



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

One of the biggest parent concerns here at Kaiser is about pickup and drop off and the traffic patterns around our school. I want to thank our parents and other caretakers for working with us to make this go more smoothly. While our situation is vastly improved, there are still too many times when the safety of children has been in jeopardy. We need your help. We are asking each of you to read the following drop off and pick up safety tips and help us to ensure that these times are safe and orderly. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Obey the speed limit and traffic rules.
- Be courteous to other drivers.
- Remind students to look both ways before they walk to your car in the traffic circle.
- Do not let your children in or out of the car in the middle of the traffic circle.
- Children should not run or play in the parking lot.
- Parents should respect school staff and parent volunteers who enforce traffic rules.
- Do not park in designated staff parking spots.
- Do not park illegally.
- Give yourself plenty of time. School starts at 8:45 but our yard opens at 8:30. Make it a goal to get here at 8:30 every day.

As a working parent myself, I know just how stressful it can be to get your kids ready in the morning and get out the door to get them to school on time as well as get to work on time. We all need to work together to make sure that every student at Kaiser arrives to school on time and safely. Next year, we will be doing a big push to increase the numbers of students who arrive to school on time. Did you know that we have approximately 2700 tardies to school this year? That averages out to 9 tardies per student. Each time a student is late to school, they miss valuable instructional time as well as announcements and routines that teachers use to start the day. Just think how you feel when you walk into a meeting late—all eyes are on you and no matter how quietly you try to come in, it disrupts the flow of what is happening. Tardies don't just impact the student who arrives late but have an impact on the entire classroom and school.

Please think about things you can do to make your morning routine go more smoothly. Have your kids pick out their clothes the night before. Place those backpacks by the door so they can just be grabbed on the way out. Make and pack your lunches the night before. These little things can make your morning a little easier. It's also important to give yourself plenty of time to get here. Our yard opens at 8:30 so make it a goal to get here at 8:30 so your child can have some time to play before school starts and will be able to walk into class on time, with their teacher and classmates.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy", is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Kathy Hatzke

Getting In The Know

How to be in the Pink Panther

The Pink Panther comes out every other week. Look for the last Pink in your child's backpack on or around 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 date: 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 20	Volunteer Tea
May 20	Kaiser Night at Sports Basement (Fundraiser; 6:30-8:30pm)
May 22	No School (Lincoln Holiday)
May 25	No School (Memorial Day)
May 28	K-3 Orff Music Performance (6:30pm)
May 28	Last call for online Walk-a-Thon Pledges
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,

I hope everyone has been able to keep up with all of the exciting events here at Kaiser - Teacher Appreciation week, Kaiser Walk-A-Thon, Kaiser Alive, Science Faire, performance night(s)... It just seems like there has been a lot going on. Thank you to everyone that has coordinated these events. Thank you Jennifer Sedlechek and Susy Hovland for coordinating the very successful Kaiser Walk-A-Thon! Thank you Chinela Key-Baysinger for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you Jessica Forbes and her team for coordinating Kaiser Alive! Thank you Jolie McRae for coordinating Kaiser Math and Science night! Thank you teacher Margaret Yang for coordinating the school science faire! Thank you Claudia McCarthy and Candy Sanders for coordinating the 4th and 5th grade performance night. The children performed great! Thank you Bonnie Allen for decorating the school with the beautiful artwork from our students. Thank you Eli Wise for coordinating the kindergarten thru 3rd grade performance night which is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. Thank you to all the parents that helped out during these various events. It truly does take a team of teachers and parents to help make our little school such a success.

We have a long weekend ahead of us! There is no school this Friday, May 22nd in lieu of Lincoln's birthday and no school Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. Rest up as the kids prepare for their final end of year celebrations. I know the 4th grade overnight field trip is coming up as well as the 5th grade overnight field trip. Keep an eye out for Kaiser Spirit Week. Thank you Mari Ibarra for coordinating this. Don't forget to look in your kid's backpack for the Kaiser Field Day permission slip. Every student needs to have a completed permission slip in order to be involved with this event. Kaiser Field Day is a tradition and students **LOVE** it! The teachers coordinate this event. Years ago, the event used to be off site. Because of budgetary reasons, the event has been held at the school. For those that are new to Kaiser - Kaiser Field day is FUN, FUN, FUN! Your child will not want to miss this event. It is during school hours, so no need to make special plans to be a part of it unless you want to help out.

It has been another great year at Kaiser! Thank you to everyone that helped to make it a success.

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza
Kaiser Elementary 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.

KAISER FUNDRAISER



The new Sports Basement in Berkeley is hosting **Kaiser Night**, next **Wednesday, May 20th, from 6:30-8:30!**

Sports Basement will provide snacks and drinks, as well as a place for Kaiser families to socialize. They will give us 10% off our purchases and **10% of the proceeds from the evening will go back to Kaiser!** Win win!

Now is the perfect time to pick up a pair of goggles, a new tennis racket or even a bike.

Children are welcome, of course.

Hope to see you there!

Sports Basement Berkeley- 2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley (in the former Iceland)



Kaiser ALIVE!

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

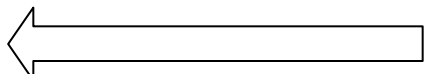
It's on!

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 christinebkizziah@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**.



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designs

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>

For more info, contact Tsege at: [510-778-1905](tel:510-778-1905) or tsegetamene@yahoo.com

Dear Kaiser community,

We would like to let everyone know that we will close the **online pledge sites on May 28th (that's next Thursday)**, and we would like to make sure that everyone that has collected funds and pledges in person please come and deposit in the office, the **Walkathon box will remain in the office until June 8th.**

We want to encourage everyone to go collect the funds that your walker earned and make the deadlines.
If you have any questions please let us know.

And thank you Kaiser for providing so generously to the school.

Susy H./ Jennifer S.
Co-chairs