



August 2023



Kuhio Elementary

Dear Kuhio Ohana,

We are so excited that school is back in session after having a long and restful summer vacation! We hope that everyone had a great summer and are back and ready for a full school year of learning and fun. As we welcome new and familiar faces to the school, we would like to let everyone know about the following procedures we have at Kuhio Elementary School.

Drop-Off/Pick-up

Drop-Off

- Drop child off in the parking lot on Kahoaloha Lane. Kuhio Volunteer, Mr. Oscar Johnson, will be outside monitoring traffic and greeting children and parents.
- Park on the grassy area if you walk your child in.
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- Breakfast starts at 7:20 a.m. and ends at 7:45 a.m.
- There will be limited adult supervision at 7:30 a.m.
- Class begins at 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up

- Pick-up is the same as Drop-Off.
- If you are late for pick-up, call the office.
- Classes will start arriving at the Pick-Up line at 2:10 p.m.
- School officially ends at 2:15 p.m. Children walking home will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m.
- Blocking any openings/ramps to surrounding apartments is prohibited.
- If your child has permission to walk home after school, contact the office.
- If your child has permission to go home with another child's family, contact the office.
- Children will be taken to the office at 2:45 p.m. where you will sign your child out.

Recess/Waterbottles

- Wearing covered shoes is strongly recommended to ensure your child's safety on the playground equipment and field. Crocs are not to be worn on days that children play on the equipment.
- Providing a waterbottle for your child is strongly recommended to prevent dehydration. Children can drink from the water fountain and refill their waterbottle.

School Supplies

- Teachers will be purchasing school supplies for all students. You will not need to purchase school supplies.
- The school supplies fee is \$45 for returning students and \$40 for new students.

Folders/Planners

- Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a purple Wednesday folder that has important announcements and reminders. Check your child's bag and sign their folder.
- Check student's planner daily for any homework or notes from teacher.

Attendance

- Students should come to school on time, everyday.
- If your child is absent, call the office between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- If your child is late, they must report to the office.



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.

Collaborate Adapt Persevere Succeed

Important Dates

August 7: First Day of School
 August 16: School Ends at 2:15 p.m.
 August 17: School Ends at 1:30 p.m.
 August 17: Open House at 1:40-3:15 p.m.
 August 18: No School, Admission's Day
 August 24: Picture Day
 August 28: No School, Professional Collaboration Day

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress, Working together is success. - by Henry Ford

Dear Kuhio Ohana,

Aloha!

Welcome to the new school year 2023-2024 which I promise you will be an exciting and challenging year for us all.

We are delighted to have new members on board including our incoming kindergarteners and their families, new employees to the school, a returning teacher and several new teachers from various schools in the Honolulu District. Thank you for choosing Kuhio School as a place for all to learn and grow.

Back this school year after taking a semester off to study at the university is Mrs. J. Sato, our Academic Coach/technology coordinator.

The following teachers are making Kuhio School their new home:

- Grade 1 (C1) Mrs. C. Yee, former Kindergarten teacher from Kaewai Elementary
- Grade 2 (H101) Mr. T. Han, former special education teacher from Kaiulani Elementary
- Grade 4 (H103) Mrs. L. Ozaki, former Kindergarten and art resource teacher from Kalihi Kai Elementary
- Computer Science (H204) Ms. H. Yamauchi, former Paraprofessional tutor from Jefferson Elementary

The faculty, staff, families and community are vital stakeholders in educating our children. Everyone's involvement, support, and understanding will help us set the foundations for our Kuhio elementary children. Together, we can successfully reach our goals.

The State theme for the school year will continue to be **Ne'epapa- Educating Our Future**. In 'ōlelo Hawai'i, or Hawaiian, *ne'epapa* can mean to move as a whole or unit; moving or working together in unison; united. This theme is woven throughout our Kuhio motto, "Working together is success."

We are counting on everyone's kokua in working together towards building a stronger learning community at Kuhio Elementary School. Thank you.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful school year.

Sincerely,
Lynn M. Kobayashi
Principal



Thank you to the
Rotary Club of Waikiki and
Shinnyo-En Hawaii for their
monetary and school supply
donations throughout the years.



Traffic Safety: We thank the Honolulu Police Department in helping to promote traffic safety at the school. Remember driving and texting is not safe, drive slowly and buckle up securely in your car.



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Meet Our New Teachers

Grade 1 Teacher, Mrs. Yee

My name is Christy Yee and I'm very excited to be starting here at Kuhio! I have been teaching for 17 years, most recently in kindergarten. I spend most of my spare time reading, doing crossword puzzles, traveling and hanging out with my husband, 8 year old son, and our numerous pets including four guinea pigs and a goat named Cody.



Grade 2 Teacher, Mr. Han

My name is Taecyeon Han and I'm excited to be here! I've previously taught at Lincoln and Kaiulani Elementary Schools. I come from a family of 3. I love singing and anything Disney. My favorite food is anything with potatoes. An interesting fact about me is that I'm bilingual and speak English and Japanese.



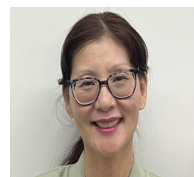
Grade 4 Teacher, Mrs. Ozaki

Hello, my name is Lisa Ozaki. I have been teaching for 35 years, having taught preschool to fifth grade, remedial reading to enrichment, and working with 530 students for the past 5 years as an art resource teacher. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am so excited to be a part of the Kuhio Ohana, and being able to work with the fourth grade students this school year.



SPED Teacher, Mrs. Calleon

My name is Melanie Calleon, also known as Mrs. Mel. This is my 20th year of teaching. I love hiking, exercising, and eating chocolates. I absolutely love this job and I'm so excited to be working with the students at Kuhio Elementary.



Computer Science Teacher, Ms. Heather

My name is Heather Yamauchi. I can't wait to get to know the children of Kuhio Elementary as the new computer science teacher! I was a PPT at Jefferson Elementary last year and live at home with my mom, dad, sister, and brother. Japanese food, especially sushi is a favorite as well as going to the beach and watching Netflix shows.



Student Support Services Staff: Student Services Coordinator: Denise Yamashiro; Counselor, Kristin Chevalier; English Language Coordinator: Chelsea O'Connor; Academic Coach and Technology Coordinator: Jennifer Sato.

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