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KUHIO Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

August 20

4:45-5:15 ELL Parent Night
5:30PM Open House

August 21

Statehood Day: No school

August 24

2:30PM School Community
Council Meeting, Office
Conference Room

August 26

Picture Taking Day

August 31

Planning & Collaboration
Day: No school

September 2

Parent Teacher
Conference forms sent
home

September 7

Labor Day: No school

October 2

Quarter 1 ends

October 5

Fall Break: No school

October 12

Teacher Institute Day: No
school

October 13

Quarter 2 starts

*Coming TOGETHER is a Beginning ... Keeping TOGETHER is Progress ...
Working TOGETHER is Success!* Quote by Henry Ford
Resiliency, Attitude, Collaboration ... EXCELLENCE

July 29, 2015 – Principal's Opening Message

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents and Community,

I am excited to serve as your principal of Kuhio Elementary School. It is a privilege to lead this learning community during a time of change and tremendous possibilities. Our challenge is to assure that all of our students are properly prepared for college and/or a career and be respectful, responsible, resourceful, and resilient citizens.

In order to accomplish this monumental task we must do the following:

- Teach the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and math.
- Stimulate and teach creative thinking and problem solving.
- Develop an atmosphere of cooperation and collaboration by students, faculty, staff, parents and the community.
- Foster an appreciation of the family and its importance to the individual and to society.

My vision for all Kuhio students is to develop life-long learners, who will possess the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to carry out their future educational goals.

The mission of the elementary school is to provide the foundation for learning, to nurture all students to engage in their work, to choose to focus on how much working hard is fun and to instill in our students how important it is to show their gratitude.

As the principal of Kuhio School, I humbly ask for everyone's help and support because I am confident that we can all make a significant difference in the lives of our Kuhio students. We will learn from our past to work on the future. Our goal is to move forward to promote a culture of **EXCELLENCE** for all. **I believe that the power of our combined efforts and the strength of our energy will build the foundation for our students' future accomplishments.** Kulia I Ka Nu'u – strive to reach that goal!

I look forward to meeting and working with you all this school year 2015-16 and thank you in advance for all you do and will do!

Mahalo!
Sincerely,

Principal Lynn M. Kobayashi ©
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ALERT: New Face on Campus!

Lynn M. Kobayashi,
Principal of Kuhio Elementary School

Who Am I?

Education:

- Masters in Education Administration
- Bachelors in Elementary Education
- 5th Year Professional Diploma in Elementary Education
- McKinley High School Graduate
- Kawanakoa Intermediate School Graduate
- Maemae Elementary School Graduate

Work Experience:

- Principal of Aikahi Elementary in Kailua for 3 years
- Vice Principal of Maemae Elementary for 2 years
- Vice Principal of Roosevelt High School for a year
- Vice Principal of Likelike Elementary for a year
- School Renewal Specialist and Resource Teacher at the Honolulu District for 9 years
- Educational Specialist at HECO for 2 years.
- Grs. 3-6 teacher at Kahala Elementary for 10 years
- Title 1 Reading teacher at Farrington High School for 4 years

Family Background:

- Daughter and son
- Daughter-in-law and 2 grand daughters
- Golden Retriever dog named Mika, who is 7 years old

Passion:

- Reading children's books and short story realistic fiction books
- Teaching
- Traveling
- Shopping
- Jogging, biking and swimming



Open House

Thursday, August 20, 2015
Cafeteria

5:00 Bento pick up

5:30 General Information

6:00 Classroom Breakout
Session 1

6:20 Passing

6:25 Classroom Breakout
Session 2

6:45 Refreshments in
cafeteria

School Community Council Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2015
Office Conference Room
2:30PM-3:30PM

School Community Councils (SCC) play a vital role in Hawaii's education system. They are part of the leadership structure at each school and enable shared-decision making among principals, teachers, school staff, parents, students and community members to improve student achievement.

Important News

ALL Visitors, Including Parents, Report to the School Office First



All visitors to the school must report to the office first. This is a safety measure to keep informed of who is on campus.

If you have a concern about another person's child or any staff member, you must first report to the office and meet with the principal or counselor who will handle the situation.

No one should go directly to the classroom or child to speak with or confront the child or adult.

Teachers and staff members are instructed to allow students to have contact ONLY with known legal guardians. Teachers and staff will send unauthorized persons to the office.

