



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Principals' Message

Top on the agenda is a tremendous thank you to all the amazing volunteers who spearheaded our auction this year! It was a spectacular event and special kudos to the auction committee: Mary Young, Chaula Dhingra, Stacy Smith, Stephanie Peterson, Parin Shah and Nadia Bari. The solicitation volunteers truly gathered an abundance of wonderful items on which we all could bid. And to all of you who helped organize the classroom donations, thank you, one and all, for a fabulous evening that benefitted Kaiser and all its students!

Update on the Principal Recommendation Process: We have had two meetings that presented the process, gathered the characteristics that we're looking for in a new principal and at the second meeting, the following parents were selected to serve on the committee: Parin Shah, Jianina Lloyd, Annie de Jong and Millicent Embry. Alternates are Lisa Lyons and Matt Livermore. You will be receiving the list of characteristics that we'd love to see in our next principal and you are welcome to add to that list by contacting any of the parents or the staff representatives: Amy Haruyama, Steve Neat, Amelia Bailey, Sheila Loarca or Anne McGuinness. You can also contact Katie McLane at [katiemclane13@gmail.com](mailto:katiemclane13@gmail.com). There will be a ballot in the office to select one community representative. The candidates are: Gordon Seligson-White (long-time neighborhood volunteer in first grade classes) and Ilene Fortune (consultant/student support coordinator @ Kaiser) Stop by the office and fill out the ballot. One will be the rep and the other, the alternate. Stay tuned!

Girl Scout cookie sales were approved by Ms. Hatzke for three Mondays, as the troops are sponsored by the school. However, it was never intended that the boxes of cookies be opened at school. Our district has a healthy snack policy and we must abide by that at the school site. We appreciate all the hard work that the Girl Scouts and Brownies do to support projects in the community and we also understand the confusion that some parents have expressed re. healthy snacks being sold. There are two more Mondays when the sales were approved and we ask that the boxes of cookies not be opened and shared at school.

Tardy policy- We know it is a challenge getting to Kaiser sometimes due to severe traffic issues in the morning, so we encourage you to leave time for such unexpected issues. If you arrive late, you are to come to the office with your child, and sign in to the Kaiser Sign-in Computer. Your student then goes to class with his/her late slip. Thank you so much for helping us keep our records accurate. Our attendance clerk, Gayle Peterson, is always willing to help you.

Have a wonderful week and know that we love being at Kaiser!

Maureen Hartney, Kathy Maloney and Katie McLane (acting principals)

# 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 2/21/16 at noon**.

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**clily@mac.com – Lily Chien-Davis**

*Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on Tuesday 2/23/16!*

## MUSE orchestra

This Friday evening (2/12) at the Paramount, seven of our Kaiser students will be performing with the MUSE orchestra in the foyer of the auditorium from 7:00 to 7:45pm, prior to the Oakland Symphony concert.

Every year the symphony raises money to support the music in the schools and this is the fundraising night where conductor Michael Morgan highlights the work with the youth of our community. It is an honor to have so many Kaiser students in the MUSE orchestra this year. Come and support our young people and enjoy a wonderful concert.

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

### Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

### Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

## KAISER CALENDAR

Feb. 12	MUSE Orchestra Concert, 7pm, Paramount Theater
Feb. 15	No School — Presidents' Day
Feb. 17	PTA Board Meeting
Feb. 19	Dad's Club Movie Night
Mar. 10	PTA Meeting
Mar. 25	No School — Holiday
Mar. 28 to Apr. 1	No School — Spring Break

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

### 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/>

## February 8, 2016 President's Report

This past Saturday we held the Annual Kaiser Auction. Thanks to the Auction Committee, the volunteers, and all the attendees we were able to raise \$43,000. With money still coming in and our online auction, we look to reach our goal of \$45,000.

At our February 3rd Association meeting, chose members of 2 important committees; the nominating committee and the Principal Recommendation Committee. The Nominating Committee will be working to select our PTA Board for next school. The Principal Recommendation Committee will meet, interview, and recommend candidates to fill our open principal position. Please vote for one of our community members to fill the remaining position on the the PRC. You can find ballots in the office beginning Tuesday afternoon. Voting will end on Thursday afternoon.

Kaiser Alive kicks off soon. If you are interested in volunteering on this very important project, please email Jim Armstrong [kaiserpresident@gmail.com](mailto:kaiserpresident@gmail.com).

