



# The Pink Panther

## Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Elementary School

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School & Community Newsletter

December 3, 2019

### KAISER CALENDAR

### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA

Saturday, 12.07.19  
9:00am @ Sankofa  
**Sankofa/Kaiser  
Only School Tour**

Thursday, 12.12.19  
6:30pm  
**K – 3rd: Orff  
Music  
Performance**

Saturday 12.14.19  
11:00am – 2:00pm  
**ArtFest  
Fundraiser**

Monday, 12.16.19  
5:30pm @ Sankofa  
**Design Team  
Report Out**

Wednesday, 12.18.19  
6:30pm  
**4th & 5th Band  
Performance**

Monday, 12.23.19 –  
Friday, 01.03.20  
**NO SCHOOL\***

Thursday, 01.23.20  
6:30pm  
**PTA General  
Meeting**

\*Winter Break: All OUSD

**SAVE THE DATE**

### Happy Holidays Kaiser Elementary Families!

I hope that everyone had a restful and joyful Thanksgiving with friends and families. The three weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break are short but packed with learning, talent, and fun. Our **Orff Music Performance is Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 PM**. We hope to see all Kinder – 3rd grade families that night. The next week our 4th and 5th graders display their musical and theatrical talents on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM**. (Strings report at 6:05, band at 6:20.)

Kaiser Elementary will also be hosting a special and fun art event, **Saturday, December 14, from 11AM - 2 PM** to honor and raise funds for Kaiser's long time art teacher Bonnie "Ms. Leonardo" Allen. More details in this issue of *The Pink Panther*.

And I want to give a shout out to 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Jackson, who defended her Master's thesis over the Thanksgiving break! Please join me in congratulating her.

Looking into the new year, I encourage all families to stay informed about enrollment options and the design work of the Kaiser-Sankofa merger.

#### 2020-21 Enrollment

The OUSD enrollment window is currently open and all Kaiser families have important decisions to make for their

children before the February 7th deadline. 5th grade families should be visiting and researching middle school options.

All current Kaiser Kinder – 4th grade students qualify for an "opportunity ticket." This is automatically taken into account when enrolling. For more info about this and other enrollment related questions visit [www.ousd.org/enroll](http://www.ousd.org/enroll). If Kaiser-Sankofa is your first choice for your current Kinder. 4th Kaiser student, you do not need to complete the enrollment process as your child will automatically be assigned to Kaiser-Sankofa next year and has a guaranteed spot.

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# School News



## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GUIKEMA (CONTINUED)

...To date over 80 families have signed up for one of the Enrollment Tours & Info Sessions. I highly encourage families to come see the Sankofa site and join us in conversation. The tours are designed for adults, but kids won't be turned away. (There will be more kid-specific opportunities to make new friends and visit the school in the new year.) Our next tour, Saturday, December 7, is geared specifically to current Kaiser & Sankofa families. To RSVP for a tour, visit [www.tinyurl.com/enroll2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/enroll2020).

### Design Team Update

The Kaiser-Sankofa Design Team had its second meeting before the Thanksgiving break. After each meeting notes and next steps are shared on Konstella. I want to appreciate Kaiser and Sankofa Design Team members for being *all in* with this important work. The Design Team will have a **report out** following our 4th meeting. We hope to see you at the Sankofa auditorium **Monday, December 16 at 5:30 PM** to hear about the progress and next steps.

Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Dennis Guikema, Principal

## AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES STARTS WEEK OF 12/9

The Winter session for After School Enrichment Programs start next week!

Sign-up before classes fill up! All the same classes are returning with *NEW* curriculum as well.

**SIGN UP TODAY. SIGN UP NOW!!!**

Please Note: The Winter session of Musical Theater will begin in January.



African-Dance



Piano



Tennis



Chess

...AND MORE!





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## MS. LEONARDO ARTFEST FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY, 12/14

As many of you know, Bonnie Allen (aka "Ms. Leonardo") had been Kaiser's beloved art teacher for the past 3 decades, until her stroke this summer. In time for "Giving Tuesday" I want to share a few ways that we can "give back" to Ms. Leonardo for all the joy, inspiration and art that she has given to the Kaiser community for so many years.

