



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Principals' Message

Dear Families,

We are just completing our third week at Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School, and want to keep you posted on any changes that will be rolling out. (Note articles on Playground Changes and Posting Announcements elsewhere in the Pink.) We have so appreciated the feedback from our students, families and staff, and want you to know that we are always willing to listen to your thoughts as the year progresses. Kaiser is blessed with a strong PTA, School Site Council and Dad's Club, three bodies that play an important role in making recommendations for the future and also helping to build community and raise funds for our many programs that benefit our students. If you haven't yet joined one of these groups, please do so, and let them know if you would like a leadership role. Everyone's voice is important!

The Principal Recommendation Committee is meeting again this week to develop the questions that will help us select a candidate who most nearly meets all of the characteristics that you have indicated are important to you. We look forward to interviewing in late March or early April. Attached to this Pink Panther is a list of the characteristics that have been developed so far. If you would like to add more or circle those that resonate most with you, please return the sheet to the main office by Wednesday.

Some of you have asked if there is space for more students at Kaiser and the answer is Yes! Any application now would be a late application, but it might still be possible to find a space in kindergarten and first grade for next year, as well as 4/5. There is a description of Kaiser in this Pink Panther that sums up what we hope to offer our students and families. You are encouraged to share it with your neighbors via neighborhood networks. Interested families should contact the OUSD Options Office at Lakeview School and of course, are welcome to visit our school.

It is also important that we provide a safe drop-off and pick-up for our students, so please do not have your young children meet you at the corner of South Hill and Hiller Drive. There is no one there monitoring their safety, and we urge you to drive up to the school to get your younger children. In addition, we want to remind you that there is no parking starting at 2:30 pm on the right side of South Hill as you approach the school. That side must be kept clear of parked cars. Parked cars create congestion and are a safety hazard for drivers and children. Your consideration is greatly appreciated!

Best to all,
Maureen Hartney, Kathy Maloney and Katie McLane

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 3/6/16 at noon.**

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

Look for the next Pink in your child's backpack on Tuesday 3/8/16!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please turn in your Boxtops for Education this week! **Our spring submission deadline is next Monday, February 29th.**

Boxtops for Education are the little pink coupons found on many items that you already purchase—cereals, canned goods, granola bars, cake mixes, etc.

Each coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. In the past we have collected 3,000 + per year. Let's do it again!

Boxtops can be dropped off in the box on the counter in the school office. Thanks!
—Christine

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

Pink Panther's PTA Sponsors

PTA President: Jim Armstrong

Pink Panther Staff

Editor: Jolie McRae & Lily Chien-Davis

KAISER CALENDAR

Feb. 29	Boxtops for Education due
Mar. 1	A's Ticket Kick-Off
Mar. 1 to Mar. 31	Pledge Drive
Mar. 3	5th Grade Play for Parents,
Mar. 10	PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm
Mar. 14	Kaiser Alive Kick-Off
Mar. 14	Minimum Day
Mar. 15	Minimum Day
Mar. 16	PTA Board Meeting
Mar. 25	No School — Holiday
Mar. 28 to Apr. 1	No School — Spring Break
Apr. 20	PTA Board Meeting
Apr.(TBD)	Kaiser Showcase and Dinner

Check out the complete 2015-2016 school year [calendar](#) at the back of this newsletter or at 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 23, 2016
President's Report

Many thanks to the Dad's Club for sponsoring their very successful Dad's Club Movie Night. The dads raised over \$1,300 for the PTA. The PTA would not be able to offer the programs and events that it does without the support of the dads. If you see a dad in a green Dad's Club T-Shirt, please be sure to thank him!

At our February 3rd Association meeting, we chose members of 2 important committees: the nominating committee and the Principal Recommendation Committee. These committees are tasked with choosing people who will lead our community in the future years.

If you have feedback about the selection of a principal, please contact Katie McLane:
catherine.mclane@ousd.org

If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer yourself to serve on the PTA Executive Board, please contact one of these committee members:

Angela Livermore: (415) 244-2351 angewa72@gmail.com
Reggie Tolan: (510) 316-9335
Raphael Coffey: (510) 978-2665 raphaelcoffey@gmail.com

Donation Opportunities:

- Amazon Smiles Program (use the link at kaiserelementary.org)
- eScript
- PayPal donation (click the donate button on the kaiserelementary.org website).
- Lucky's S.H.A.R.E.S. Program (Cards available from kaiserpresident@gmail.com)
- Sports Basement (sign up as a Basementeer): 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 Assoc. Meeting: Annual Election	Thurs. Mar 10, 6:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Pledge Drive	March (All Month)	Stay tuned for details
PTA Executive Board Meeting	March 16	Ta-Ke Sushi
Kaiser Showcase and Dinner	April TBD	
Kaiser Alive	March, April, May	Stay tuned for details

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



Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

"Community and Collaboration"

Kaiser's Goals

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School provides a unique arts-enriched academic program where all students feel respected, valued, safe and supported. Always referred to as a "hidden gem" among the public schools in Oakland, Kaiser Elementary was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2012. We celebrate and nurture children from **all** of Oakland's neighborhoods, socio-economic levels, and cultural backgrounds.

