



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 January 2020

Dearest Kuhio Ohana,

Let us welcome 2020 with good health, hope and happiness for a tremendous year of success in academics, social and emotional learning and physical growth.

The past semester brought on many new challenges that have tested our ability to adapt, change, adjust, redo, reorganize, modify and conform to bring success to our students, faculty and school. Having to adapt to many new life situations will give us the strength and perseverance to reach our vision of sustaining a culture that encourages everyone to be a learner, teacher and leader. Let's work hard to meet the expectations of that we commit to each day as we recite the Kuhio Pledge.

These are the expectations:

- Have a good positive attitude.
- Have passion for whatever you do.
- Be a learner. Be teachable. No one is perfect.
- Be on time.
- Be hard working.
- Put in effort.
- Take initiative.
- Do extra.

- Be truthful (**HONEST**) in our words and actions (**INTEGRITY**)
- **BE KIND** in words and actions!

We will end the month of January with Kaimuki Complex School's **The Great Kindness Challenge** (January 27- January 31, 2020). What a fabulous way to show everyone how kind Kuhio students are!!!

Remember good things are waiting for you so step into the new year with confidence and take new learning opportunities in stride. Kulia I Ka Nu'u!

Happy New Year! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Sincerely,  
Principal L. Kobayashi

Akemashite Omede tou gozaimasu (Japanese)  
Xinnian Kuaile (Mandarin)  
Feliz ano nuevo (Spanish)  
Chuc mu`ng nam moi (Vietnamese)  
Ma nuia le Tau saga Fou (Samoa)  
Malo e tau lava ki he tau foou ko eni (Tongan)  
Saehae bog manh ibad eu seyo (Korean)  
Nayam barsako subhakamana (Nepalese)  
Iyer seefe feyieech (Chuukese)  
maniogong Bagong Taon (Filipino)  
Parakapw Mwahu (Pohnpean)

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## Announcements & Important Dates

1/20/20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

1/27/20 - School Community Council monthly meeting, 2:30 PM

1/27-1/31 - Kindness Week - see flyers for additional details

2/3/20 - P/C Day - No School for Kuhio Students

# 2nd Graders, Second to None!



Can you believe it? It's 2020! 2019 zipped by so quickly, you know what that means? Our keiki are also growing up! Before you know it, they'll be in 3rd grade. So don't blink!

We were able to experience many things in the first 2 quarters of school. Along with strengthening our reading, writing, and math skills with our teachers, in August, we participated in Career Day. We got to learn from and interact with community members, such as firefighters, police, the Hawaiian Humane Society, truck drivers, artist Luke Dekneef, and newscaster Stephanie Lum. It was a great connection with our neighbors. We also participate in guidance classes with Ms. Lee, our Computer classes with Mr. Lau, we got to select an activity to participate in 2 "Explorations."

The Hawaiian Humane Society's Youth Program Coordinator, Anne Mukai came again, in September, for a presentation for just us 2nd graders. She shared a story about how to recognize bullying and kind behaviors toward animals, how to help and treat pet and other animals, and to carrying on kind behaviors with each other. A volunteer, Karen brought her dog, Kiko. We learned how to ask the owner's permission and how to appropriately pet a dog. Kiko was so calm and friendly. You could tell she was a pro with children.

We took a walking field trip to the Mo'ili'ili Fire Station #29. The firefighters explained about fire safety and the importance of fire alarms and family planned escape routes. We got to see the equipment and tools they use to fight fires. We sat in their fire trucks. But the best part was handling the water hose to shoot down an orange cone with the jet stream of water! Some of us want to be firefighters when we grow up!

In November, we went to see a play at Kaimuki High School, Aesop's Fables. We made connections in class about fables and lessons to learn.

Later in December, we practiced our musical side for the United States Coast Guard Christmas Assembly, to show our appreciation and gratitude for their yearly gifts of kindness and generosity. Our school is so fortunate to have such guardian angels who give so freely every year! We sang and danced our heart out!

2020 will be filled with more learning! We will be participating in AITS (Artists in the School) with Mr. Michael Cowell. We will connect class lessons through drama! It'll be so much fun!

