



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

August 21, 2018

### KAISER CALENDAR

### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Wednesday, 8.22.18  
6:00pm\* - 6:40pm

Back to School  
Night

Wednesday, 8.22.18  
6:45pm - 7:30pm

All School +  
PTA Meeting

Saturday, 8.25.18

Dad's Club  
Pancake  
Breakfast

Monday, 9.3.18

NO SCHOOL\*\*

\*Start time for families with more than one Kaiser student ONLY. All other families please arrive at 6:20pm.

\*\*No School. All OUSD. Labor Day Holiday.

Dear Kaiser Families:

Kaiser Elementary is a little school steeped in traditions and progressive values, yet we are also a community that is dynamic, open to change, and always on the lookout for how we can do things better. Our first week of classes highlighted both of these traits. I want to give a special thanks to family members who helped at registration and on our first day, and to an amazing staff who worked hard to ensure that we had a great start to the year!

The most notable change of our 2018-19 school year is the reconfiguration of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. We have slimmed down the number of transitions and now have one 4<sup>th</sup>, one 5<sup>th</sup>, and one 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> combination class. We are excited to welcome Ms. Eckely (5<sup>th</sup>) and Ms. Thomas (4<sup>th</sup>) to Kaiser. We also welcome Jourdan Oliver to the STIP sub role. Thanks for making them feel welcome and a part of our Kaiser family!

We begin our year with a look at last year's data. We have significant student growth to celebrate! Kaiser had a **15.8% gain** in the number of students meeting or exceeding standards on the English end-of-year state SBAC assessment (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium). In math we had a **10.2% gain**. (18.7% over two years.) These gains are among the highest in the district! While 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders take this annual assessment, these numbers represent the coordinated work of teachers across all grades at Kaiser.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Back to School Night on Wednesday of this week and to partnering with you and our staff in making this Kaiser's best year yet!

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>



This evening we will celebrate the start of the school year and have an opportunity to visit your scholar's class to see what learning lies ahead! Please note that this schedule is a bit different than in previous years.

**6:00 – 6:20 PM** : Classroom presentations ONLY for families with more than one child at Kaiser (start in one classroom and transition to second class at 6:20pm)

**6:20 – 6:40 PM** : Classroom presentations for ALL families

**6:45 – 7:30 PM** : All school meeting (+ PTA Meeting) in Multi-Purpose Room

**ATTENDEES:** Back-to-school night is intended for adult family members only (no children please). No childcare provided.





# School News

## STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP @ KAISER

You may have noticed that Kaiser teachers have tightened our dismissal process. We have seen immediate benefits: calmer hallways, safer pick up, and less wait time for drivers. We ask and expect that ALL families support in the following ways:



- **No drop off before 8:30 AM or pick up after 3:15 PM (1:45 PM on early dismissal days)**, unless your child is enrolled in Adventure Time.
- **No parking in the traffic circle or the lead up to Kaiser on Hiller or Hill Ct** during drop off or within 30 minutes of pick up.
- **Pick up ONLY at the curb in front of the campus.** (Or by parking in the neighborhood and walking with your children to your car.)
- **Kinder families should pick their child up from the classroom** (or Adventure Time), but we ask **\*\*NEW UPDATE\*\* all other families to wait outside of the building until dismissal**

## KONSTELLA: ASSIGN YOUR CHILD TO A CLASSROOM

Most Kaiser families have already signed up for Konstella. This is an important communication tool from our school office and principal, PTA, and classrooms. If you have not signed up, please visit [www.konstella.com](http://www.konstella.com) and select Kaiser Elementary under the "Find Your School" option.

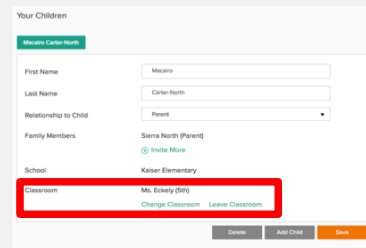
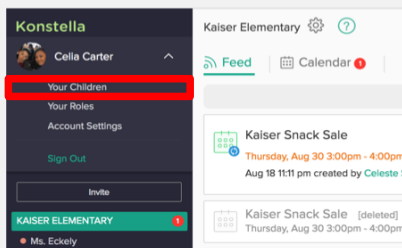
Once you have signed up, please ensure you've added your child to a classroom.

Step 1: Login to [www.konstella.com](http://www.konstella.com)

Step 2: At the left of the page navigate to "Your Children"

Step 3: Assign your child to their classroom

Step 4: Hit Save



## ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY (GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup>)

**WHAT:** Bryan Stow Assembly

**WHEN:** Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:45AM

We are honored to have Bryan Stow visit Kaiser Elementary. He will present his powerful anti-bullying message to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. *Bryan welcomes all students to wear a jersey or shirt of their favorite sports team this day.* Due to the violent nature of the crime that injured Bryan, our younger students will not attend the assembly. Adult family members are welcome to attend.

More information is available at <http://bryanstowfoundation.org/presentations/>



# Kaiser **PTA**<sup>®</sup> News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT, CELESTE STANLEY

Welcome new and returning Kaiser families! As the 2018-19 Kaiser Elementary PTA President, I invite you to jump in and join the Kaiser community! All parents, guardians and family members are invited to attend the first general **PTA meeting on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45pm**. This will be a great opportunity to learn how the Kaiser PTA supports our school community and how each of you can make a difference.

*We ask each family to consider contributing time in the following areas:*

1. Help in your classroom – (Directly contact your student's teacher to see how you can help!)
2. Help the whole school
3. Help with fundraising

*As a first step, please join the PTA! It is an annual membership, therefore, both new and returning families must sign up to be active members this year. We encourage families to sign up multiple parents, guardians, grandparents, etc!*

*Joining the PTA your contribution of time and resources provide you:*

- Connection to other parents and teachers.
- Understanding of the challenges schools face and knowing your part of the solution.
- Getting to know your kids' classmates.
- Giving your child a sense of community.
- Eyewitness to those "awesome moments" of elementary school.
- Adding to the amazing Kaiser experience for all our kids.
- Oh yeah and having fun!

## HOW TO JOIN THE PTA!

**\$10** for every family member/guardian who would like to join.

- **Option 1: PayPal.** Go to the Kaiser Elementary website (<http://www.kaiserelementary.org/>). Select Donate. Please be sure to put "PTA membership, your full name and your child's full name + teacher" in the notes section.
- **Option 2: Donation Envelopes.** They are available in the office on top of the black PTA box. Please write in your full name, email and phone number. Please write on the bottom the name of your child(ren) + teacher in the notes section.



# Kaiser **PTA**® News

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

- The PTA has some fantastic volunteer opportunities for parents as we kick off the new school year!

We have the following positions available and would love your support:

- **VP of Fundraising** (1-2 openings)
  - Co-chairs that oversee our 3 major fundraisers: Walkathon, Auction Party and Spring Carnival)
- **Grant Writer** (Multiple openings)
  - An individual or individuals with current or former grant writing experience
- **Auction Chairs** (2 – 3 openings)
- **Spring Carnival Chairs** (2 openings)
- **Book Fair Chairs** (2 Openings)
- **Teacher Appreciation Week Chair** (1 opening)

Please visit [www.konstella.com](http://www.konstella.com) "Committees" section to learn more and sign up! Please also feel free to contact the PTA President directly at [president@kaiserspta.org](mailto:president@kaiserspta.org) for more information!

Have a great beginning of the year!

*Celeste Colbert Stanley*

PTA President, Kaiser

## KAISER DAD'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY!



**WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHAT: KAISER DAD'S CLUB  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Please check Konstella for exact timing and registration details!