Allowable Transfers under the McKinney-Vento Act

The Department of Education must inform parents and guardians of students who are or were eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, of the right to have the student transfer to a previous school of attendance if the following criteria are met:

- 1) The student is or was eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, **and**
- 2) The student transferred schools between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, for any reason.

If the student meets **both** criteria, parents and guardians have the right to request that the student transfer to a previous school of attendance. The request for transfer will be granted provided that it is feasible for the student to attend the school requested. Principals of the receiving schools will determine feasibility.

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to

- 1) Student record information;
- 2) Directory information;
- 3) Surveys and other information collection; and
- 4) Military recruitment information.

For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://ferpa.k12.hi.us>.

Mrs. Hao's Parting Words: "Remember the 'Winged-K!'"

On June 3, 2015, the 5th graders and Mrs. Evelyn Hao graduated from Kuhio School. After 20 years as principal, Mrs. Hao gave this speech.



Good morning boys and girls! Good morning parents and friends who have come to celebrate this occasion with us.

Graduates, this is your final day as Kuhio students. How does that feel? Think about it. Do you feel sad? Do you feel afraid? Do you feel excited? Do you feel happy? Do you feel a little bit of all of those? That's what's called mixed emotions. And that's natural!



This year, I am feeling just as you do--sad, happy, excited, a bit afraid because, after 20 years, I'm leaving Kuhio just like you!

Just like you, I learned so much from this school; Just like you, I have changed and grown.

To graduate means to change and move on . That's what you, Our fifth graders, have been doing all year. You have been changing, and now you are ready to move on--to graduate.

Just think about this, fifth graders. Last August, you were only 7weeks from finishing 4th grade. Right? Today, you are only 6 weeks from starting 6th grade. Scary? Exciting?

Today, June 3th, 2015, marks the spot when you say good-bye to elementary school. I am doing the same thing, too.

To mark this very special occasion, a decal I designed is on your certificate. When you receive your 5th grade certificate, you will see a capital K with wings on it. I call it the "Wing-ed K." You are the first graduating class to receive this. It is my gift to you.

The K stands for Kuhio, the prince who showed goodness, kindness, courage, and intelligence. The K stands for his motto: Kulia I Ka Nu'u--Strive for the Highest!

The K stands for The Kuhio Way: Fifth graders, altogether, say The Kuhio Way out loud:

I will respect...myself, others, and property

I will show kindness in my words and actions.

I will fulfill my responsibilities.

The wings represent the ability to fly--to fly towards your dreams and your goals. You will definitely get there when you follow the Kuhio Way!

Graduates, we give you our hugs and kisses and we wish you our best as you...fly with you newly found wings!

Love you all, Mrs. Hao

Summers are Fun at Kuhio!



Summer Program

Kuhio students enjoyed another summer of testing their speaking and presentation skills and practices. A variety of content areas (science, math, reading, writing, and especially healthy nutrition) were covered. Our summer school consisted of K to 4th graders.



Summer Program students enjoying their field trip to the McCully Fire Station

Along with PE and recess, the field trips were the most favored activities among the students. Our first visit was to the McCully Fire Station to play with the water hoses, climb in the trucks, and have our picture taken from the top of the ladder engine. Our second excursion was to Waiola Shaved Ice for a refreshing quench. The students had to order two flavors, make eye-contact, and thank the cashiers all by themselves. The final day was visiting all the animals at the Honolulu Zoo. Students were delighted to learn all the different languages of the animals.

The day before our visit at the zoo, we had a small presentation for Mrs. Hao on respecting the zoo, the animals, and others. We ended our presentation with a complete rock out to the song "Happy". So if you see any summer program students on campus, be sure to ask them to perform their dance. Mahalo to all for another great summer. Coordinator: Marie Aguilar

Enrichment Program

OH ... The Places We Will Go! Wherever we live, we all live on the same planet. This summer enrichment program was designed around the theme of exploration through movement, music, and art.



Above: Art teacher Heidi Bornhorst with students and the Big Tree created in art class.

Right: An enrichment program student shows off the reef mural he helped to create



Students learned the importance of understanding how land and sea connections play a vital role in our lives, and expressed their learning through art. A visit to Palaka Moon Farm in Waimanalo exposed students to natural farming, zero foot print sustainability practices for this farm-to-table learning center, and how natural materials can be used to create soil and help filter and clean our storm water. This helps our friends in the ocean, from algae, plankton, coral and fish.

