



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Kaiser Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year. All of us at Kaiser Elementary want to make this a successful school year for your child. Your active support and cooperation, combined with our best professional efforts, will ensure academic success for your child.

The goal of our school is to provide each student with a challenging and rigorous curriculum appropriate to his/her academic level. We believe that every child can achieve academic success. To this end, every child will be provided with quality instructional experiences that recognize, support, and maintain high expectations for all students. We also believe in the importance of educating the whole child and provide a variety of enrichment experiences for our students as well. Kaiser students are encouraged to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes literacy, fosters self-esteem, and challenges students to succeed.

With parents and teachers working together as a team, towards the same goal, every child will succeed. In order to give each child the best opportunity for success, we ask that we keep children first in all that we do. If we accept and make real the pledge to keep children first, then it follows that education is our #1 priority. A school community with those two concepts as our core value and our common cause will stand ready, willing, and able to do what is needed for educating children. I know that Kaiser Elementary is such a place.

There is an old African proverb that says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." While we no longer live in villages, this proverb still holds true. Educating our children requires that we all work together—not for our own single issues, but for our greater good, which is represented, in our children. Children are our future—our collective survival depends on how well we nurture, love, and care for them.

As your principal, you can expect that I will reach out to you and ask for your support, ideas, suggestions, and involvement. I will encourage you to join our team, our school family so to speak, where preparing children for the future is our number one priority. I pledge to do my level best to ensure that each child is challenged, nurtured, and provided with a safe, stimulating learning experience.

On most days I will be on the playground and visiting classrooms. I intend to be visible and accessible. If you ever need to speak with me about anything, please do not hesitate at all. I will make time to respond to your needs. I see close communications as an opportunity to better serve our students. When we work together we improve the system for the children.

As we work together during the year, I invite you to stay in contact and let me know how you and your children are experiencing school. There will be many opportunities for contact with me, please don't hesitate or ever think your comment or concern is unimportant. Through teamwork, open communication, and with a dedication to continuous improvement, we can make this school a place children delight in and enjoy learning.

In Partnership,

Kathy Hatzke, Principal

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 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 12/9 and into the new year.

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 **both** of the editors by **12 p.m. on Sundays** via e-mail:

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

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/

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

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KAISER CALENDAR

DATE / DAY	EVENT
Aug 25-27	Early Release Days, 1:25pm
Sept 1	NO SCHOOL Labor Day
Sept 5	Garden Day
Sept 10	Back-to-School Night / PTA General Meeting 6:30-9pm
Sept 23	PTA Board Meeting
Sept 25	Spaghetti Dinner
Sept 29	Emergency Packets Due
Oct 4	Harvest Festival
Oct 10	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day
Oct 13 – 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences – minimum days all week

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

PTA President's Message

Welcome to Kaiser Elementary! It is great to see many of the new and returning students to our wonderful school. I am excited for this school year. We have had many parents that have been working throughout the summer on events for this upcoming school year. Thank you! I first would like to introduce our 2014 - 2015 PTA Board:

Jennise Mendoza (President)
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Kaiser PTA supports every student with classroom materials, classroom field trips, computer teacher, music teacher, academic mentor, school aide, school library, school assemblies, emergency preparedness materials plus more. Our monthly operating expenses are around \$15,000. When we break down this cost per student, that means \$56 per month or \$560 per school year. These programs are made available through the generous contributions from families and friends of this wonderful community. Plus, we have received many generous donations from a few companies that our parents work for (Exxon Mobile, Wells Fargo, Pixar/Disneyland and James Irvine Foundation to name a few). Please continue to support our PTA so that we may continue to provide these services to our students. Always remember no amount is too small. All monetary donations are tax deductible. Our tax ID # is 94-6184119.

We realize that not all families can financially afford to donate. Many families donate through volunteer work. Please feel free to help out through the Dad's Club, Library Committee, Garden Committee, classrooms or offer to help with any one of our various fundraisers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

You can reach out to me either on campus or email me at KaiserPresident@gmail.com.

Go Panthers!

Jennise Mendoza
Kaiser PTA President

Welcome New Kaiser Teachers!

Daniel Krasnor, Kindergarten

Growing up, the last thing I ever expected to be doing when I got older was teaching. I spent my schooling years criticizing teachers because I felt as though our lives were not being approached with the care and passion that any life deserves. Unknowingly, I had been creating a careful analysis of the effective and ineffective methods employed in education.