A true "school of choice," over 90% of our students commute to our school because we welcome children from diverse family structures—foster, adoptive, LGBT, single-parent, and mixed-race. Our staff of life-long learners work closely with our families and students to create a welcoming, supportive learning environment where we all strive to meet our goals:

- Providing a place where home cultures are honored, celebrated, and woven into the fabric of the school community.
- Fostering academic excellence and creativity through reflective and inspired teaching that engages students in actively acquiring new knowledge and skills.
- Imparting tools necessary for self-motivated and independent learners, and skills required of well-rounded, reflective, socially aware individuals.
- Providing and ***maintaining*** a safe and aesthetically ***stimulating*** environment which allows student interaction to flourish.

PTA BOARD POSITIONS:

CONSIDER SERVING ON THE BOARD NEXT YEAR!

Our PTA is a huge part of what makes this school a place that we want to be. We pay for academic support for the kids, administrative support for the teachers, computer class, music teachers and equipment, we supplement art classes and supplies, pay for the class and principals fund, emergency supplies and so much more.

If you are interested in helping shape this vital part of Kaiser, to make sure your family's voice is heard, please consider serving on the board.

To express interest or ask questions, feel free to contact any member of the nominating committee.

Angela Livermore: (415) 244-2351 angewa72@gmail.com

Reggie Tolan: (510) 316-9335

Raphael Coffey: (510) 978-2665 raphaelcoffey@gmail.com

(Below are the descriptions of the board positions.)

Thank you!

PTA BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The president is the primary contact for Kaiser PTA within the immediate community as well as within the Peralta Council PTA. The president prepares meeting agendas and presides over all monthly PTA meetings. He/she works closely with the principal and board members to create the yearly budget and help appropriate goals be set and met through coordination with the board, association members and the larger community.

- Prepare the list of association officers and chairs for the district directory.
- Prepare the annual report for the Peralta PTA.
- Attend Peralta District PTA meetings and annual California PTA Convention.

The vice president supports the president to ensure all duties are attended to and acts in their stead should they become unavailable.

The treasurer keeps accounts and pays all monies owed by the PTA. Longer description available on request.

The secretary keeps an accurate, concise, permanent record of all meetings of the Association and the Board.

- Be prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings and have available a copy of Kaiser PTA bylaws.

The financial secretary collects and deposits all monies collected by the PTA, in coordination with the treasurer.

- Receive all monies, check amounts for accuracy, and issue a receipt for each transaction.
- Record all receipts in a ledger book with categorization (e.g., membership, fundraising).
- Provide, to the treasurer, a duplicate deposit slip with an accounting of all money received.
- Make sure that at least two people count the money together and deposit cash and checks into bank promptly.

The fundraising VP works to develop and plan fund-raising activities, build relationships and explore new fund-raising ideas.

- Play a key role in building a fund-raising plan for the PTA.
- Balance time/cost/effort to focus efforts upon the most appropriate and efficient fund-raising activities with the highest chance of success.
- Search for grants for criteria matching the PTA's projects and activities and pass along to the Grant Writing Committee.
- Give reports and updates to the board.

VP of membership helps build an informed and active membership that supports the PTA's mission, goals and programs.

- Put out membership information and be available to speak with the Kaiser community at events.
- Collect and reconcile membership dues with financial officers.
- Provide membership reports at board meetings.

The VP of Assemblies determines what assemblies to have for the year and schedules/coordinates them with the vendors, the office and teachers. Typically there are 3-4 assemblies per year.

The parliamentarian oversees that meetings are in compliance with Robert's rules of order and the Kaiser PTA is compliant to its bylaws.

- Review the bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order to guide the board when necessary.
- Create and chair the PTA board nominating committee.
- Chair the bylaw committee that reviews the bylaws annually.

The historian possibly a two year post, assists with continuity and historical memory

- Assembles and preserves a record of the activities, achievements and volunteer hours of the association.
- Oversees historical records
- Assists the president in preparing the association's required annual report.

