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Collaborate, Adapt, Persevere to Succeed!

Principal's Message

Welcome all to school year 2018-19! I trust that everyone's summer was fun and relaxing and that you were all so anxious to begin school. I'm very excited about this school year for we will be engaging in new experiences that will help the school to improve.

Let's begin by welcoming our new Vice Principal Jane Toyama, Sped teacher Emily Hirama, Educational Assistant Kalani Thane, Grade 3 teacher Cherisse Yamada, and Art teacher Lacey Evans. We wish them the best for a successful school year and are happy that they chose to join the Kuhio Ohana.

The faculty, staff and administration will continue to work hard to build strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. Parents play a key role by supporting the school's effort to educate all children and we humbly ask for your continuing support throughout the school year.

We began the school year with our Kindergarten Orientation and school wide Open House that was very well attended. In my eyes parents want to be involved and the attendance at both events is an indication that we will be expecting a good turn out at all school wide activities this school year. Thank you for supporting the school's effort to engage parents and community and we look forward to seeing you at future school sponsored activities.

As your principal, it is important to me that your children transition to the next grade level equipped with the knowledge, skills and behaviors that will continue to help them succeed. Therefore, our teachers will continue to focus on the following: 1. Data to drive instruction 2. Teaching and application of the General Learner Outcomes skills (GLOs) 3. Teaching and learning of the Common Core Skills 4. Teaching and learning of the Social Emotional Skills We will prepare your child(ren) for 21st Century citizenship by engaging them in quality teaching and learning experiences that are relevant, rigorous, diverse and challenging, in a safe and supportive environment.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Kuhio Elementary School meet their grade level expectations, have a fun, exciting and successful year, hoping that each child will be able to SHINE in their own way! This is just the beginning of an exciting, challenging and memorable year for everyone. Please feel free to call or meet with me to share ideas on how we can move forward TOGETHER to build a better Kuhio School for our children!

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi

Principal



New Faculty and Staff

Ms. Emily Hirama, Special Education Teacher

1.) I taught at Lincoln Elementary for 5 years. 2.) I went into teaching because I wanted to change the world. 3.) I love to travel and I love to experience new things and cultures. 4.) I always try to see the cup half full, and if you ever need a cheerleader, I'm your girl!

Mrs. Kalani Thane, Educational Assistant

Hi, I'm Kalani Thane, an AEA and RBT. Before Kuhio School, I worked at Lincoln Elementary along side Mrs. Hirama for 4 years. I chose this profession because celebrating small victories in a student's life impacts their overall success. These victories can also be an encouragement for the student's families. I enjoy spending outdoor time with my family. Thank you, Kuhio Ohana, for all that you do and I look forward to a successful 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Cherisse Yamada, Grade 3 Teacher

Aloha! My name is Ms. Yamada and I am the new third grade teacher. I came from Ka'ewai Elementary in Kalihi and am so excited to be teaching at Kuhio! In my free time I enjoy hiking, going to the beach with my family, and learning new things. This year I look forward to meeting all of you, please come and say Hi!

Mrs. Jane Toyama, Vice Principal

What a gem of a surprise to find such an amazing little school tucked away in the heart of Honolulu. In my first month as Vice Principal at Kuhio Elementary School, I have been wonderfully welcomed by the students and staff. I look forward to working with the school community to build a culture where everyone is valued as a learner, teacher, and leader. I bring with me 20 years of experience that include 2 years as a District Resource Teacher, 12 years, as an elementary classroom teacher, and 7 years as a curriculum, instruction & data coach. I completed my internship as a school administrator at the middle school level last year and am excited to complete my certification in administration here at Kuhio Elementary. I believe that collaboration amongst all stakeholders and open, honest, and respectful conversations are critical to school improvement efforts. Your children deserve the best and I believe we have a staff that can deliver above and beyond. My door is open and you're always welcomed!

Mrs. Lacey Evans, Art Teacher

Hi! My name is Mrs. Evans, and this is my first year teaching in Hawaii and at Kuhio Elementary. I have been teaching for six years and love teaching art to kids. I love to show the many possibilities and that you "can" do anything you put your mind to! I have a bachelor's degree in art education and one of my favorite skills to teach is drawing. It amazes me how the finished work looks from each individual student. I can't wait to see what we make in art this year and what I learn from you along the way. I grew up in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. I have a twin brother named Lucas and two loving parents that I miss.

Mr. Cedric Chu, Volunteer

Hey Everyone, I am Cedric Chu and I will be serving Kuhio Elementary as a Voluntary Counselor this year. I am a recent retiree from the Department of Education with 30 years of experience as a High School Outreach Counselor (3years), Middle School Outreach Counselor (1 year) and 26 years as an Elementary School Counselor. I also have experience in youth corrections at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility and Kahi Mohala Psychiatric Hospital as a Mental Health Specialist.

In my short stay here I have found Kuhio to be a wonderful school with both kind hearted students, and caring teachers. I hope that I can add to your child's experience here and help them build a sound foundation for a lifetime.

