



Kuhio Elementary School Monthly News



VISION

Together, in partnership with our faculty, staff, students, families, community...

Kuhio School's Vision is to create a culture that embraces the belief that everyone is a learner, teacher and a leader because they possess the knowledge, skills and behaviors that will enable them to...

COLLABORATE to support and help,
ADAPT to changes,
PERSEVERE despite difficulties and
SUCCEED in all their efforts.

MISSION

Kuhio School's Mission is to prepare our students for 21st century careers and citizenship by engaging all learners in quality teaching and learning experiences that are rigorous, challenging, meaningful, diverse and exciting in a safe and supportive environment.

Principal's Message for October 2019

*"Find joy in everything you choose to do. Every job, relationship, home... it's your **responsibility** to love it, or change it." – Chuck Palahniuk*

Aloha Kakou Kuhio Ohana!

Summer is over and we are into the Fall season! The students have transitioned smoothly into the new school year and we are very proud of their growth.

October's word for the month is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Please help our students to think and act responsibly at all times.

Being **responsible** means you do the things you are expected to do and accept the positive or negative consequences (results) of your actions.

Children need to . . .

- Be self disciplined
- Use self control
- Be accountable for their actions
- Be trustworthy
- Be dependable so people know they can count on you
- Be committed

- Do something to the best of their ability
- Be a contributing member of one's family, community and society.

Examples of being **responsible** are:

- Coming to school everyday and being prompt and on time.
- Doing your best at whatever you do even if it is difficult.
- Completing all my assignments in school and at home.
- Helping your family with the daily chores
- Watching out for your little brother or sister
- Doing what you can to help others.
- Looking at yourself and understanding that you are doing all you can to be the **best you can be!**

Students recite the Kuhio Pledge every morning and think and act in accordance to what it means. They are pledging and committing themselves to be **Respectful, Responsible** and **Safe** at all times.

Responsibility is a skill that must be learned. Providing opportunities to model, learn and practice this skill will help our children to be successful in school, at home and in the community.

Thank you for your support to educate our Kuhio Children. Together we can do more.

Mahalo Nui Loa A hui hou.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kobayashi
Principal of Kuhio School

Announcements & Important Dates

Fall Break - October 7-11; No School

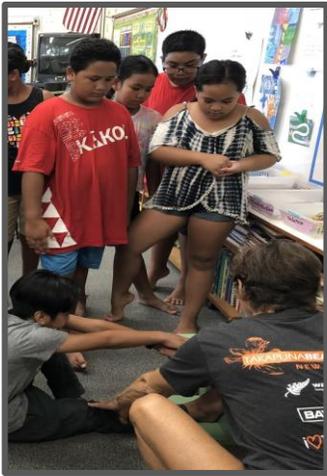
Make-Up Picture Taking Day - October 24

Parent Teacher Conferences - Nov. 4-8; School Ends 12:30 PM

Thanksgiving Break - November 28 and 29, 2019; No School

Winter Break - December 23, 2019 - January 6, 2020; No School

Grade 5 News & Upcoming Events



Ms. Denise Darval-Chang works with our 5th graders during the FitnessGram.



Syon displays his "Earth Buddy" created at our recent Explorations Day.

Our Kuhio School 5th grade scholars are encouraged to participate in many activities, such as the FitnessGram, Career Day, and Explorations Day. They are offered a variety of learning experiences and are actively involved as Junior Police Officers, Peer Mediators, and members of the Singing Club.

Fifth graders are immersed in the arts, which help to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Beginning in October, Mr. Michael Cowell, our AITS (Artists in the Schools) artist-in-residence at Kuhio Elementary, will work with our fifth graders to use active drama strategies and employ speaking, movement, and imagination to deepen their understanding of life in Colonial America. In November, our fourth and fifth graders will attend a performance of the Symphony of the Hawaiian Birds by the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Through science, music, and art, students will learn about Hawaii's native bird species and the importance of conservation efforts. Please be on the lookout for important announcements of other future learning events in your child's planner.

Explorations

"I like that it was a challenge and more fun to do it because it is fun to explore new things." "I love working with my last year's teacher." "Can we do this once a week?"

