

Kuhio Elementar

Nutrition Classes for Parents! Every Wednesday until November 1

Come Join the Fun!

Congratulations to our new Student Council Officers for this



Nancy



Vice

President

Jillian



October 2023



Spirit Week October 30-November 3

Mon, Oct. 30: Pajama Day Tues, Oct. 31: Halloween Costume Parents are invited to watch the Halloween Parade.

Wed. Nov. 1: School Spirit Thurs., Nov. 2: Twin Thursday Fri., Nov. 3: Character Day

VISION 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.

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Support our school and visit our scholastic book fair in the library Oct. 30-Nov. 3 from 12:30-2:15.



We would also like to congratulate all of our candidates who ran for office. Daimian, Emily, Kela, Aroualyn and Dia are our Grade 4 and 5 representatives.

Collaborate **Important Dates**

Oct. 9-13: Fall Intersession. No School Oct. 18: Unity Day-Wear Orange Oct. 30-Nov. 3:

Parent Teacher Conferences School ends at 12:30 Spirit Week Halloween Parade Scholastic Book Fair

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Adapt

Perserve

Safety Around Water Program

Our Kuhio 4th and 5th graders had the opportunity of a lifetime to participate in the YMCA's water safety classes. Since we live on an island surrounded by water, water safety skills are of paramount importance. Kuhio School also believes that students should think and act safely at all times. Our thanks go out to the YMCA, for our students are now better equipped to stay safe in and around water.

The fifth grade students attended the program from September 11- 15, 2023 and the fourth grade students will attend September 25 - 29, 2023. Each student was given swimsuits and goggles which ensured that everyone had access to the necessary gear and could fully participate in the classes. The instructors were not only skilled, but also very patient, making sure that every child felt comfortable in the water.

The students were also treated to a pizza lunch with ice cream for the graduation ceremony. Our students were not only thrilled about the delicious treat but shared their experiences with the YMCA staff. It was a memorable experience that they will cherish for a long time.

The impact of the YMCA's kindness and generosity for our students cannot be overstated. They have not only enriched their lives with valuable skills but also created lasting memories. Kuhio School is immensely grateful to the YMCA for making this program possible!

Dearest Kuhio Ohana,

This month of October, we will be emphasizing the importance of <u>social awareness</u>, the third element of social emotional learning. (<u>self awareness</u> and <u>self management</u> were explored in the previous months)

Social awareness is about understanding and empathizing with others, recognizing diverse perspectives, and appreciating the value of collaboration and kindness.

Last month we celebrated Literacy Week and focused on our culture. Students were encouraged to learn about their country of origin, their language, and shared a word or phrase from their culture. By learning about themselves and their classmates, students can begin to develop an understanding of tolerance and respect for others. This is how students in the elementary grades learn to appreciate diverse perspectives, which is fundamental to understanding the importance of treating everyone with respect, caring and kindness.

Creating a safe and inclusive environment for all our students at Kuhio is our number one priority. At Kuhio, we pledge to respect ourselves, others and property. As part of that pledge, we strive to raise awareness about the harmful effects of bullying and empower students to stand up against it. Bullying is when peers intentionally use physical, verbal, or psychological ways to deliberately annoy or do unkind things to someone else. Bullying can range from hitting, shoving, name-calling, threats, and mocking, to extorting money and possessions. Some kids bully by intentionally avoiding or keeping away others and spreading rumors about them. Others use social media or electronic messaging to torment others or hurt their feelings. Bullying will not be tolerated!

It's important to take bullying seriously and not just brush it off as something that kids have to "tough it out." The effects can be serious and affect kids' sense of safety and self-worth. While we do teach about bullying throughout the year, October 23 to the 27th is a special week highlighting Anti-Bullying messages across the nation. Let's join in and focus our behaviors to ensure that we are kind and caring in our actions and words that we speak.

"Bullying is a learned behavior. It's up to us to teach our children how to be kind and respectful to others."

Let's embrace this new month with open hearts and open minds. Be <u>socially aware</u>! Thank you for your continued support and look forward to a month filled with kind hearts.

Malama Pono. Sincerely, Lynn M. Kobayashi, Principal of Kuhio School





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