



# Kulia Ka Nu'u



## Newsletter

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*Collaborate, Adapt, Persevere to Succeed!*

### Principal's Message



Dearest Parent(s)/ Guardian of Kuhio Student(s),

The holiday season reminds me of how important family is to me. My immediate family consists of two grand-daughters, two children, both parents in their nineties, sisters, relatives, extended family, dear friends, and of course my work friends, my **Kuhio Ohana**.

All of my families have and continue to support me through good times and rough times. I know I can count on family no matter what happens. My wish to all of you is to reflect on how important your family is to you, take the time to talk about how your family celebrates the holidays, and to thank your family for being there for you.

I think about our Kuhio family and the many things for which we are thankful. We are thankful for ...

Our children, who come to school everyday to learn.  
The support of the parents who establish a partnership with the school.  
Faculty, staff, therapists, support personnel, administrators, community friends, students, parents who have the best interest in our students and school  
Volunteers who enthusiastically work with students, faculty and staff

Thank you all for going above and beyond to ensure that all of our Kuhio Ohana attains our Vision, to be... Collaborative, Adaptive, Persevering, and Successful citizens.

**Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season.**  
**Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!**

*Lynn M. Kobayashi*  
Principal



### Upcoming Events

**Dec. 13** - Kapahulu-Mo'ilili Lions Christmas Parade, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Dec. 14** -Grade 1 Field Trip, HTY "Elephant and Piggie", 10:00 - 12:30 pm

**Dec. 19** - School ends at 2:15 pm (FULL DAY)  
**Dec. 20** - Super Star Savers Deposit Day, 7:30 - 7:50, Cafeteria

**Dec. 21** - School ends at 1:30 pm (HALF DAY)  
-Coast Guard Christmas Assembly, Cafeteria

**Dec. 24 - Jan. 4** – WINTER BREAK

**Jan. 7** - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Workday)

**Jan. 8** - Students Return to School -Grade 4 HSA Science Bridge Assessment, 1st Opportunity

**Jan. 10** - Gr. 5 Field Trip, Waikiki Aquarium, 8:30 - 12:00 pm



## X-Mas Shopping on a Budget

According to [ABC News](#) consumer counseling agencies see a 25 percent increase in the number of people seeking help in January and February, and most of that traffic is propelled to their doors by holiday bills that haunt consumers like the ghost of Christmas past. Christmas shopping on a budget can help.

For many of us, while we have the lights up and the tree decorated, there isn't anything under the Christmas tree yet. You may not have bought a single present or even budgeted for presents. Here are five easy, last-minute Christmas shopping tips for busy people trying to do their shopping on a budget.

#### 1. Make a shopping list

Write down the list of people you plan on buying gifts for. Critically consider who should be on your gift list and don't be afraid to trim it. Start with your immediate family and close friends, and selectively add to your list from there.

#### 2. Set a spending limit

Many people overspend on Christmas gifts by letting their emotions get the best of them. It's easy to feel guilty when it comes to holiday spending. Do you need to spend \$50 on every one of your nieces and nephews? Definitely not.

Figure out the total amount of money you want to spend on presents, and divide it up among each person on your list.

For example, if you decide to spend \$400 on presents, that might be \$150 for your spouse, \$50 for your parents, and so on. *It's the thought that counts, not the price tag.*

#### 3. Pay in cash

The easiest way to not go into debt is to use cash instead of credit to buy gifts. You'll be forced to stick to your budget. When you use a credit card, it's way too easy to lose track of how much you've spent and on who. Plus, an extra \$10-\$15 here and there go unnoticed but add up quickly.

[Use the cash budget](#) – you'll thank yourself in January when you don't have any Christmas debts to pay.

#### 4. Shop for sales at discount stores

To get the most out of your holiday budget check out the discount stores where you can find discounted items and great deals. To save even more look to [buy discounted gift cards](#) to pay for your purchases (Kohls, TJ Max, Marshalls, Dollar Stores, Costco / Sam's Club, Big Lots). If you shop exclusively online, remember [Amazon](#) may not always have the best price. Be sure to check out eBay, Walmart, and specialty stores.

#### 5. Buy a combined gift

You can save money while still giving great gifts by giving a slightly more expensive gift to two or more people instead of buying individual gifts for every person. For example, if we purchase a Barbie Dream House for my three nieces they can all enjoy it, instead of buying a Barbie Corvette for each of them.

For kids – video games, board games, play sets

For couples – an experience, weekend getaway, new T.V.

For parents – framed family photo, tickets to a show

Christmas Shopping On A Budget Reduces Stress

It's a stressful time of year for many people with money being tight or having a lot of people to buy presents for. To avoid the big credit card bill that will be due in January and to keep from paying for gifts from now until next Christmas, have a shopping plan and [a spending budget](#). Know how much you'll spend on each person, what you're going to buy them, and pay in cash.

Give yourself the gift of starting the new year with less debt and more money in your pocket!



## How Did Christmas Start?



The first recorded date of **Christmas** being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (he was the first Christian Roman Emperor). A few years later, Pope Julius I officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th December.



# Altino Workshop

November 5, 2018  
Room C5



On November 5, 2018, selected students from Grades 3 and 5 had a unique opportunity to do Altino Coding in room C5 with Mr. Kitajima. Thank you to Dr. Bebi Davis, Mr. Ron Nomura, Mrs. Pam Kohara, and our principal, Ms. Kobayashi for providing this wonderful experience for the Kuhio School students. Thank you also to Ms. Yamada, Grade 3 teacher who chaperoned the group.

## Togetherness Quote of the Month

Education is not received. It is achieved.

~Albert Einstein



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# Washington Middle School

## Winter Concert

November 27, 2018

Cafeteria



### SNACK RULES REMINDERS



Students are permitted to bring snacks from home, but it is encouraged that they are HEALTHY SNACKS and DRINKS.

To alleviate possible health issues, students are NOT PERMITTED TO SHARE snacks and lunches. Snacks may be eaten during recess time.

Snacks such as chips, cookies or other items brought with students are allowed after eating their main meal.



## Grade 3 T-shirt Shopping Bag Activity

By C. Yamada and K. Nakamura

Grade 3

On Wednesday, November 21, 2018, we had the pleasure of hosting Kuhio School's Literacy Showcase. We participated in an interactive parent and child activity to practice our Literacy skills. Students and parents were tasked to practice their multidisciplinary skills, hearing auditory instructions, and utilizing written and visual instructions to transform an old t-shirt into a recycled shopping bag.

Parents and students had fun transforming the recycled material into something they now need and can use anytime they go to a store. So, if you have any extra old t-shirts laying around your house, ask a third grader to help you transform it!





# Camp Erdman A New Adventure!

By J. Toyama, Vice Principal



On November 26, 43 eager students boarded a bus loaded with sleeping bags and enough gear for a 3-day adventure to YMCA Camp Erdman in Waialua on the North Shore of Oahu. We were met with enthusiastic camp staff who started us with an orientation of the campsite, settled us into our cabins and began a non-stop schedule of trust initiatives and team building activities. Students learned how to survive in the wilderness and built shelters, tried their hand at archery, built geodomes that could contain over 15 students, and explored scientific concepts. On the occasional moments of free time, we played basketball and gaga ball, hula hooped, swam together, dined together, got to know each other, and had loads of fun all while learning in a beautiful outdoor setting. The highlight of our trip was a fun-filled campfire that ended with roasting marshmallows and devouring smores. As well, we experienced many successes in climbing the alpine tower. Trust was built, confidences were strengthened, and friendships established. Students learned that they are capable of so much when they believe in themselves and work together.