These are just a few of the positive comments that were received from students about Kuhio School's first Exploration Day for school year 2019-2020.

Exploration Day was held on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 12:45 to 1:45 pm. The purpose for Exploration Day is to provide students the opportunity to begin to inquire, investigate, research and gain experiences in a variety of career paths.

Teachers taught various classes such as eco art, animal protection, building with lego, learning sign language, math games, building structures, making oobleck, PE/movement games, bottle rockets and making parfaits, etc. Students were able to choose which class they wanted to explore and will have the opportunity three more times (1/quarter) throughout the year.

We extend our gratitude to the teachers who selected a lesson of their choice to teach students of various grade levels. Giving students a choice to learn about something that they were interested in made the activity all the more interesting and fun.

Heads up! The next Exploration Day will be on November 22, 2019.



Parent Workshop

A group of parents came together on September 25, 2019 to learn about curriculum, instruction, and assessment at Kuhio School and learned a few strategies to support their child's learning. The card games were especially enjoyable as they challenged to add, subtract, and multiply. Place value and fractions are concepts that can easily be practiced using a basic deck of cards. The hundreds chart and multiplication table can also be used as a "game board" to gain fluency with numbers. A giant hundreds chart was painted on our playground for this very reason. Go ahead and enjoy it with your child!

We also discussed technology at Kuhio and parents were able to peruse the various links available on the school website. So many resources! Please don't hesitate to call the school office and ask for Mr. Lau or Mrs. Toyama for more information on the workshop. More opportunities are in the works!



Servco Helps Schools Make Music

This year marks the 100th anniversary for Servco Pacific, Hawaii's largest privately owned company with over 1.8 billion in annual revenues and 2,000 team members. As part of their celebrations, Servco is committed to giving back to the community through a \$1.5 million Centennial Service Campaign. Many of you know Servco as an automotive dealer selling world-class brands like Lexus, Toyota and Subaru. Did you know that they are also a co-majority shareholder of Fender Music, makers of renowned Fender Guitars?

In 2019 Fender set up the Fender Play Foundation with a mission to equip, educate and inspire young players. Earlier in the year, Servco invited schools to write grants to request instruments. Fender Play and Servco were able to donate Ukuleles and Guitars to 55 of Hawaii's schools, fulfilling 100% of the requests, donating 2000 Ukuleles and 500 guitars to schools on multiple Islands. Kuhio School was the recipient of 30 brand new Fender Ukuleles and 2 Fender Acoustic Guitars, including soft cases and a one-year subscription to Fender Play, an online musical tutorial.

Schools were invited to Bishop Museum to enjoy music from Na Hoku Hanohano award winning music duo Ben & Malia, students from Jarett Middle School and refreshments from M&W Restaurant while picking up their musical instruments. Principal Lynn Kobayashi, SASA Jennifer Pham and students Zoie Santos and Alicia Johnson represented Kuhio at this wonderful event.

Dr. Christina Kishimoto, Superintendent of the DOE, thanked Servco for their generosity. She said "Music education is crucial for the creative engagement of our haumana, which positively impacts learning across content areas. Mahalo to Servco for their generous donation that will help to provide students with an outlet for artistic expression. Now, even more current and future students will be able to explore and pursue their passion or curiosity for music."

We are very grateful to Servco for their commitment to community and their generous nature that will allow current and future students of Kuhio to experience the joy of music



It's Flu Vaccine Time!

Seasonal influenza viruses (also known as the flu) circulate in Hawaii year-round, but are most common during the fall and winter months. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and headache. Children commonly experience vomiting and diarrhea, as well. Treatment is available through your health care provider and can shorten the time you are sick by 1 to 2 days. Treatment is most effective when taken within 48 hours of the start of symptoms.

Influenza viruses are spread person-to-person through coughing and sneezing. They may also be picked up from touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. You can help prevent getting the flu by two simple ways:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Get vaccinated each year. Vaccination is recommended each year due to the constant evolving nature of influenza viruses. Because it takes two weeks for immunity to build up, it is best to get your vaccine in October, before flu season begins.

For more information, including an interactive map that will help you locate a vaccinating clinic or pharmacy in your neighborhood, visit the Hawaii State Department of Health website: <https://health.hawaii.gov>