As a teacher and a person, I am relentless. Through teaching though, I have learned how to use that quality in fruitful ways along with restraint, patience, empathy, compassion, and an eye towards real results.

My background, like my students, is incredibly diverse. I grew up in Berkeley, close to the border of Oakland, where I experienced my share of identity crises being of mixed asian/white race in an almost all African-American community along with my plethora of passions. My teaching draws upon those passions and thus my strong background in all arts (theater, singing, dancing, songwriting, book writing, drawing, graffiti art, photography, & food art), all sports (extreme, alternative, & mainstream), dog training, meditation, private mentoring/ life-coaching, culinary arts and nutrition, Economics, and Psychology. All of my interests allow me to engage with my diverse students and easily find personal motivators for them, using a very interdisciplinary curriculum .

What I tend to be known as is the teacher who both expects the most and provides the most freedom. I believe in the values of independent problem solving and appropriateness. I teach students to think so that they can engage in the biggest passion that I have, which is learning. In order to learn though, what I have to first often teach is faith. In order to successfully take risks and engage in worthwhile endeavors, we must have faith that positive outcomes are possible. I became a teacher because although many people complain about their experiences in school,

nobody can genuinely reflect on learning and say that it was a waste.

Here's a little more info on Daniel Krasnor...

He went to UC San Diego for undergrad and got his credential at SF State.

He student taught at Rosa Parks in Berkeley and Jose Ortega in San Francisco. He's also been an afterschool program instructor at Henry Haight Elem in Alameda and a teacher's aide for K-2 classes at Malcolm X in Berkeley.

Caroline Piper, 4th Grade

Caroline Piper grew up with her parents, two siblings, and a mutt named Oscar in the small town of Lower Waterford, Vermont. A few excellent elementary school teachers led her first to the Holderness School in New Hampshire, and then to Bates College in Maine, where she received a bachelor's degree in History and studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa. While in college, she also served as the president of the Bates Outing Club and spent her summers working in the White Mountains of New Hampshire for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Caroline moved to the Bay Area after college. She earned her California teaching credential and her master's degree from the University of the Pacific through the Bay Area Teacher Training Institute, while also teaching first and third grade at the Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito.

Caroline believes in the value of a rigorous and compassionate teaching style where all children are held to high standards and the curriculum is brought to life, in part, by the lived experience of her students. An avid reader and lifelong learner, Caroline is so excited to share her passion for learning with her students.

Annual Kaiser Fund

Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$45,000.

It's for the kids!

Please consider a tax deductible donation to Kaiser. We know that everyone has different financial abilities and any amount can help. **CAN YOU DONATE MORE? SPONSER A FAMILY!**

Think About It

- Daycare =\$12,000 annually= \$1,000/month
- Private school= \$22,000 annually=\$2000/month
- Kaiser Elementary=\$480 school year= \$54/month

How to Donate?

If you go to the Kaiser Webpage (www.KaiserElementary.org) on the right hand side you will see a thermometer and our goal for donations is \$45,000. You can also drop off a checks and money in the PTA box located by the front office. There will also be one located near AT.

Don't Forget!

Forward to friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. Ask your Again any amount helps! **Ask** your HR department if your company matches.

The Kaiser PTA relies on the generous support of our families and local communities to provide quality enrichment to the children of Kaiser. Your tax deductible donation goes directly to support and enrich learning at Kaiser by funding the library, art, music, intervention specialists, classroom supplies, field trips, and assemblies at Kaiser.

Help enrich lives, inspire minds, and celebrate the kids at Kaiser.

Thank you for your support of Kaiser Elementary! Without the generous support of families, community members and neighbors, we would not be able to provide the full breadth and depth of programs here at Kaiser.

Don't Hesitate! Donate Today!

Questions? Contact Lisa Cartolano Lisa@LisaCartolano.com 510.213.1139



Annual Kaiser Fund

Donating is Easy and Convenient!

Don't forget about Friends and Family. They can help the kids at Kaiser too!

There are FOUR ways to donate!

1. **Online.** Go to **www.KaiserElementary.org**. Click on the Donate Now button. Use your credit card or PayPal account to donate
2. **Check.** Fill out the form below and drop off in the Pledge Drive Box
3. **Cash.** Fill out the form below and drop off in the Pledge Drive Box
4. Don't forget your **Company's Matching Program!!** Contact your HR department to see if they provide a company matching program that will add to your already generous donation!!

