



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

March 19, 2019

KAISER CALENDAR

Monday, 03.25.19 –
Friday, 03.29.19

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Monday, 04.01.19

NO SCHOOL
Cesar Chavez Day



Please see the next page for a full list of important dates for the rest of the school year!

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

The new spring session begins
Tuesday, April 2nd!

Please register for the class(es) you want your child(ren) to attend. Flyers were sent out last week. You can also download the flyer on the Kaiser school website. Hip Hop, Chorus, Chess, Art, Ceramics, Lego Engineering, Toyology, Origami, Rock Music, Fabric Arts, and African Dance are all available for this last session of the school year.

SIGN TODAY. SIGN UP NOW!

<http://www.kaiserelementary.org/after-school/>

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Hello Kaiser Community,

It is mighty cliché to begin a column with the Charles Dicken’s quote, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,” yet it seems such an accurate description of how the start of 2019 has been. The possibility of Kaiser merging, moving, or closing is a hard shadow to live under. But even with this, our school community grows stronger and stronger. This is obvious in some big ways, such as the tremendous success of our auction. (Thanks to ALL who contributed and participated!) This is also obvious in everyday moments, such as when I was talking with 2nd grader Marissa in the library, and she suggested that my daughter would love the book *A Home for Hermit Crab*. She brought me to the shelf, pulled it out, and encouraged me to take it home. Precious moments like that are what Kaiser Elementary is all about!

Other recent shining moments for me include partnering with Linda Handy to revise the Kaiser Alive booklet for distribution later this week; supporting Ms. Eckley as she presented a puberty education unit to our 5th graders; watching Ms. Jackson and Ms. Rebekah take on a “sensory hallway project”; and reviewing each and every report card, noticing the level of individual detail that teachers invest in them all.

Be sure to look at the important up-coming dates on the next page in this issue of the *Pink Panther*. We have a full and exciting last third of this year ahead!

Wishing you and your family a fun and healthy spring break!

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal



School News

REST OF YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Save the Dates!

Friday, 03.22.19

Kaiser ALIVE Booklets Sent Home

Monday, 03.25.19 – Friday, 03.29.19

NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Monday, 04.01.19

NO SCHOOL (Cesar Chavez Day)

Wednesday, 04.10.19

SSC Meeting

Thursday, 04.11.19
7:00pm

PTA General Meeting

Friday, 04.12.19
6:30pm – 10:00pm

Dad's Club Movie Night

Monday, 04.22.19 – Friday, 05.03.19

Science Fair Projects on Display

Saturday, 04.27.19
10:00am – 2:00pm

Spring Carnival & Science Fair

Friday, 05.03.19
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Spring School Dance

Monday, 05.06.19 – Friday, 05.10.19

Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, 05.17.19
5:30pm

Kaiser Alive! @ Lake Temescal

Monday, 05.27.19

NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, 05.28.19 – Thursday 05.30.19

Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Thursday, 05.30.19

Last Day of School

Monday, 08.12.19

First Day of School 2019 – 2020 School Year



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Community,

Thanks to everyone who attended Kaiser's 44th Annual Auction at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Piedmont this past Saturday! We raised over \$61,000, thanks to those who participated in the online auction as well as in person. The Fund-A-Need, which will provide funds for recess and classroom support, raised \$11K. We also want to give a huge shout out to the amazing Auction committee, Jennie Redwitz, Kristin Glass and Alicia Johnson - these women worked incredibly hard these last few months putting together a wonderful event. In addition, we want to thank our event sponsors and donors including:



\$61,000+
raised

Acme Builders – Contractor (www.acmebuilders.com)
Adventure Time After School Programs and Summer Camp (www.adventure-time.com)
Campbell Green LLP, Trust and Estate Attorneys (<https://campbellgreenlaw.com>)
Marielle Hayes Photography (www.mariellehayes.com)
Michael Stephens, Highland Partners - Probate and Estate Specialist (www.thehighlandpartners.com)
Oakland Feather River Camp (www.featherrivercamp.com)
Ruth Stroup Insurance Agency, Inc. (Farmers Insurance) (<https://stroupins.com>)
Trish Hylton - Perspective Realty (www.perspectivere.com)
West Wind Schools of Piedmont (www.westwindschools.com)

In the final three months of school, we look forward to a variety of Kaiser spring events including: Kaiser Alive, Spring Carnival, Science Fair and Teacher Appreciation Week.

More information regarding volunteer involvement and the like will be available on Konstella.

Have a great week,

~ *Celeste Stanley*, PTA President



Community News & Opportunities

KAISER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (KAC) UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Families,

We truly appreciate all the energy and effort you have been investing in so many different ways!

The time has come again for the whole community to rally together on **Wednesday, March 20th** as the OUSD Board of Education is scheduled to hold a Special Meeting to discuss Blueprint Cohort 2. Based on what we know to date, this will include their proposal to close our current facility. We have grave concerns about OUSD's lack of transparency and forethought and the insufficient community input that has gone into the important process, which will impact the fate of the entire District. **Therefore it is essential that we all show up and respectfully make our voices heard!**

What: OUSD Board of Education Meeting to discuss Blueprint Cohort 2

When: **March 20th, 6:00pm (Closed Session), 7:30pm Re-Convene to Public Session**

Where: Great Room, LaEscuelita Education Center
1050 2nd Avenue
Oakland, CA

In advance preparation for this important meeting, we will be holding a **Kaiser Advocacy Meeting TONIGHT, Tuesday, March 19th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm** at the Johnson's home in Hiller Highlands. Please see the Konstella post for address and any other additional information.

See you there!

~ *Sarah Isaacs*, Kaiser Advocacy Committee (KAC) Chair