Kaiser Elementary CHKS Parent Survey Link

Dear Kaiser Parents,

We REALLY need your help! Part of the formula for district funding is based on the full participation of parents, staff and 5th grade students as to how they feel about their school.

Please take time to fill out this quick survey. Click on the link below.

Kaiser Elementary CHKS Parent Survey:

<http://bit.ly/1OrJUVp>

Your participation is crucial to all of us!

Thank you, Maureen, Katie and Kathy (your acting principals)

Dear Oakland Unified Parent,

Thank you for participating in the 2015–16 OUSD Parent School Survey. This survey is an opportunity for you to help this school by sharing your opinions about it. To see previous [OUSD CHKS data results](http://publicportal.ousd.k12.ca.us/ousd) (click on link here: <http://publicportal.ousd.k12.ca.us/ousd>).

We want to learn about this school's efforts to promote academic success and well-being for every student. We also want to know how well the school is supporting you to be a true partner in your child's education.

If you have more than one child at this school, you may fill out a separate survey for each child – or just focus on the experience of one of your children at this school. More than one caregiver may fill out survey as well.

No one can tell who filled out this survey. Your answers are completely private.

Thank you for participating. Your opinion matters.

PLAYGROUND CHANGES



Starting the first week in March, Coach Kenny and Ms. Ostrom will be implementing changes on the playground. Junior coaches will be selected from students in the fourth and fifth grades. These coaches will be trained to support recess games and monitor equipment. Areas of the playground will be designated for specific activities and equipment.

We believe that these changes will result in opportunities for the students to be more engaged in cooperative games as they continue to develop respect and responsibility for rules and equipment.

Our students will be attending an assembly this week to hear about the junior coach application/selection process and the changes on the playground.

POSTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you enter the school and cafeteria during the next few weeks, you will probably notice a few changes. We are clearing things out and putting an early start into "Spring Cleaning". Creating and maintaining an attractive and clean school environment is important to us. In an effort to meet this challenge, we are doing away with the practice of posting notices and signs on doors, windows, and hallway walls. In time, you will see that the many bulletin boards we have in our school halls can easily accommodate notices about important upcoming events. In the future, when you want to post an announcement, etc., please bring it to the main office and the staff will assist you with the next steps.



PTA Committee Volunteers

Hello Kaiser Community,

I am working with Jim Armstrong, our PTA president to prepare the community for a successful 2016-17 school year. We have been extremely fortunate the past few of years to have a robust, diverse community of volunteers. Our PTA leadership has been amazing, our treasury is in order, and our many and varied community events bring us together and enrich our children's experience of their school.

There are close to 100 volunteer positions (besides the PTA Board) that are vital to maintaining the functions of our community (see the attachment for a current list). Most have been filled these past few years, resulting in smooth sailing. This is not the status quo. That is, it doesn't just happen—and it hasn't always happened. It has required all of us to take: responsibility, initiative, time, and effort. Once we find the groove—some maintain their positions for several years—becoming experts and adding that much more value to the school.

Every year some of our volunteers graduate along with their children—and new volunteers step up to bring their time and talent forward. This is the time of year to begin thinking about how you, personally, can pitch in. Preparations for next school year are around the corner. Next month we will elect new PTA Board members and we must also look to the future of all the other committees. Our school is better when we all join in to share whatever time and talent we have. So get ready to roll up your sleeves!

I will be putting out emails to see who is interested in continuing in any roles they have held this year (if you're reading this feel free to email me and let me know while you're thinking about it) and who is ready to show the ropes to a new volunteer. Stay tuned for an announcement about openings! And please feel free to contact me directly about any volunteer position you'd like to know more about.

Sincerely,

Annie de Jong anniemekedejong@comcast.net

Parent of Morgan McColm-de Jong, 3rd grade

PTA Committee Volunteers 2015-16

SCHOOL YEAR POSITIONS BLUE VOLUNTEERS ARE RETURNING

Volunteer Coordinator

Classroom Communications Coordinator [Susy Hovland \(shovland@yahoo.com\)](mailto:shovland@yahoo.com)

Pledge Coordinator

Kaiser Webmaster [Andres Elenes \(andres.elenes@ucsf.edu\)](mailto:andres.elenes@ucsf.edu)

Yahoo Group Moderator [Christine Kizziah \(christinebkizziah@yahoo.com\)](mailto:christinebkizziah@yahoo.com)

Kaiser FB Moderator [Molly Glocker \(mollyglock@gmail.com\)](mailto:mollyglock@gmail.com)

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Assistant Editor Pink [Lily Chien-Davis \(clily@mac.com\)](mailto:clily@mac.com)