PAYMENT (CHECK, CASH, CREDIT CARD) Cash Amount

Enclosed: _____

- My check is attached (write check to Kaiser PTA)
- Credit Card (paid online at kaiserelementary.org – donate button)
- Credit Card (see below)

I _____ authorize Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School PTA to charge my credit card account as indicated below:

- One time payment of \$ _____
- Recurring monthly pledge payment of \$ _____ beginning _____ ending _____

Account Type: Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

Cardholder Name _____

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

CVV2 (3 digit number on back of Visa/MC, 4 digits on front of AMEX) _____

I authorize the above named business to charge the credit card indicated in this authorization form according to the terms outlined above. This payment authorization is for the goods/services described above and for the amount indicated above only. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card and that I will not dispute the payment with my credit card company; so long as the transaction corresponds to the terms indicated in this form.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

2014 - 2015 Kaiser Elementary School Calendar

Aug 19th - 1st PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Aug 23 - School Registration (10 am - 2 pm)
Aug 25th - 1st Day of School
Aug 25th, 26th & 27th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)

Sept 1st - No school - Labor Day
Sept 5th - Garden Day
Sept 9th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Sept 10th - Open House / PTA Assoc Meeting / SSC Meeting
Sept 23rd - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Sept 23rd - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Sept 25th - Spaghetti Dinner
Sept 29th - Student's Emergency Packets Due

Oct 3rd - Garden Day
Oct 4th - Harvest Festival
Oct 10th - No school - Teacher Planning Day
Oct 13th - 17th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
Oct 13th - 17th - Parent Teacher Conferences (all students)
Oct 14th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Oct 28th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Oct 28th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Oct 31st - Halloween Parade

Nov 7th - Garden Day
Nov 8th - School Auction (tentatively scheduled)
Nov 11th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Nov 11th - No school - Veteran's Day
Nov 13th - PTA Association Meeting (6:30 pm) (Kaiser Multipurpose Room)
Nov 18th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Nov 24th - Nov 28th - No school - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 5th - Garden Day
Dec 5th - 1st Report Card Period
Dec 9th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Dec 12th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
Dec 16th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Dec 22nd - Jan 2 - No school - Winter Break

Jan 5th - Warrior's tickets start selling
Jan 8th - PTA Assoc Meeting (6:30 pm) (Kaiser Multipurpose Room)
Jan 13th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Jan 19th - No school - Martin L King, Jr Day
Jan 23rd - Warrior's tickets stop selling
Jan 27th - Look for Pink Panther Newsletter
Jan 27th - Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Jan 30th - No school - Professional Development Day

Feb 5th - Kaiser Potluck (6:30 pm)
Feb 6th - Garden Day
Feb 10th - Look for Pink Panther Newsletter
Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
Feb 16th - No school - President's Day
Feb 20th - Art and Music Night
Feb 24th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Feb 24th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)

Mar 2nd - A's tickets start selling
Mar 6th - Garden Day
Mar 6th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
Mar 6th - 2nd Report Card Period
Mar 9th - Kaiser Alive Kick Off
Mar 10th - Look for Pink Panther Newsletter
Mar 10th, 11th & 12th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
Mar 10th, 11th & 12th - Parent Teacher Conference (selected students)
Mar 12th - PTA Assoc Meeting (6:30 pm) (Kaiser Multipurpose Room)
Mar 24th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Mar 24th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
Mar 30th - A's tickets stop selling
Mar 31st - No school - Cesar Chavez Day

Apr 3rd - Garden Day
Apr 6th - 10th - No school - Spring Break
Apr 21st - Look for Pink Panther Newsletter
Apr 28th - PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)

May 1st - Garden Day
May 2nd - Kaiser Walk-A-Thon
May 4th - 9th - Teacher Appreciation week
May 5th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
May 14th - PTA Assoc Meeting (6:30 pm) (Kaiser Multipurpose Room)
May 19th - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
May 22nd - No school - In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday
May 25th - No school - Memorial Day
May 26th - Last PTA Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
May 29th - Kaiser Alive Picnic

Jun 1st thru 5th - Kaiser Spirit Week
Jun 2nd - Look for the Pink Panther Newsletter
Jun 3rd - Kaiser Field Day
Jun 4th - Incoming families ice-cream social / spaghetti dinner
Jun 5th - Garden Day
Jun 9th, 10th & 11th - 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
Jun 10th - 5th Grade Promotion
June 11th - 3rd Report Card Period
June 11th - Last Day of School

Note: (1) Every Wed is 1/2 day of school (kids out at 1:25 pm)
(2) Every Friday is Panther Pride Day