



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 26, 2015

Principal's Message

Fall is my favorite season of the year, especially here in the Bay Area. As some of you may be aware, I am a huge Oakland Raiders fan and season ticket holder. Fall means that football season is in full swing but it also means we have amazing weather, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. My birthday also falls in this season so this, along with everything else, lets you know a little bit about why Fall is my favorite season.

This Fall, I am fortunate that I have been selected to be a member of the 2015 Chinese Bridge Delegation along with 2 other OUSD principals. We will be gone from November 9-18, 2015 and will spend a week in China, visiting schools in different provinces as well as Beijing, to study the education system as well as being exposed to Chinese culture. I am looking forward to this opportunity to learn how about other countries educational systems and what implications it can have for what we are doing here in the United States. I've been fortunate to have been able to participate in other professional development opportunities with educators from other countries in the past. One thing that I have discovered is that even though we may live in different parts of the world, we all share a passion and commitment to ensuring that our students thrive during their time at school. While I am in China, I hope to be able to share my experience by blogging and tweeting. Please follow me at: <http://hatzkeinchina.blogspot.com/> or <https://twitter.com/kathat> I will update as much as possible given the limitations of internet censorship in China. Maureen Hartney will be subbing as principal for me while I am on trip. She has subbed at Kaiser in the past and has a wonderful relationship with our teachers.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that our Halloween parade takes place this Friday, October 30 at 1 pm. My last Pink article outlined our expectations for students (and parents) during the Halloween parade. Please see your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns about these expectations.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Hatzke", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Hatzke

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 11/8 at noon**.

joliem29@yahoo.com – Jolie McRae
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*Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on
Tuesday 11/9!*

Kaiser PTA Meeting

6:30-8:00

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015
Multi-purpose Rm.

**Members who would like an item added
to the agenda should contact**
Jim Armstrong
kaiserpresident@gmail.com

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

KAISER CALENDAR

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| Oct. 30 | Halloween Parade, 1pm
Minimum Day |
| Nov. 6 | Chinook Book Sale Ends |
| Nov. 6 | Garden Club Meeting, 3-5pm |
| Nov. 10 | PTA Meeting, 6:30pm |
| Nov. 11 | NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day |
| Nov. 13 | Dad's Club Movie Night |
| Nov. 18 | PTA Board Meeting, 6:30pm |
| Nov. 23 - 27 | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving |

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

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/>

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



TOOLBOX TOOL OF THE MONTH

Sometimes if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly beneath you, you will suddenly know all there is to be known

~Winnie the Pooh to Piglet

The Quiet/Safe Place Tool **“I remember my Quiet Safe Place”**

Each of us needs to have somewhere we can go for comfort and safety, or to put some space between ourselves, others, and life’s more challenging moments. The Quiet/Safe Space Tool helps guide us to a place inside ourselves where there is peace, comfort and security. The quiet/safe place can be a vision of a real or imagined place. Once discovered, the quiet/safe place is a place of rest that helps us pay attention to what really matters, and provides a healthy way to take care of ourselves. The quiet/ safe space is always inside us, always in our memory and we can go there any time we need to calm, soothe, and quiet ourselves.

Quietness gives us strength. Using the Quiet/Safe Place Tool together with the Breathing Tool creates a powerful combination. We can slow down and access our inner selves with the Breathing Tool, and use Quiet/Safe Place Tool to go to a “place” of solace, safety, and quiet, where creativity, imagination, and self-expression emerge naturally. With our Quiet/Safe Place Tool, we can remember our quiet stillness. Listening from a place within ourselves, we make space to hear our natural wisdom.

What are some times or situations in your day when it would be helpful to remember your Quiet Safe place?

October 25, 2015 Presidents Report

Harvest Fair Thanks!

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you to Jessie Jaeger, Anna Gruver, and all of the volunteers who made the Harvest Fair such a wonderful event. Holding the fair at the turning circle and the addition of the Book Fair (Thank you Mike Loudon and Millicent Embry) really made the fair a place where our community was able to come together and celebrate the things that make Kaiser Elementary the community that it is.

PTA Membership Drive.

The PTA membership contest continues. The class with the highest percentage of members receives an ice cream social for the students and a \$75 Lakeshore Learning Center gift card for the teacher. Membership envelopes can be found outside the office.

New Board Members/Jobs

October has been a month of change for the PTA and PTA board. We have added new members and adjusted members roles this month. I would like to welcome Cynthia Nelson to the board. Cynthia has agreed to take on the Historian role on the board and the board approved her nomination at our October. Please join me in thanking Cynthia for agreeing to take on this responsibility.

