



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Message

As we get closer to the end of the school year and summer break, I want to take some time to share some strategies that parents can use to prevent the summer slide. The summer slide is a term that was coined by researchers at John Hopkins University who tracked Baltimore students from 1st grade through age 22. This study found that while low-income students made as much academic progress during the school year as middle-income students, the poorer children's reading skills slipped away during the summer months. The researchers concluded that most of the reading achievement gap that is seen in 9th grade could be attributed to unequal access to summer learning opportunities during elementary school. The achievement levels of 9th grade students is a huge predictor of whether or not they stay in school and follow a college-preparatory track.

Providing intervention for students who have academic challenges can be very expensive and many schools and districts don't have sufficient resources to be able to provide effective intervention for all students. Fortunately, there are many free and low cost things that parents can do to help prevent the summer slide. Here are ten things that you can do to help prevent the summer slide:

1. Read EVERY day! Read non-fiction, fiction, ebooks, poetry, newspapers and read out loud! For most children, twenty minutes is an appropriate amount of time to read for a child who is an independent reader. Most libraries have a wonderful summer reading program with incentives and rewards for books read over the summer.
2. Cook with your children. This is one of the best ways to integrate math, reading and following directions. Let your child design the menu too! Help your child put together their favorite recipes in a cookbook.
3. Plant a garden. Your child will gain responsibility and pride as they watch their plants grow and thrive.
4. Take a field trip to a museum, zoo or local park with walking trails. Keep a journal about your travels.
5. Learn a new word each week! Hang it on the fridge and see who can use it the most times throughout the week.
6. Enroll in a quality summer program that will provide your child with opportunities to build their critical thinking skills.
7. Play quick games with flashcards like Math War or Concentration to keep math skills sharp.
8. Listen to Audio Books during your road trip.
9. Take pictures and make a summer scrapbook.
10. Did I mention READ?! If your child does nothing else this summer make sure he/she is reading!

In Partnership,

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

Kathy Hatzke

In Partnership,

# Getting In The Know

## How to be in the Pink Panther

Thank you for contributing to the Pink Panther this year! Remember it is your community newsletter. Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack at the beginning of next school year.

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

## 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**

Come get your child's missing items before the end of the year!

**Don't forget to shop at Sports Basement for all your summer outdoor gear! Mention Kaiser Elementary and get 10% off your purchase (and Kaiser gets 5% cash back!).**

### Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jennise Mendoza

### Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

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### 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/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kaiserelementaryschool_group/)

## KAISER CALENDAR

June 1-5	Spirit Week
June 2	Lost & Found Cleared
June 3	Field Day
June 4	Ice Cream Social for incoming families, 4pm  African Dance Performance, 6:30pm
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](http://www.kaiserelementary.org/calendar)**

**The Pink Panther is also available at [www.KaiserElementary.org](http://www.KaiserElementary.org).**



Hello Kaiser Families!

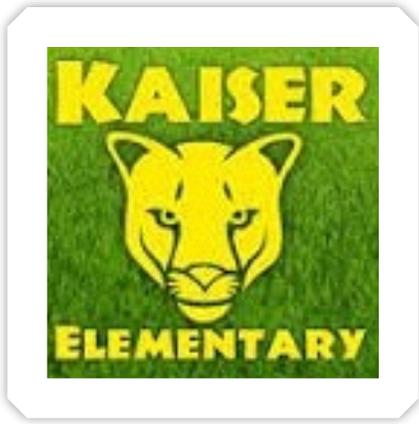
We have reached the end of our school year. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are getting ready to graduate and move onto middle school. Summer is about to begin. At this time, I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last 2 years that I have served as PTA President. I have been so lucky to have a fabulous Board for the past 2 years. Though the faces have changed from last year's Board to this year's Board, I was lucky to have dedicated hard working people for both Boards. Thank you Jim Armstrong, Chad Finke, Molly Glocker, Lawrence Edmonds, Jennifer Sedlachek, Liz Gumas, Stacey Sundarrajan, Alysia McDonough and Stephanie Ulrich for the countless hours that you spent working on the PTA this school year. Thank you Jolie McRae and Lily Chien-Davis for putting the Pink Panther together. I really appreciated how you made sure it went out to the Kaiser community timely via hard copy as well as having a soft copy available via Kaiser school website. Thank you Andres Elenes for maintaining and updating the Kaiser school website. Thank you Principal Hatzke and all the teachers that supported the PTA throughout the school year. Thank you Sheila Lorca for all the work you do in the front office. Thank you Ms K (La Verne Kaho'okle) for keeping track of the school attendance. We will miss you next year Ms. K! Thank you to all the parents/guardians that helped run a PTA supported event this year. Thank you to all the Kaiser families that came out and supported the PTA this year. It takes a village to raise a child and I feel so lucky to be a part of this village. I also wanted to thank Eli Wise for putting the performance together on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Ms. Margaret and her class for putting on another entertaining play. It's amazing to know that such young minds could put that play together.

The end of the school year always makes me look back and reflect over the past year. I feel like this year is extra sentimental since my oldest son is graduating this year from Kaiser Elementary. When I attended the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Open House/Performance to watch my younger son perform, it brought back a lot of memories. I saw many older siblings perform, while their younger sibling watched. I remember when that was our family. The younger child cheering for their sibling as they performed not yet old enough to attend Kaiser. Soon your younger child will be up on that stage too! Trust me, it will be a lot faster than what you think.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer. I look forward to seeing everyone next school year! Please keep a look out for school registration which should take place in August. Please check the Kaiser website calendar for details.

