



# 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 December 2019

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success! - Henry Ford  
Collaborate, Adapt, Persevere to Succeed!

Aloha Kakou Kuhio Ohana,

Mele Kalikimaka and Haole Makahiki Hou!

I'd like to give a **Shout Out** to "The Originals" Kuhio School's Service Group that perform religiously each morning with the "Morning Message." They announce the word of the month and the student body responds by shouting it back to them.

The word for December is **Caring/Kindness**. Both qualities can be learned through practice each and every day. These are examples:

- Help people in need.
- Comfort people who are sad.
- Explain that calling someone names or excluding people from playing, can be hurtful.

Let's find ways to be kind and caring to everyone and acknowledge random acts of kindness when you hear or see it being done!

A future event in January will be "**The Great Kindness Challenge**." All Kaimuki Schools will be participating. This will be an exciting week, January 27-31, that will recognize how Kuhio students show and practice **kindness and caring**.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

**Mele Kalikimaka and a Haole Makahiki Hou!**

Sincerely,

Principal Lynn M. Kobayashi

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible. - Dalai Lama

## Announcements & Important Dates

**Thursday, Dec. 12** - Lion's Club Annual Parade, Kuhio School, 6:30 PM  
**Wednesday, Dec. 18** - Change in Dismissal time - **School Ends 2:15 PM**  
**Friday, Dec. 20** - Change in Dismissal time - **School Ends 1:30 PM**  
**Monday, Dec. 23 to Monday, Jan. 6** - Winter Break - No School  
**Tuesday, Jan. 7** - Students Return

# We Are The Third Graders!!



The third graders have been busy. Find out what we have been up to these past few months in school. Enjoy our learning poem!

Third graders, third graders  
Why are we the best?  
We just love learning  
And always try our best!

We have rules and laws  
For everyone in society  
To keep us all safe  
And make us feel extra happy

Reading is important  
And we sure know it  
Finding the main idea  
Takes quite a bit of grit

We love to sing  
We can also play several tunes  
Let us show you  
With our flutophones!

Looking for text evidence  
Identifying the theme  
Figuring out the cause and effect  
We no longer want to scream

Directed drawing is amazing  
Watercoloring is calming  
Art is our favorite subject  
More than anything!

Writing is not hard  
When we use a web  
To organize our ideas  
And write in logical steps

Let us tell you about  
Physical Education  
From basketball to softball,  
We are learning a ton!

We can round numbers  
We can find fact families  
Area of rectangular shapes  
Now that's super easy!

School work can be challenging  
But that's totally okay  
We learn through  
A lot of teamwork and cooperating

Addition, subtraction,  
Multiplication and division  
Are the four basic  
Math operations

We have made some great friends  
And with many amazing teachers  
Who help and support  
All of us third graders

Science is not a mystery  
Natural hazards can be scary  
We learned all about  
Protection and safety

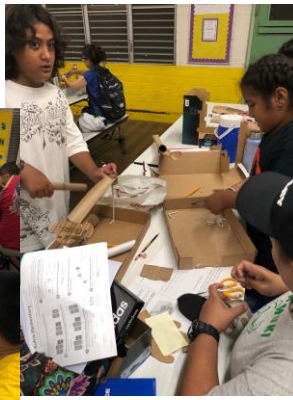
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THIRD GRADE  
ROCKS



# Science Night

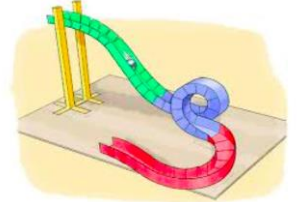


On November 22, 2019 our Kuhio families participated in the Kuhio School Science Night. Families were able to view all of the classes Science Fair projects. The upper grades will be submitting their projects to the 2020 Honolulu District Elementary Science Fair held on February 8, 2020 at Farrington High School. Their students will participate in a simulated Science Fair to prepare them for middle and high school. At the Science Fair students will present their projects and be asked questions by administrators meant to give elementary school students the experience of what a future science fair will be like.

**EXTRA CHALLENGE!!**  
 Challenge: Build a track at home with materials you can find in your house (i.e. toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, pool noodles, etc.). Take a picture of your home track with you in it to receive a special gift by December 20.



Families also got to participate in a STEM paper plate challenge. One of the most important components of the Engineering Design Process (EDP) is to improve your project. To do trials and then go back and make improvements based on your findings. At Science Night families participated in an EDP project. They were tasked with creating a marble roller coaster using only paper plates, scissors, tape, and upcycled paper towel rolls. They had a blast seeing if they could make their roller coaster work!



# Explorations

Our second **Explorations** was a hit with the students. Students were able to explore Japanese Art, paper crafts, an Escape Room, Cartoon drawing, race car tracks and food crafts just to name a few.

The excitement and learning was evident "I enjoyed making the courses and thinking about different ideas. I also enjoyed looking at other people's course and seeing toy cars making it to the end." Another student commented "It was fun and we had to think a lot, and we got prizes for winning. We practiced our Multiplication, Division, and fact family."

Students are looking forward to our third **Explorations** on March 6, 2020! Keep a lookout for pictures.

