



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

November 13, 2018

### KAISER CALENDAR

### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Wednesday, 11.14.18 4pm (Library)	SSC Meeting
Monday, 11.19.18 - Friday, 11.23.18	NO SCHOOL*
Friday, 11.30.18 6:30pm - 10:00pm	Dad's Club Movie Night
Friday, 12.07.18	University Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, 12.19.18 6:30pm - 8:00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Performance & Holiday Play

\*No School Thanksgiving Holiday (All OUSD)

Hello Kaiser Elementary Families.

Last week Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell, OUSD's superintendent, visited Kaiser and toured several classes. She was excited to see the work we are doing with socio-emotional learning and "Toolbox" lessons. We also celebrated Kaiser's double digit gains in reading and math.

Last week we also started a new tradition of recognizing perfect attendance. Kaiser has a legacy of strong attendance, which we all know is the foundation for success in school and beyond. While there are times when students will need to be out of school, especially if they sick, we also want to celebrate students when they are here on time every day. Each month, for the rest of the school year, we will be celebrating monthly perfect attendance with certificates, prizes, and a brief award ceremony in each class.

In this season of giving thanks, I want to share my gratitude for the partnership and support of our Kaiser families, and for our teachers and staff whose commitment to our children goes far beyond the job.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal

Save the Dates!





# School News



## DROP OFF & PICKUP TIME REMINDERS

### DROP OFF:

Please remember that **there is no supervision before 8:30 AM** each morning. Please stay with your child until 8:30 if you arrive to campus earlier, unless they are enrolled in Adventure Time.



### PICK UP:

Also, please **pick your child up within 15 minutes of dismissal**, unless they are in AT. Pick up is between 3:00 - 3:15 (1:30 - 1:45 on Wednesdays and other minimum days.) Kindergarten families may pick up children from the class, but we ask that others please wait outside since busy hallways disrupt learning.

## CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS



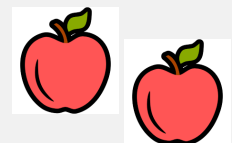
Our cafeteria is a busy and active place. 275 students, split between two 20 minute seatings, eat their lunches here. Ms. Shauranda, Mr. Alonzo, Mr. Tolan and Mr. Guikema keep things rolling smooth. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer "Cafeteria Leadership Team" also do a lot to help our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. As you can imagine, our "safe, mindful and responsible"

expectations are especially important in the cafeteria.

We are asking all families to have a discussion this week at home with your child(ren) about these expectations. Your kids should be able to tell you how they enter the cafeteria, how they keep "inside voices", how they ask permission if they need to get up, how they start eating their lunch right away so they have time to finish it, and how they leave a clean table when they are dismissed. Thank you for your help in helping keep cafeteria time as productive as possible!

## CANDY & HEALTHY FOOD REMINDER

After Halloween, we often see candy and other junk foods show up at school. This is a good time for a reminder that **candy should not come to school**, and that food brought to share for special events or for snack sale should **follow our healthy food guidelines**.



# PTA News

## THE KAISER ELEMENTARY AUCTION NEEDS YOU!



Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching and we need your help make this event the biggest and best it has ever been. The following volunteer positions are open and waiting for you:

**Donation Solicitation Committee** (4-6 positions open): Join the team of our amazing committee chair, Jennie Redwitz, and help reach out to the community to solicit donations for goods/services and sponsorships. No cold calling required! We will work from a list of those who have donated in the past and most of the work can be done online.

**Marketing**: Do you enjoy reaching out to others? The marketing team will help with class communications, posting to social media, creating content to post on the Kaiser website and help get the word out to the school and community about our event.

**Do you own a business in our community???** Would you be willing to sponsor our event for \$1000 and/or donate your goods and services as an auction item? Contact the fundraising VP for the PTA if this is you.

**Wine Vault Coordinator**: One great item at our auction is the wine vault that features bottles of wine donated by our Kaiser community. We need a coordinator who can get the word out and organize a few volunteers to collect bottles of wine at pick up and drop off (very minimal time commitment).

If you are interested in volunteering, donating to or sponsoring this event, please contact Alicia Johnson at [fundraising@kaiserrpta.org](mailto:fundraising@kaiserrpta.org) or by phone at (949)573-0971.



# Community News & Opportunities



## KAISER GIRLSCOUTS: ONE WARM COAT & TOY DRIVE

The Daisy, Brownie and Junior troops based at Kaiser Elementary will be hosting the annual

### One Warm Coat and Toy Drive!

- **ONE WARM COAT:** Please place new or *gently* used coats, sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, scarves, warm hats or mittens in the bins located across from the front office. ALL sizes are welcome. **We are collecting items until Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**
- **TO DRIVE:** New, unwrapped toys will be accepted until **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

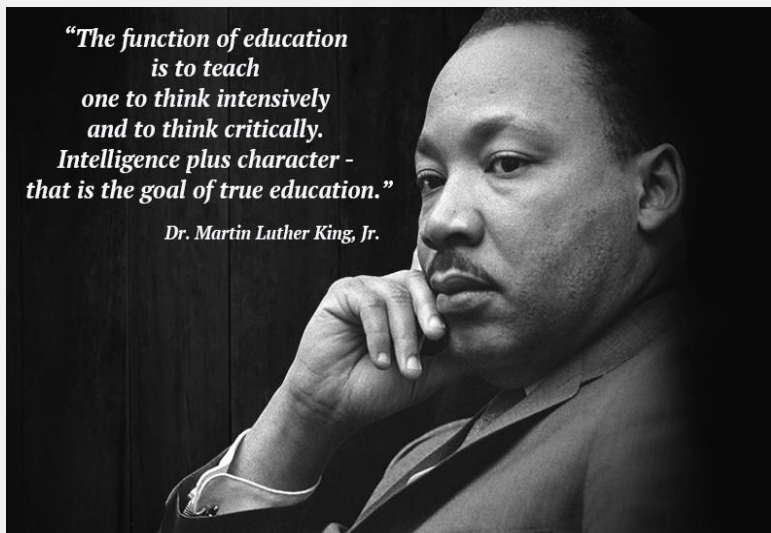
All donated items will be distributed to members of the Oakland community who are in need. Thank you for making the winter months a little brighter!

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MLK JR. ORATORICAL FEST 2019

Theme: The Time is Always Right to Do The Right Thing

*"The function of education  
is to teach  
one to think intensively  
and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character -  
that is the goal of true education."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Explore the Website for ideas, resources, and videos!

[https://www.ousd.org/mlk\\_oratorical](https://www.ousd.org/mlk_oratorical)

Ask your teacher for an informational packet! Submit your ideas by **Friday, January 18, 2019**. Auditions in the Kaiser Library on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