Your Child's Health is in Your Hands

To keep your child and other children in school safe and healthy:

- Any time you change your home, work, pager, or cellular phone number, please let the school know **IMMEDIATELY** because we will need to contact you in case of an emergency.
- Anytime you update your child's medical records, such as a physical exam or shots taken, please notify the health aide.
- Notify the health aide of any food allergies your child may have, such as milk, peanuts, etc.
- The health aide and School Food Services Manager will work with parents to determine if any substitutions are necessary.
- Because head lice (ukus) are a continuing occurrence at all schools, please check your child's hair for head lice periodically. If your child does contract head lice, have him/her treated according to your personal physician's directions and please let the health aide know immediately.
- Do not send children with a temperature of 100°F or more to school. Child should be fever free for 24 hours. A child with a moist cough and/or runny nose with yellow or green mucus, a child with diarrhea, or a child vomiting should be kept at home until symptoms stop and he/she can keep food down. If you are unsure, check with your child's personal physician.



Call Kuhio's Health Aide at 973-0085 if you have any questions.

~Ms. Sherly Chew,
Health Aide

For the month of September...

SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION TO FUNDRAISE EVEN FASTER!



give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Make a donation to our organization at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization, too!

Organization **Kuhio Elementary School**
Our Organization Code is **77836**

HOW TO HELP:

- 1) Show your Maika'i Card and make a donation to our organization (up to \$249 per person) at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout from September 1-30, 2015.
- 2) Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match all donations up to a total of at least \$300,000 for all organizations combined.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



NO to Junk Food; YES to Good Health



Kuhio School is a Health and Wellness school. This means we take our children's health seriously. We take our workers' health seriously. We are part of the U.S. law known as Child Nutrition and Wellness Act of 2004 and the Hawaii DOE Health, Wellness, and Safety Policy. Children learn better when they are healthy. This rule also applies to adult workers when sharing food with other workers at meetings, special events, etc.]

In order to teach ourselves and our children how to become and stay healthy, we are requiring the following:

All food offered or sold to students and adults during the school day and during school events will NOT be sugary, fatty, or high in sodium.

This means NO to sugary or fatty cakes, cupcakes, candy, cookies; no to sugary drinks; no to fatty or sodium-loaded chips for sharing with others.

This means YES to fresh fruits, vegetables, baked and low/no salt chips and low calorie dips, low-sugar and low-fat granola bars, and low-sugar yogurt.

[Although we sincerely urge everyone to consume healthful foods, parents are still free to choose what their child will bring to school ONLY for his/her own consumption. Adult workers are also free to do the same for themselves.]

Children Need Nutritional Meals

A nutritious breakfast boosts your child's brainpower. Studies show that children who eat breakfast do better in school work - and have fewer behavior problems. They also work faster and concentrate more easily.

Cafeteria is open for breakfast from 7:20 AM to 7:45 AM. The children need a few minutes to finish and digest their breakfast before they line up at 7:50 AM. **Please be prompt when coming for breakfast. The cafeteria serving line will be closed at 7:45 AM.**

Parents whose children have allergies or cannot eat certain foods must check the lunch menu to see what is being served so you can decide if your child can eat what is being served that day. Also, please inform the teacher and health aide of those allergies. Mahalo for your kokua.

Please have your children wear covered shoes when they are lunch monitors. This is a safety and responsibility requirement.

~Mr. Steve Sakima, School Cafeteria Manager

SY 2015-16 Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Regular price student breakfast	\$1.10
Reduced price student breakfast	\$0.30
Student second breakfast	\$2.40
Adult breakfast	\$2.40
Regular price student lunch	\$2.50
Reduced price student lunch	\$0.40
Student second lunch	\$5.50
Adult lunch	\$5.50
Juice (only for morning recess)	\$0.60
Milk only	\$0.60

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Mahalo to all those who contributed articles to this newsletter.

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We would love to hear from you....

Do you have any comments, suggestions, concerns, or questions? If you would like to share something with us, please feel free to fill out the form below and turn it into the office or your child's teacher. We will get back to you right away. (We also accept compliments! Tell us about the good things, too.) You can also email us at kuhioschool@gmail.com.

Name:	Phone Number:
Child's Name:	Grade/Room Number:
Your thoughts or comments:	