



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

January 15, 2019

KAISER CALENDAR

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Monday, 1.21.18

NO SCHOOL*

Thursday, 1.24.18
6:30pm

PTA General Meeting

Friday, 1.25.18

NO SCHOOL**

Saturday, 03.09.19
6pm – 10pm

44th Annual Kaiser PTA Auction

* ALL OUSD: MLK Jr Day

** ALL OUSD: Professional Development

Save the Dates!

Happy New Year Kaiser Elementary Families!

Carl Sagan said, "Science is more than a body of knowledge. It is a way of thinking." If you have observed a science lesson at Kaiser, you have seen *thinking* and *discovery* in action.

This winter Kaiser teachers started using an exciting *updated science curriculum* that is aligned with Next Generation Science Standards. In our Wednesday professional development session we took time to get to know the new materials and plan our lessons. We also looked at ways that we could use science to boost literacy. Access to complex texts and the use of science notebooks are integral to all science units. Ask your child about what they have done recently in science. They should have a lot to share!

On another note, in my column last month I mentioned a current theme in our 4th and 5th grades of being an "upstander". Each week for this month, students can nominate peers for being an upstander.

I asked **Kaiden M.**, one of those who was nominated, his thoughts. "It feels good to be an upstander because you feel more safe and helpful", he said. **Viola G.** added that student should, "try to have this mindset not just some of the time, but all of the time."

As we dive in to this new year, I encourage you all to stay highly engaged at Kaiser. We have an important PTA meeting this month that I hope all will attend. And we need your help for the upcoming auction, the largest fundraiser of the year.

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal





School News



LOST & FOUND PICKUP: MONDAY, JAN 28TH

Dear Kaiser Families:

All lost and found items (located on the rack right outside the multipurpose room) will be picked up and donated on the afternoon of Monday, January 28th. Please make sure to go through the items, including the water bottles, lunch boxes, etc., before the end of the day Monday, January 28th.



If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call Shai-El Andrews at shaiel.andrews@gmail.com or (510) 459-6150.

MLK ORATORICAL 2019

Does your child enjoy public speaking? Does your child have a message to convey to an audience about social justice, kindness, character building, equality, or education?

There are a couple opportunities for your child to showcase his/her skills.

- OUSD competition: This is a formal competition, complete with judges, scoring, and the opportunity to compete with kids from all over Oakland.
- School assembly: This will be a showcase of Kaiser kids that want to orate the selected piece. No judging, scoring, etc.

If your child wants to participate in the competition, please let your child's teacher know so he/she can get a packet with more details. You can also go to the OUSD MLK Oratorical information page at: www.ousd.org/mlkoratorical for more information.

Mark your calendars for these important upcoming dates:

Friday, January 18, 2019-Sign up sheets are due to teacher, or Ms. Araki
Wednesday, January 23, 2019-Auditions in the Kaiser library
Tuesday, February 5, 2019-OUSD District-Wide Competition
Monday, February 11, 2019-Kaiser Assembly Showcase-No judging/scores
Sunday, February 24, 2019-Final Competition at Skyline High



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Families,

WE NEED YOU!!! There are many opportunities to volunteer your time, talent and service in the next few months including:

- ❑ **The Auction Committee** is looking for volunteers, please see more information on the next page of this Pink Panther and check out sign up information on Konstella or contact Alicia Johnson VP of Fundraising at Fundraising@kaiserpta.org.
- ❑ Interested in serving on the **PTA Board** for the 2019-2020 school year? Kindly consider one of the following leadership positions:
 - Membership
 - Treasurer
 - Communications Secretary
 - Parliamentarian
 - Programs

In addition to your position responsibilities, there are monthly board meetings and opportunities to volunteer at PTA events (e.g. General Board Meetings, Walk-a-thon, Auction, etc.). For more information please contact Celeste Colbert Stanley at President@kaiserpta.org.

PTA MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Please attend our **General PTA meeting on Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 pm** in the Kaiser Multipurpose Room. Pizza dinner provided starting at 6:00pm and childcare will be available on site. There are two key topics that will be discussed:

1. **2019 – 2020 PTA Board Members:** Potential PTA Board Members will be nominated.
2. **Blueprint for Quality Schools:** There will also be an OUSD representative in attendance to discuss the *Blueprint for Quality Schools*. The Blueprint is a district plan with long lasting impact to meet the changing facility, program and educational needs of the district. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the districts plans regarding Oakland schools in general and Kaiser specifically.

Have a great week and hope to see you there!

~ *Celeste Colbert Stanley*
PTA President



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44TH ANNUAL PTA AUCTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, March 9, 2019

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Piedmont Veteran's Memorial Building
401 Highland Ave, Piedmont, CA 94611

Every year, our annual auction is Kaiser's biggest fundraiser. The money raised helps pay for our art, music, PE and technology programs. OUSD has continued to cut our budget every year, putting more and more of the responsibility of raising funds for these programs on our Kaiser community. We are a small school that has been able to provide these awesome resources for our kids because of Kaiser families dedicating their time, effort and money to make Kaiser a special place. Our auction is in jeopardy of being cancelled this year because of lack of volunteers. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The following volunteer positions are open and ready to be filled:

Auction Co-Chair: Are you organized, focused and ready to take on a bigger leadership role at school? You will be working with 3 other dedicated team members who will help make sure the auction goes off without a hitch. This is a bigger job but one for someone who wants to step into a bigger role.

Decorating Committee: Are you artistic? Crafty? Love to decorate? We're looking for a team of 2-3 people who want to help with the decorations. This includes getting the supplies needed and setting up the day of. About a 5-10 hour commitment.

Marketing Coordinator: All the scripts and fliers will be ready. We need you to make sure they are getting into the hands of our Kaiser community and in the Pink Panther on time. You will also update the PTA bulletin board outside the office.

Donations Team: Most donations have been solicited. We need 2-3 people to continue to follow up with those donating and see what other opportunities are out there for donations.

EVENT DAY OF (Saturday March 9, 2019)

Event Set Up:(8 volunteers) 1pm-4pm on site

Auction Check In:(6 volunteers) Helping check people into the auction. A 1 hour commitment 5:30-6:30pm.

Break Down/Clean Up: (6 volunteers): Help with clean up tasks as necessary. 10pm-11pm.

We must raise \$60,000 from our auction to keep our programs running as they are right now. Will you help make this the best auction yet? If we cannot fill these positions by January 18th, our auction will be cancelled.

Please contact Alicia Johnson at fundraising@kaiserpta.org at (949) 573-0971 or sign up on Konstella if you can fill one of these positions. We promise to make it a fun and worthwhile experience!!!

Thank you,
Your Kaiser PTA Board

