



The Pink Panther

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Ni Hao! As you are reading this, I am in China learning about Chinese education and culture as well as networking with hundreds of other educators from across the country. I am thankful that I have had this opportunity to learn from others and hope to bring back what I have learned to our community.

I've spent some time in my past few articles talking about Social Emotional Learning here at Kaiser. I'd like to take some time to shift over to academics and reading in particular. As a child, I was a voracious reader and frequently found myself lost in a book. I spent much of my free time reading and loved being put on time out in my room because I could read, free from distractions.

Literacy, the ability to read, comprehend, and write is one of the primary focuses of the Common Core State Standards. Did you know if your child reads an average of twenty minutes a day, he or she will read over a million words in a school year? By reading at the appropriate level, your children will not only be improving their reading ability, they will be expanding their vocabulary at a much higher rate than could ever be taught in vocabulary lessons in schools even if they learned ten words everyday!

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Do you want your children to do well in school? Please make a commitment that they will read everyday beyond their regular homework. If they are in kindergarten or first grade, read to them or with them. Even older children love listening to their parents read to them. The single most important predictor of a child's success in school is based on how well he or she can read.

In Partnership,

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 12/6 at noon**.

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Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on Tuesday 12/7!

KAISER CALENDAR

Nov. 16	Girl Scouts Candy Sale
Nov. 18	PTA Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Nov. 20	Last Day for Girl Scouts Coat Drive
Nov. 23 - 27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
Nov. 30 - Dec. 12	Girl Scout Toy Drive
Dec. 1	Kaiser School Tour, 9-10am
Dec. 4	Garden Club, 3-5pm
Dec. 5	Kaiser Winter Craft Bazaar, 10-3pm
Dec. 8	Kaiser School Tour, 9-10am
Dec. 11	Winter Dance
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL — Winter Break
Jan. 4	Classes Resume

Upcoming Kaiser School Tour Dates

12/1/15
12/8/15
1/12/16
1/26/16

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/>

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

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

Candy & Nut Sale 11/16

Kaiser's Junior Girl Scouts will be out in front of the school from **3-4pm on Monday 11/16** with a selection of candies and nuts for sale. Please stop by and pick up a box. All products are \$6.

We will have:

- Dark Chocolate Mint Penguins
- Peanut Butter Bears
- Fruit Slice Candies



Hello Kaiser supporters,

The beloved Kaiser Auction is coming up on February 6th. So exciting. I am looking for people interested in donating a party to the auction. The party can be pretty much anything. IN the past we have had karaoke parties, billiards, poker, cookie making, progressive dinners, skirt making, wine tasting, fairy house making and tennis/ping pong/pickle ball. Let your imagination run wild. This is an excellent and fun way to raise money for our schools. We have a sign up sheet for the auction parties and they usually cost between \$40-75 a person.

Think about it and get back to me at mollyglock@gmail.com

Molly

November 15, 2015 President's Report

Congratulations to the winner of the 2015-16 Membership contest, Ms Viñas' class. The students win an ice cream party and Ms Viñas has won a \$75 gift card to Lakeshore Learning Center.

One of the ways the school and the PTA shares information with the community is through our Kaiser Elementary Yahoo group. I urge everyone in the Kaiser community, parents and other caregivers to join the group. Members of the group receive reminders of upcoming events, invitations to events and activities from other members and alerts and important news. You can join by clicking the "Join Mailing List" link on the top of the www.kaiserelementary.org home page. Again, this page is open to all Kaiser community members and is the best way to keep up on all our news, information, and events.

Thank you to the Dad's Club for sponsoring the Dad's Club Movie Night this past Friday. The event raised approximately \$900 for the PTA. If you haven't yet joined, I urge you to go to the Dad's Club Yahoo Group — <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/kaiserdadsclub/info>.

There are still a few Chinook Books left. If you are interested in selling a few or just want to pick one up for yourself, please email me, kaiserpresident@gmail.com. If necessary, I can pick up more books.

Snack sales have been going very well this year. Thank you to all the families who have worked to supply snack items that meet the OUSD snack guidelines. The sales have consistently brought in more than we expected. Keep up the good work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/18: PTA Executive Board Meeting
11/23-11/27: Vacation
12/5: Winter Bazaar

Thank you,

Jim Armstrong
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Have an **extra coat**
in your **CLOSET?**

**The Kaiser Girl Scout
Troops are collecting
clean, reusable coats**

November 9 - 20

Coat collection boxes will be in the
hallway near the front office.

on behalf of



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**KAISER ELEMENTARY
JUNIOR, BROWNIE & DAISY TROOPS**



**are collecting new,
unwrapped toys &
books.**

Girl Scouts and the firefighters at Fire Station #18 are working together to collect toys for delivery to the kids in need!

**Collection Date:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

PLEASE DROP OFF TOYS IN THE COLLECTION BOX
LOCATED NEAR THE FRONT OFFICE.

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