks (regular price: \$25/person.) Minimum: 6 people.

For more info, contact: blaquedahliadesigns@yahoo.com or 510-485-3995

Photos of her work found via Instagram: @blaquedahliadesigns
Photos of terrariums sold: <https://instagram.com/p/00xzZsvHE6/>

Fundraiser for Kaiser

Kaiser parent--Tsege Tamene, and owner of the new restaurant, Taste of Ethiopia--wants to offer Kaiser families a one-time 50% off discount off meals purchased. Then 50% of the proceeds will go toward Kaiser. This offer is only available for Friday (dinner), Saturday (lunch and dinner), and Sunday (lunch only).

Check out the delicious menu on her website: <http://www.tasteofethiopiaec.com/>
4.5-starred Yelp reviews here: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/taste-of-ethiopia-el-cerrito>

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