### Donation Opportunities:

- Amazon Smiles Program (use the link at [kaiserelementary.org](http://kaiserelementary.org))
- eScript
- PayPal donation (click the donate button on the [kaiserelementary.org](http://kaiserelementary.org) website).
- Lucky's S.H.A.R.E.S. Program (Cards available from [kaiserpresident@gmail.com](mailto:kaiserpresident@gmail.com))
- Sports Basement (sign up as a basemanteer) 10% of your purchase is donated to the school and you receive 10% off your purchase.
- Cash donation box in the office.

### UPCOMING PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS:

PTA Board Meeting	Wed. Feb 17 at 6:30 PM	Ta-Ke Sushi
Dad's Club Movie Night	Fri. Feb 19	Multi-purpose Room
PTA Association Meeting-Annual Election	Thurs. Mar 10 at 6:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room

If you have any questions or concerns regarding PTA activities, please feel free to contact any board member.

Thank you,

Jim Armstrong  
[kaiserpresident@gmail.com](mailto:kaiserpresident@gmail.com)

# Auction Update

## HUGE THANK YOU!

.... to everyone who helped with Kaiser's 41st Annual Auction! "An Evening at the Uptown" was a resounding success -- everyone had a great time and we are projected to gross \$50,000! There were some amazing people working behind the scenes to pull it off that deserve special thank yous.

First, a huge thanks to our auction committee: Mary Young, Chaula Dhingra, Stacy Smith, Nadia Bari, Stephanie Peterson and Parin Shah. The auction is a huge undertaking. Thank you so much to each of you for your hard work and dedication to our school. We know you all put in MANY hours and we appreciate you!

Thank you to our set up crew who made the Uptown look amazing: Celeste Stanley, Jim Moxon, Phillip Pease, Cliff Flamer, Ferron Ezakovich, Stephen Kizziah, Jeff Thompson, Sam Dhingra, the Ibarra's, Brendan Rusk and Rebecca Mullins.

Thank you to Melody Kearney and Malina Lake who cheerfully kept check-in moving. Thanks to Andi Rusk for setting a great mood with her awesome DJ-ing and to Nate and Bridget Davies for donating the beer. Thank you to our check-out and back office team: Jim Armstrong and Teresa Green.

Thanks to our clean up crew who had the place cleared out in no time flat: Jim Armstrong, Stephen Young, Sam Dhingra, Mr. Krasnor and Stuart Cook.

Thank you to Simone Thelemaque who wrapped up our left over food and delivered it to a homeless shelter. Kaiser kids weren't the only ones who benefitted from our Kaiser auction.

Many people worked for months to bring this evening to fruition. We want to recognize the contributions that were made along the way. Thanks to those who provided direct support to the auction committee: Cheshire Isaacs (graphics and layout; check out that auction poster!), Jim Moxon (who generously donated and did all the printing), Jolie McRae (data entry / auction item descriptions), and Annie de Jong (obtaining the venue, permits and licenses).

Thank you to our wonderful solicitation volunteers, whose engaging personalities and perseverance made it possible to have such an extensive collection of auction items. The Solicitation volunteers were: Tracey Colla, Nicole Grey, Matt Livermore, Caroline Stern, Ericka Roise, Angela Romero, and Rebecca Mullins (who also made the super creative, artsy party boards and table signs). Thanks also to our party solicitor Molly Glockler (the ultimate Kaiser party girl!).

Thank you to all the parents who organized and created the classroom donations: Stephanie Peterson, Simone Thelemaque, Andi Rusk, Melody Kearney, Vanessa Jones, Mari Ibarra, Sierra North, Sarah Isaacs, Angela Livermore, Annie de Jong, Caroline Stern, Leslie McColm, Patty Sayarad, Monica Holmes, Grandmother Marion and Sari Henry.

Thanks to Monica Lannon who helped get the word out with the creative auction bulletin board and thanks also to Book Zoo for donating the sound equipment.

Thank you to our fantastic teachers and staff who helped up raise so much money by generously donating outings to our auction. You are our most valuable asset!

Thank you to all the Kaiser Parents who donated and purchased parties, goods, services, wine, time and love! The auction was a great community effort and we thank you all!

Sincerely, The Kaiser Auction Committee:

Mary Young, Chaula Dhingra, Stacy Smith, Nadia Bari, Stephanie Peterson and Parin Shah

If you still need to pick up items you won at the auction e-mail [kaiserauction@gmail.com](mailto:kaiserauction@gmail.com). Also, coming soon: Online bidding for remaining auction items.