



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

February 12, 2019

### KAISER CALENDAR

### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Wednesday, 02.13, AM Drop-Off	Wine Cellar Donations
Friday, 02.15.19 4PM @ Kaiser	Meeting with OUSD School Board Member, Jody London
Tuesday, 02.19 – Thursday, 02.21 AM Drop-Off	Wine Cellar Donations
Tuesday 02.19.19 6:30PM @ Kaiser	KAC Meeting
Thursday, 02.21.19 6PM @ Kaiser	Meeting with Superintendent, Kyla Johnson- Trammell
Saturday, 03.09.19 6PM – 10PM	Kaiser Annual Auction

**Save the Dates!**

#### Have Feedback or Content For the Pink Panther?

Please contact the editor, Celia Carter at [celiacarter@gmail.com](mailto:celiacarter@gmail.com)

Hello Kaiser Elementary Families:

I am proud of the Kaiser Elementary families and teachers for showing such love to our kiddos during such difficult times. While the potential of a Kaiser merger and a possible teacher strike is weighing heavy on all of our hearts, I'm moved by how our community is forged by fire and of how we step up to support our children, their teachers, and our school.

Before I delve into heavier conversation, let's not forget all there is to celebrate!

- ❖ Our mid-year reading scores grew for a 4th consecutive year! We are only 1.5% behind last year's END of year results. Keep on reading!
- ❖ Ms. Hunter's class took top honors in their category at the OUSD Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival and several other students were podium finishers.
- ❖ We had 166 prospective families tour Kaiser Elementary, interested in the 48 kinder slots available next year.
- ❖ Our staff recently finished a "cycle of inquiry" in which we delved into our new science curriculum with an additional focus on "complex non-fiction texts."

And of course, special things happen in every classroom every day!

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# School News

## PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

...There are two upcoming opportunities to engage with OUSD leadership about the proposed move of Kaiser to the Sankofa site.

- ❑ This **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**, District One School Board Member, Jody London, will be meeting with families in the Kaiser Multi Purpose Room. (Adventure Time will be in the library that day)
- ❑ **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM**. Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell will be at Kaiser. Kaiser teachers have organized a presentation at 6:00 PM, and Dr. Johnson-Trammell will present at 6:30.

POSSIBLE TEACHER STRIKE: There is a possibility that there will be a teacher strike sometime in the coming weeks. A 72-hour notice is required, and we will notify all families as soon as possible via Konstella and a robo-call if a strike is scheduled. **If there is a strike, school will be in session and Adventure Time will remain open, but Enrichment classes will be cancelled.** In addition, with most or all teachers out, it will not be "business as usual." My only "ask" in case of a strike is that the Kaiser community retain its unity. No one should be shamed for the personal or family decisions they make during this time. On my end, I will be suspending our "perfect attendance" awards during the strike and withholding any truancy notices for strike days.

Ernesto "Che" Guevarra said, "The true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love." (How is that for a segue!) This Thursday is Valentine's Day. Please remember Kaiser's "healthy food" guidelines and do not bring candy or other sweets to school. If your child is going to share Valentine's Day cards, it is best practice to make one for every student in their class.

Finally, our auction is just around the corner! More information is in this issue of the *Pink Panther*. If you haven't already, please get your tickets now. Auction items are still being accepted, as are donations for the "wine cellar."

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDERS

Lately we have seen more families parking in the reserved staff parking lot and parking in restricted areas. Please remember that unless you have a disabled placard parking must be on the neighborhood streets.

Also, we have seen more students being dropped off before we are providing supervision. Unless your child goes to Adventure Time in the morning, please stay with them until 8:30 AM when staff supervision officially begins.



# PTA News

## PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Families,

Today I am deeply thankful and grateful for our community of parents, teachers, administrators and alumni families! In the midst of so much going on including the threat of closure/merger, our teachers preparing to strike...we continue to remain committed to our school and our teachers!

We have mobilized, spoken out, marched, made signs and generally shown up for our school in the last 3 weeks since the closure/merger announcement. However, we still have a ways to go before OUSD makes its proposal to the school board to close Kaiser and merge with Sankofa Academy on March 6th. There are many opportunities to help, the KAC (Kaiser Advocacy Committee) is open to anyone to join on Konstella. Or if you just want to show up at events and help out, check out info on Konstella and the school website for more information.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

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- ❖ Kaiser KAC meeting on **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the Kaiser Multi Purpose Room. Food + childcare provided. For more info contact Sarah Isaacs- KAC Chair ([sarahkisaacs@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkisaacs@gmail.com)) or me ([president@kaiserpta.org](mailto:president@kaiserpta.org)).
- ❖ Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell will be at Kaiser on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM**. Kaiser teachers have organized a presentation at 6:00 PM, and Dr. Johnson-Trammell will present at 6:30. Childcare provided.

In gratitude,

~*Celeste Stanley*

PTA President



# PTA News

KAISER AUCTION IS AROUND THE CORNER!

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## Wine Cellar Donations Needed!

We are collecting bottles of wine for our Auction's wine cellar. Please bring a bottle (or 2 or 6) of wine (\$15 value for white \$20 value for red) to school drop off on the following dates:

Monday 2/11, Tuesday 2/12 and Wednesday 2/13

Tuesday 2/19, Wednesday 2/20 and Thursday 2/21

If you aren't at drop off, we can arrange another pick up.  
Contact Alicia at [fundraising@kaiserpta.org](mailto:fundraising@kaiserpta.org).

## AUCTION TICKETS ARE ON SALE!!!!

[www.biddingforgood.com/kaiserelementary](http://www.biddingforgood.com/kaiserelementary)

March 9, 2019

6pm-10pm

Veterans Building, Piedmont

\$50 presale/\$60 at the door

(ticket includes 1 drink)

Drink tickets \$5

\*\*\*Every bidder must register at

[www.biddingforgood.com](http://www.biddingforgood.com) to receive a bidding number.\*\*\*

If you have items to donate, want to volunteer or would like to sponsor the event, please contact Alicia Johnson at [fundraising@kaiserpta.org](mailto:fundraising@kaiserpta.org).

