



The Pink Panther

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

April 9, 2019

KAISER CALENDAR

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

This week @ Kaiser!

Weds, 04.10.2019 2pm – 3:30pm	Volunteer Tea Celebration
Weds, 04.10.2019 4pm – 5pm	School Site Council (SSC)
Thurs, 04.11.2019 7pm	PTA General Meeting (All)
Friday, 04.12.2019 6:30pm – 10pm	Dad's Club Move Night

More
SAVE THE DATES
on the next page

Hello Kaiser Community:

Imagine, for a minute, what Kaiser Elementary would be like without the volunteer service from families and community. There would be a tremendous void if volunteers stopped running the library, helping in classrooms, driving on field trips, supporting snack sales, organizing events and fundraisers, and taking on important roles in our PTA and SSC.

This week we pause for a minute and ask our army of volunteers to take a deep breath and allow us to treat YOU. If you have volunteered in ANY capacity this year (and almost all of you have!) I hope you can join us for our annual "Volunteer Tea" on Wednesday, April 10th at 2 PM in the library.

I want to give an additional shout out to all who are advocating for quality public education in California. It is unacceptable that we rank 41st in the nation in per pupil spending and 48th in pupil to staff ratio. I encourage you to check out <http://www.fullandfairfunding.org/> to find out more.

On a personal note, I will be riding my bike 109 miles from Oakland to Sacramento later this month, along with hundreds of other participants of Ride 4 a Reason, to demand equitable funding for our schools. If I look a little tired the following Monday, you know why.

There is a lot of learning, music, and celebration in our final seven weeks of school. Please make a note of the dates that are highlighted in this *Pink Panther* newsletter. In the coming weeks our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the annual SBAC assessments; all students will display their musical talents at evening performances; the hall will be filled with science fair projects; students will be exposed to dozens of career possibilities; and we have both the Spring Carnival and the Kaiser Alive picnic to celebrate!

Onward to a strong finish to this school year!

~ Dennis Guikema, Principal



School News

REST OF YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

NEW

New calendar item added since last issue

Friday, 04.19.19
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Friday Fun Night @ Kaiser (auction item)

NEW

Monday, 04.22.19
9:00am – 11:30am

Career Fair

Monday, 04.22.19 – Friday, 05.03.19

Science Fair Projects on Display in Hallway

Saturday, 04.27.19
10:00am – 2:00pm

Spring Carnival & Science Fair

NEW

Monday, 04.29.19 – Friday, 05.03.19

SBAC Assessments (Grades 3 – 5)

NEW

Wednesday, 05.01.19

Kaiser Alive! Booklets Due

Friday, 05.03.19
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Spring School Dance

Monday, 05.06.19 – Friday, 05.10.19

Teacher Appreciation Week

NEW

Tuesday, 05.14.29
6:30pm

ORFF Music Program (K – 3) &
Open House

NEW

Thursday, 05.16.19 – Friday, 05.17.19

5th Grade Overnight Trip

Friday, 05.17.19
5:30pm

Kaiser Alive! @ Lake Temescal

NEW

Wednesday, 05.22.19
6:30pm

4th & 5th Grade Musical Performance

Monday, 05.27.19

NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, 05.28.19 – Thursday 05.30.19

Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

NEW

Wednesday, 05.29.19
10:00am

5th Grade Promotion

Thursday, 05.30.19

Last Day of School

Monday, 08.12.19

First Day of School 2019 – 2020 School Year



School News

SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING!

Kaiser Elementary School Science Fair 2019 April 22-May 3

Does your child love science?

Is there something your child wants to investigate through a science fair project?

Then consider joining the Kaiser Elementary School Science Fair!



