



September 2023



# Kuhio Elementary

**SEL Word: Empathy**

**Maui no ka oi, Maui is the best**

It has been over a month since the tragic fire that destroyed Lahaina. Our hearts continue to weigh heavily with empathy as we stand in solidarity with our neighbors affected by the recent Lahaina fires.

In times like these, it is essential to remember that we are not just a school community; we are a family. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all those who have been impacted by this devastating event, regardless of their background or ethnicity.

Together, let us extend a hand of support and compassion to our friends and neighbors in need. Let us show that in our diversity, we find strength and resilience. As a school, we are here to foster not only the academic growth of our students but also their development as caring, empathetic individuals who can make a positive difference in the world.

Together, we can overcome this challenge and come out stronger as a community. Wishing you all safety, comfort, and a sense of unity during these trying times.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi  
Principal  
Kuhio Elementary School



**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 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.

**Collaborate  
Adapt  
Persevere  
Succeed**

**Important Dates**

Sept. 28 - Picture Retake Day

October 9-13 - Fall Break - No School

October 30-Nov. 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences - School ends 12:30 PM every day

Dear Kuhio Ohana,

As we transition into the next month of September, our focus at Kuhio School is on nurturing an essential skill that will empower our students for a lifetime - Self Management.

September brings us not only a change in weather but also an opportunity for growth and self discovery. It's a time when students settle into their routines, and it's the perfect time to guide them in developing the vital skill of self management. This month, we shall help our students to become more responsible, organized, and self reliant.

We at Kuhio School believe that self management is a key to success, both inside and outside the classroom. It is the ability to set goals, make responsible choices, prioritize tasks, and stay organized. These skills not only contribute to academic achievement but also prepare our students for a future filled with independence and confidence.

Throughout September, our teachers will focus on students using their planner to remind themselves of their homework and making sure that important papers are given to parents for their review and signatures.

We encourage parents and guardians to join us in fostering self management skills at home. Check your child's planner every evening and be sure to read and initial it daily.

Together we can empower our children to become confident, responsible and successful individuals.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make September a month of teaching our children to be organized and able to manage themselves.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Kobayashi, Principal, Kuhio Elementary School

## Music For Life Foundation Ukulele Event with Jake Shimabukuro



Kuhio School, along with Ala Wai, Lunalilo and Jefferson Elementary schools, were invited to participate in a very special event - an ukulele lesson with Jake Shimabukuro at the historic Hawaii Theater. Members of our Junior Police Officers (JPOs) and Student Council candidates were treated to a performance and ukulele lesson by Jake, and will receive new ukulele. The students were able to send messages to students on Maui to go along with the ukulele they used during the lesson.



**Yeoboseyo \* Sabaidi \* Namaskara \* Talofa \* Hola \* Ran Anim \* Hafa Adai \* Lokwe \* Kasalehlie \* Malo E Lelei \* Ola**



**Xin Chao \* Ola \* Ni Hao \* Swadi \* Kamusta \* Bonjour \* Hallo \* Aloha \* Namaskaar \* Nyob Zoo \* Halo \* Ciao \* Konnichiwa**