Upcoming Events

September 5

-Federal Impact Aid Survey to go home with students

September 7

-Grade 1 Field Trip, HTY, 10:00 - 1:30 pm

September 12

-Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Forms to go home with students

September 14

-Grade 2 Hawaiian Humane Society Outreach presentation (1 - 2 pm)

September 17 - 20

WASC Accreditation Visitation

September 21

-Grade 2 Field Trip to Mo'ili'ili Fire Station (9 - 10 am)

October 5

-Make-up Picture Day (Individuals, Service Groups & Whole school)



Seeking Volunteers for Parent Group

August 30, 2018

Upcoming Event: Accreditation Process – Parent Participants

Kuhio School will be accredited this school year 2018-19. What is the accreditation process? According to the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)** accreditation is defined as “the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of educational institutions and programs.”

During the week of **September 17 through September 20, 2018**, our accreditation team comprised of two educators from Hawaii and a WASC Lead administrator from California will visit Kuhio School. The team will be collecting evidence that will support our school improvement efforts as stated in our Academic Plan. They will be observing the classrooms and interviewing the faculty, staff, parents and students. A final report will be given to the school sometime in late January of 2019, which will give the school feedback on our successes and suggested areas of improvement.

We are currently seeking interested parents to join our Parent Group and are inviting parent volunteers to participate in the process.

If you are interested in getting involved to help the school improve, please call (973-0085) email (lynn_kobayashi@notes.k12.hi.us) or make an appointment with Principal Kobayashi no later than Sept. 7, 2018.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi

Principal
Prince Jonah Kuhio Elementary School



Thank You!

Dearest Customers and Employees of Central Pacific Bank, Mo'ili'iili,

Your **Back to School Drive** to benefit the students at Kuhio Elementary was a very generous and thoughtful gesture that we truly appreciate.

Monetary donations, school supplies, and emergency supplies have helped the students and school get off to a great start of a new and promising school year 2018-19!

Your customers and employees of the bank are generous and valued members of our Mo'ili'iili community. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to **Assistant Bank Manager, Ms. Lisa Kimoto**, who took the lead in planning this drive.

Thank you again for helping our students and school reach our mission to prepare our students for 21st century careers and citizenship.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi

Principal



Box Tops for Education! Please cut out, save, and drop off your Box Tops for Education at the office or with your teacher. Mahalo!

For more information about Box Tops: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



TogetherNESS Quote of the Month

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

~Robert Maynard Hutchins



SchoolMessenger Information For Kuhio Elementary Parents

We are adding text messaging capability to SchoolMessenger for Kuhio School, the system we use now for phone calls and emails. The system will be configured to send text messages to cell phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. Over the next weeks, we will be encouraging all stakeholders to confirm we have accurate phone numbers and encourage them to participate.

There are only two requirements for a recipient to receive messages from you via SMS text: the recipient's wireless number imported into SchoolMessenger and "Opt-In Confirmation" from the recipient's wireless device. These requirements address any concerns related to the accuracy of the database and costs associated with receiving text messages.

Recipients can easily opt-in by simply sending "Y" (or "Yes"), via text message, to our SchoolMessenger Short Code number. We will be inviting recipients to do this over the next several weeks and continue throughout the year.

The wireless number(s) must be in the SchoolMessenger database associated with a student or staff ID number; these numbers are updated nightly. If a recipient's number SMS Text number is changed, or a new number added, in our student information system database, the new number will automatically be sent an Opt-In message. Thank you!



ATTENTION!

Parents and guardians of public school students will now be able to conveniently manage, monitor and pay for their child's school meal account online and through a mobile app. The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) launched the online school lunch payment system, [EZSchoolPay](http://EZSchoolPay.com), on Monday, May 7, 2018.

EZSchoolPay is a secure service being offered through Harris School Solutions (eTrition). The new statewide student meal payment system provides the following online uses:

- ✓ **add funds** securely, conveniently and directly into student meal accounts at any time from the app or online.
- ✓ **set recurring automatic payments** to ensure accounts are always refilled.
- ✓ **receive automated alert notifications** when the account balance drops below a certain amount.
- ✓ **view student meal transactions and account balances.**

How to Register

Parents and guardians may sign up for a new account:

Visit www.EZSchoolPay.com.
Click the Register button.

Enter your email address.

Check your email for a confirmation and follow further directions.

There are two ways to add your child to your account. You can enter the:

Student ID number: Enter the child's last name and student ID number, or

Birth date: Enter child's first name, last name and birth date

Note: District should be prepopulated with "Hawaii-St. of Hawaii Dept of Ed"



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.

Thank You to KAC Basketball League

Dear Mr. Kajioka,

On behalf of the students and staff of Kuhio Elementary School we extend our deepest appreciation and "Mahalo" for the donation of the 4 removable rims and nets for our basketball court as well as a ladder that will be used to install and remove the rims daily.

The need for students to have physical activity each day is well documented. Your gift will allow us to maximize the use of the courts for our students, while preventing the misuse and abuse that have occurred in the past from outside people utilizing the courts.

In addition, we would also like to say "Mahalo" to Mr. Marshall Miyoshi, who continues to serve as a liaison between the KAC League and the school. His time and effort to support your program at the school is truly appreciated.

We thank you again for your kind and generous donation.

With sincere gratitude,

Lynn M. Kobayashi

Principal
Prince Jonah Kuhio Elementary School



Welcome Back Assembly

August 15, 2018, Cafeteria



Photos taken by Maureen, Grade 5