### 1) Come join us for an ArtFest FUNdraiser and invite your friends!

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Where: Kaiser Multipurpose Room  
What: We will sell tickets to a variety of stations where kids can do art, make gifts for the holidays and get face paint/tattoos. We will also be selling food and raffle tickets. The top prize will be a private art lesson with Ms. Leonardo!

All proceeds will go to Ms. Leonardo's Stroke Recovery Fund.

1a) **VOLUNTEER!** If you are interested helping out, please sign up for the ArtFest FUNdraiser Volunteerscommittee on Konstella, or send a message via Konstella to Sabria Hassan.

1b) **SPREAD THE WORD!** Please also help us by spreading the word to alumni and friends!!

If possible, please RSVP to give us an idea of how much foods and supplies we need. Thank you!

### 2) Stroke Recovery Fund Contributions

If you cannot make it to the event or just want to get a head-start on giving, you can contribute to her Stroke Recovery Fund which was set up by her daughter, Kira Allen: <https://tinyurl.com/GoFundBonnie>  
Donations of ANY size are deeply appreciated.

## WINTER MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

K – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Orff MUSIC WINTER  
PERFORMANCE

Thursday, December 12th, 2019  
6:30 p.m.



4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Wednesday, December 18th, 2019  
\*6:30 p.m.

*\*Strings report for tuning at 6:05 p.m. / Band 6:20 p.m.*

Followed by the Annual  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Play!**



# PTA News

## PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE FROM SARAH ISAACS

Greetings Kaiser Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful week off, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends and reflecting on all the many things we have to be thankful for. One thing I am particularly thankful for is the dedication of our faculty, staff, and volunteers who are providing ongoing stability and support to our children, despite the challenges we are facing this year.

It is hard to believe the school year is already a third of the way over and families are now in the process of making plans for next year. While it is my sincere hope that our community will stay together as much as possible, I also recognize that this will not be a viable option for everyone. Therefore, I am doing my best to really savor the time we have together now—to spend a little extra time chatting with friends at drop-off in the morning, volunteering to chaperone extra field trips, and participating in school events as much as possible.

On that note, I wanted to share that **our next general PTA meeting will be on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We are currently looking to find a speaker for that night, who can share insights on how best to prepare children for transition. Please let me know if you have recommendations for a great presenter.

In the meantime, you can refer to the dates at the beginning of the *Pink Panther* if you need a quick reminder of what we have coming up this month and how you can stay involved. I look forward to seeing you! Thank you and happy holidays,

Sarah Isaacs, Kaiser PTA President

## Community News & Opportunities

### KAISER BROWNIE TROOP: HYGIENE KIT DRIVE

The Kaiser Brownie Troop is hosting a collection drive over the next several weeks to support people who are unhoused this holiday season. The Brownies will take what they collect and help put together hygiene kits to hand out through *Feed The Hood*. If you would like to learn more about what the organization is doing in Oakland, click here: <http://www.eastoaklandcollective.com/feedthehood.html>

The Brownies are asking our community to please bring in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty tarps                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Hygiene supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality panchos                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beanies, gloves, handwarmers, new socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby and/or body wipes    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant                               |  |

The Brownies will have the bin out for collection until Wednesday, Dec 11th. Thank you so much for your generosity!



# Community News & Opportunities

**Sports  
Basement**

Join Sports Basement for your

## 20% off Holiday Shopping Event



We're inviting everyone that supports **Kaiser Elementary** (that's you!) to a very special shopping event, where you'll receive **11% off your entire purchase**.

If you're a Basemanteer, you get an extra special **20% discount instead!**\*

**Date:** December 3rd - 9th, 2019

**Location:** All 10 Sports Basement stores!

\*11% discount for a total of 20% off if you're a Basemanteer! (Because math.)  
Non basemanteers still save 11%.

Shopping online? Use code 2050008416011 at checkout.

Interested in becoming a Basemanteer? For a 1x\$25 lifetime membership fee, sign up [in-store](#) or [online](#). Basemanteers receive 10% off everytime they shop at Sports Basement. Additionally, at the end of the year, 10% of SB's profits go back to support various charities and schools, including Kaiser! Select Kaiser Elementary as your Basemanteer beneficiary.

<https://shop.sportsbasement.com/products/basemanteer-membership-1>

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