Safety Patrol Coordinator

After School Programs Liaison [Angela Livermore \(angewa72@gmail.com\)](mailto:angewa72@gmail.com)

Library Committee Chairs [Sierra North \(sierranorth@gmail.com\)](mailto:sierranorth@gmail.com)

[Amy Schoneman \(amysch1man@hotmail.com\)](mailto:amysch1man@hotmail.com)

School Marquis Updates

[Annie de Jong \(annemiekedekjong@comcast.net\)](mailto:annemiekedekjong@comcast.net)

Gardening Coordinators

[Mike Louden \(michael.louden@sbcglobal.net\)](mailto:michael.louden@sbcglobal.net)

[Amy Schoneman \(amysch1man@hotmail.com\)](mailto:amysch1man@hotmail.com)

[Janan Apaydin \(janan.apaydin@ousd.k12.ca.us\)](mailto:janan.apaydin@ousd.k12.ca.us)

Grants Coordinators

ARTS

LIBRARY

GENERAL

Kaiser Spirit Wear Coordinator

Emergency Preparedness

[Liz Gumas \(lgumas@yahoo.com\)](mailto:lgumas@yahoo.com)

[Felipe Ibarra \(casaim29@yahoo.com\)](mailto:casaim29@yahoo.com)

Lost & Found Coordinator

Farm Fresh to You Coordinator

Box Tops Coordinator

[Christine Kizziah \(christinebkizziah@yahoo.com\)](mailto:christinebkizziah@yahoo.com)

Ink Cartridges Coordinator

[Lisette Bahamondes \(lissetebaha@earthlink.net\)](mailto:lissetebaha@earthlink.net)

Safeway/eScrip Coordinator

[Molly Glockler \(mollyglock@gmail.com\)](mailto:mollyglock@gmail.com)

Target REDcard Coordinator

[\(KaiserTreasurer@gmail.com\)](mailto:KaiserTreasurer@gmail.com)

Amazon Account Coordinator

[\(KaiserTreasurer@gmail.com\)](mailto:KaiserTreasurer@gmail.com)

PROJECT BASED POSITIONS (or time-limited)

FALL SEMESTER

Harvest Fair Co-Chairs

Jessie Jaeger (yeyewawa@yahoo.com)

Anna Gruver (anna.gruver@gmail.com)

Spaghetti Night

Jim Moxon/ Kaiser Dad's Club (asapqp@flash.com)

Gift Wrap Sale Coordinators

Cassandra Dunn (cassandrajj@berkeley.edu)

Auction Chair(s)

Programs (Assemblies) Chair

Christine Kizziah (christinekizziah@yahoo.com)

Kaiser PTA Potluck Coordinator

Book Fair Coordinator (Fall)

Kaiser PTA Reading Night Coordinator

Movie Night Coordinators

Jim Moxon/ Kaiser Dad's Club (asapqp@flash.com)

Warrior's Coordinator

Mari Ibarra (casaim29@yahoo.com)

New Enrollment/School Tours Coordinator _____

SPRING SEMESTER

Oakland A's Coordinator

[Alysia McDonough \(alysia.mcdonough@gmail.com\)](mailto:alysia.mcdonough@gmail.com)

Book Fair Coordinator (Spring)

Walk-a-thon Chairs

[Susy Hovland \(shovland@yahoo.com\)](mailto:shovland@yahoo.com)

[Jennifer Sedlachek \(jennifer.c.sedlachek@exxonmobil.com\)](mailto:jennifer.c.sedlachek@exxonmobil.com)

Kaiser Alive Coordinators

[Corinna Stern \(clstern72@yahoo.com\)](mailto:clstern72@yahoo.com)

[Kate Coldwell \(katemcoldwell@gmail.com\)](mailto:katemcoldwell@gmail.com) **IF AT KAISER**

Dance Night Coordinators

Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator

Kaiser Spirit Week Coordinator

[Mari Ibarra \(casaim29@yahoo.com\)](mailto:casaim29@yahoo.com)

New Student Welcome/Ice cream Social Coordinator [Mary Young \(mary.young78@gmail.com\)](mailto:mary.young78@gmail.com)

ONLINE AUCTION ITEMS AND PARTIES STILL AVAILABLE!

Hello Kaiser Families,

Thank you to all who supported the Night at the Uptown. It was super fun, and more importantly - we made money for the school.

We do have some items which are now part of an online auction.

Please check out

**<https://kaiser.schoolauction.net/auction2016/>
for some great items and a few party spots still open.**

Thanks for your support.

Mary Young and the auction committee.