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza



# Kaiser ALIVE Picnic!

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

Lake Temescal

*Come celebrate the end of another great year at the Kaiser ALIVE picnic!*

**WHO:** Everyone! All are welcome, whether or not you participated in Kaiser ALIVE. Come spend an evening with Kaiser friends and families before the summer break.

**WHAT:** A BBQ picnic, hosted by the Dad's Club. Bring your own dinner, or let the Dad's Club do the work! All Kaiser ALIVE participants will be recognized, and there will be drawings for some amazing prizes.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30pm. Come when you can!

**WHERE:** Lake Temescal, Landvale Picnic Site  
(North side of the park, on the lawn overlooking the lake. Same place as most prior years.)

## **What is Kaiser ALIVE?**

Kaiser ALIVE is a program designed to promote healthy living (exercise, nutrition, outdoor activities), community participation, and learning. Students are recognized for participation, with drawings for prizes for students with the most points, at the Kaiser ALIVE picnic.

PTA Board Meeting  
Ta-Ke Sushi, Grand Ave  
4/28/15 @ 6:30

Reports:

I. Principal's report – Art grant update

There are two possible art grants:

– 15,000 per year – Art teacher grant

- 7,000 = arts anchor grant (professional development for teachers, so that we can be a model art school)

How do we fund both? This is our challenge.

We need a teacher's voice in this endeavor, as this affects them as well.

How do we streamline this endeavor and how do we determine the best way for the PTA to participate?

Perhaps we should discuss this in the next Back to School event.

Registration Day:

New registration guidelines; no shots, no school!

Most of the forms will be available online. Families can submit it online prior to the day.

If not, we can pull out the Chromebooks for parents to use during the registration day.

We would like to move it back one week and make it during the week, so that the staff doesn't have to work on the weekends.

Possible days for registration:

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 19

Saturday the 22 – Will be run by parents, who will be trained ahead of time. Families will be able to find out which class their kids are in for the 2015-16 school year. Jim and Chad to send out more info when it is nailed down.

II. President's report

No book fair this year – no one signed up .

We were going to do a used book fair, but there is no coordinator.

The circle is a nightmare – there was an incident that required an ambulance that couldn't get in due to an unattended car parked in the circle.

Teachers will remind parents not to park in the circle during field trips.

Get a list of field trips from Sheila for parent involvement.

Sign up at walk-a-thon for various volunteer positions.

Last PTA Association meeting and board meeting next month. We will do a joint meeting with this board and the new board.

Most of our consultants are in the clear regarding testing, insurance, etc.

We still have a few consultants that need to come up with their TB, background and insurance verifications.

### III. Financial Secretary:

Attached report

5,000.00 for this month.

1500.00 from Exxon this month for an employee match for volunteer time

### IV. Treasurer report

Attached report

Need to figure out how much \$ the Warriors and A's brought in. That is TBD.

There is a missing IRS form that we need to provide.

Our fiscal year has also been incorrect in the last few filings. One of the many things that we need to follow up on with the IRS and our accountant.

### V. Membership

Same as before

### VI. Fundraising

Walk-a-thon online is awesome – we have made 11,000.00 so far.

25,000 is what we budgeted for this walk-a-thon.

Sports basement fundraiser for Kaiser - 5/13/15. Still working on a date.

5/20/15 may be the new date.

### VII. Teachers

When do we have the calendar for next year? District calendar for next year just came out. When will the next PTA calendar come out? TBD based on the next President.

Old business – none

New business – snack sale for 5/28 will be all rooms

## WAYS TO DONATE TO THE KAISER PTA



Think of Kaiser PTA when you shop online. Go to [www.kaiserelementary.org](http://www.kaiserelementary.org) and click on the Amazon button on our school's home page.



Shop at [www.escrip.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**.

# **KAISER AFRICAN DANCE PERFORMANCE**

**Thursday, June 4, 6:30 pm at Kaiser**



**Come see master drummer Pope Flynn  
and his African Dancers in action!**



**See you there!!!**

**Dancers Report at 6:15 pm**

# Volunteers Needed for Summer Watering

\*WHAT: Please help our Kaiser School Garden by signing up for one (or more) watering slots over summer.

\*HOW: Add your name to the sign-up sheet by the office. OR email Amy Schoneman at [amysch1man@hotmail.com](mailto:amysch1man@hotmail.com) and Mike Loudon at [micloud66@gmail.com](mailto:micloud66@gmail.com) and we will email you a google doc to select your week.

\*WHY: It only takes an hour, but it adds so much beauty and learning opportunity for our Kaiser community.

\*ALSO: The Kaiser Garden Committee hosts a monthly garden day every first Friday of the month during the school year.

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# Kaiser Spirit Week 2015

## June 1-June 5

Monday, June 1 - Crazy Hair Day

Bring on the wacky hair!

Tuesday, June 2 - Backwards Day

Backward shirts? Pants? Hats? What else??

Wednesday, June 3 - Team Jersey Day

Wear your team jersey or one from your favorite team.

Thursday, June 4 - Superhero Day

Let's see your superhero alter-ego.

Friday, June 5 - School Spirit Day

Wear the Panther green and gold with pride!