*Ask your teacher for a Science Fair Planning Packet

*There are Science Fair Boards available at school

*Projects are due Monday, April 22

*Science Fair Showcase and Judging Event at the Spring Carnival on Saturday April 27! 10AM-2PM



PTA News

PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Families,

I hope you had a wonderful spring break and came back ready to end the school year strong! In these last few weeks of school I look forward to seeing the Kaiser community participate in, volunteer at and attend the many events yet to come on the school calendar. I want to highlight the **final PTA general meeting on Thursday, April 11th** (PTA members have an opportunity to vote in next year's PTA Board) and **Movie Night hosted by the Dad's Club on Friday, April 12th**. We also have the Spring Carnival and Science Fair taking place on Saturday, 27th - more information below and on Konstella.

Take care and have a wonderful week,

~ *Celeste Stanley*, PTA President

SPRING CARNIVAL: SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

Saturday, April 27th
11:00am – 2:30pm



Our Spring Carnival is fast approaching. We are excited to spend the day outside, having fun with our Kaiser Community.

All proceeds benefit our Kaiser Students!

- ❖ Fun activities like the dunk tank, cake walk, bubble area, arts and crafts, bouncy house, face painting, toy sale and so on...
- ❖ BBQ Lunch for purchase brought to you by the Dad's Club
- ❖ Raffles
- ❖ Bake Sale
- ❖ Kaiser T-shirts for sale
- ❖ Vendors from the community.
- ❖ Meet and Greet for 2019 Incoming Families(10:30am with light snacks)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Do you want to be part of the committee and take a leadership role for the day?
- Your room parent will be in contact with further information for your class' contribution.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers for set up, registration (ticket sales) and tear down.
- **VENDORS:** Do you own a small business and would like to sell your items at the carnival? We will have tables for sale for a family rate of \$25 or community rate of \$50. This includes one lunch ticket and chairs. Vendors must bring their own table.

CONTACT Alicia Johnson at fundraising@kaiserpta.org to sign up!



PTA News

KAISER DADS CLUB PRESENTS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE PTA

KAISER KIDS MOVIE NIGHT (& PARENTS NIGHT OUT)

FOOD! DRINKS! POPCORN! MOVIE!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH · 6:30-9:30PM
\$35/child (siblings additional \$10 each) · Scholarships available

COME IN YOUR PJS!
BRING BLANKETS AND PILLOWS!
Excellent 1:10 supervision provided by Kaiser Dads Club
Space limited — reserve your spot now!
For more info contact Nick Wood at nick@wewood.org

Please reserve _____ spots for the following children:

Please attach check made out to KAISER DADS CLUB
and drop it off in the box in the office labeled "Movie Night"



Community News & Opportunities

KAISER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (KAC) UPDATE

Dear Kaiser Families,

As we enter the final stretch of this school year, it is vital that we strategize how best to invest our efforts, now and throughout the summer, to help keep Kaiser alive!!

Please join us for our next KAC meeting:

When: **Wednesday, April 17th 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Where: The Johnson's Home (Please see Konstella for the address)

Note: Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Also, please note that THIS Wednesday, 04/10/2019 is the next OUSD Board meeting. (<https://www.ousd.org/domain/67>) Please come out and so your support!!

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

MOVIE SCREENING: SCREENAGERS

Thursday, April 25th
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Claremont Middle School

Visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/screenagers2019>
to register.
\$5 general admission

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it.



Kaiser Carnival: Vendor Form

Spring Carnival and Science Fair 2019 VENDOR FORM due by April 20th

NAME(S): _____

BUSINESS (Quilts, jewelry etc.): _____

CONTACT NUMBER AND EMAIL: (____)____-____-____

_____ @ _____

PAYMENT: \$25 family rate (parent of an enrolled Kaiser child) or \$50 community member rate

Check enclosed made out to KAISER PTA for \$_____

Paid online via PayPal memo section "Spring Carnival Vendor"

Each vendor will receive one (1) free lunch ticket and 2 chairs. Vendors must bring own table. Information packets will be emailed or available in the school office by April 22nd

PLEASE PUT VENDOR FORM (AND PAYMENT IF APPLICABLE) IN AN ENVELOPE IN THE BLACK PTA BOX HANGING IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