We would also like to announce that because of family obligations Raphael Coffey has resigned as PTA Treasurer. Thank you Raphael for your work through the summer and early fall. Raphael's resignation has led to a reorganization of the board. The board voted on the following position changes at our October 21st meeting.

- Nadia Bari transitioned from Executive Vice President to Treasurer
- Molly Glockler transitioned from Vice President of Fundraising to Executive Vice President
- Parin Shah (who had originally been elected as co-VP of Fundraising becomes the VP of Fundraising)

These changes will be submitted to the Association at our November 10 PTA association meeting. If PTA members have any items they would like to be added to the agenda, please email your item to Jim Armstrong, kaiserpresident@gmail.com.

Help Wanted

We continue to look for a PTA Association member willing to perform an Audit of our books. If you are interested in serving as Auditor or would like more information, please contact Jim Armstrong, kaiserpresident@gmail.com or Nadia Bari, kaisertreasurer@gmail.com.

Want to help sell Spirit Wear? We are seeking volunteers to help sell Spirit Wear. Volunteers would sell shirts during pick up once a month and may be asked to sell during all school events such as The Harvest Fair, Winter and Spring Dances and the Walk-a-thon. Please email Jim, kaiserpresident@gmail.com, if you are interested.

We still need one or two people to serve as chairs of the Safety Committee. These chairs would be responsible for working with Ms Hatzke to make sure that our transitions to and from school are safe and well supervised.

Jim

Dear Kaiser Families,

We are continuing our school fundraiser with Chinook Book, the local sustainable coupon book, with the goal of raising at least \$1200 for PTA sponsored programs and activities.

We are asking families to help out by trying to sell 1 or more Chinook Book Combo-Packs. \$10 of each sale goes to the PTA. That's more than \$2,600 if every family sells only 1 book.

Each Combo-Pack includes 1 print book + 1 mobile app subscription. You sell each Combo-pack for \$20.00 (usually the Combo-Pack price is \$25.00). That's double the coupons so we're getting a great deal!

If the Combo Packs do not sell, just send them back to school in the envelope with your child the following week. Please do not feel any pressure. If they do sell, please collect \$20 cash per Combo or make checks payable to KAISER PTA.

Although Chinook Book does have a very lenient policy on lost or damaged books, please try your best to make sure un-sold products are returned in good condition.

Purchasers can easily make back your \$20 and more with tons of great savings nearby:

- \$5 off \$50 at Village Market.
- \$5 off \$40 at Farmer Joe's.
- \$5 off \$25 at Piedmont Grocery.
- \$10 off \$50 at Pharmaca.
- \$5 off \$25 at Berkeley Natural Grocery.
- 20% off at Pegasus Books.
- \$10 off \$100 or more, and \$5 off \$50 or more at Andronico's.
- \$4 off and a FREE reusable bag at Monterey Market.
- \$5 off \$25 at Ace Hardware.
- 20% off at Broadway Terrace Nursery.
- Buy one get one FREE pint of soup at Whole Foods (\$10 value).
- \$10 off \$25 at Cole Hardware.
- \$5 off \$20 at Montclair Baking.
- \$5 off \$30 at Savemore Market.
- \$5 off \$25 at Oaklandish.
- Buy one get one FREE at Fentons Creamery.

We are only selling Chinook Books the first couple weeks of school, so get them while they're hot!

PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND TAKE 1 OR MORE COMBO PACKS TO SELL.

Please contact me with any questions at KAISERPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM
REMEMBER, ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO KAISER PTA

Thank you for all your help!

-Jim



1st Kaiser Winter Bazaar is set!

When: December 5th

Where: Kaiser Multi-use room

Time: 10:00 - 3:00

Thank you to those of you who have signed up. There are still a few spots left.

If you interested please contact me at hilajackson@gmail.com

There will be more information coming in the following months.

Auction at Claremont Middle School!

Tickets for Claremont Middle School's 2015 Auction, "Rock & Roll Ball" are [now on sale](http://claremontms.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e99579c870e1f0ac36c54bfe0&id=59079e6430&e=ccbd73ed68) (<http://claremontms.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e99579c870e1f0ac36c54bfe0&id=59079e6430&e=ccbd73ed68>)! The party takes place on **Saturday, November 7**, at the Uptown Body & Fender at 401 26th Street in Oakland. Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Rock & roll costume or black and orange attire is encouraged.

Also, don't miss Claremont's online auction which will run from October 26th to November 4th. There are lots of gift cards for local restaurants, grocery stores, large chain retailers and much more! Check it out!
<https://claremontms.schoolauction.net/auction2015/catalog>