



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ka Wa'a

October 2015

‘Ohana and Community Bulletin

E hoe I ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e!

Let's paddle our canoe together.

Aloha e Keaukaha!

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition...giving up is what makes it permanent." ~Author Unknown

We've officially reached the end of the 1st quarter! Can you believe it? I can't! The past two months have just flown by so quickly. J However, I anticipate that the 2nd quarter will go by even quicker!

October will be a very busy month for us! It is Fire Prevention Month, Anti-Bullying Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In addition, we have one week off for the Fall Break (5th-9th), our Parent Teacher Conferences (22nd-30th), and our Spirit Week (26th-30th). We also have our annual earthquake drill on the 15th, our Cancer Awareness PINK OUT day on the 22nd, our 1st Quarter Awards Assembly on the 23rd, our 2nd 'Ohana Night on the 28th, and some fun Halloween activities scheduled for the 30th. School will finish early during Parent Teacher Conference time so please mark your calendars. More information about these October activities and events will be sent home throughout the month. Like I said, October is going to be a very busy month! Whoohoo!

PONO is our Hawaiian core value for the month of October. Please join us in teaching and sharing information with your child about the importance of integrity, honesty, and righteousness. Let's teach our students to always do what's right and to BE PONO! Mahalo for your continued support with this!

Mahalo to the many of you who drop off your keiki at the gym parking lot in the morning. The traffic flow has been much smoother and safer for our students with cars entering through the gate closest to the school and exiting through the gate closest to the gym. Please continue to drive all the way forward along the orange cones to let your child out of your car. The cones designate safe drop off zones for our keiki. Please move as far forward as possible to allow multiple cars to drop off students at one time. This will help with traffic flow and take way congestion on Baker Avenue. Please let me know if you have any questions about our morning drop off procedures at the gym parking lot area. Mahalo for your continued patience and awareness of our students! Please continue to drive with ALOHA!

Our students will participate in our annual tsunami/off-campus evacuation drill on **Monday, November 2, 2015**. Please mark your calendars. Keaukaha Elementary students, along with students from Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo, Ke Ana La'ahana and Kamehameha Preschool, will cross the airport runway this year. It is a huge coordinated event that includes airport personnel, Civil Defense, transportation division, and HPD. This drill is extremely important. Our students and staff must understand and know what to do should there be a locally generated tsunami. Keaukaha Elementary School, as well as our surrounding sister schools, is located in a tsunami zone so being prepared and ready for such an event is critical for the safety of all. More information will be forthcoming in regards to our upcoming tsunami/off campus evacuation drill. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions about any of our safety drills. Mahalo!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY goes out to the following staff members who will celebrate their special day this month! Hau'oli Lā Hānau goes out to Kumu Mallory Nishioka, Kumu Andrea Lord, Aunty Wahine Mercado, Custodian Freming Alonzo and Kupuna Kimo Awai!! And of course, HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of our students who celebrate their birthdays in the month of October as well!

In closing, I'd like to say ALOHA and MAHALO to Kumu Casey Hanoa for her 14 years of service to the community of Keaukaha! Kumu Hanoa will be moving to a District Office Resource Teacher position to begin a new journey in her career. We wish her nothing but continued success and growth as an educator. Kumu Hanoa, we will miss your smile, your laugh and your positive ways so very much! Please remember that Keaukaha will always be your home and you will always have a seat on our wa'a!

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"Let's Paddle Our Canoe Together!"

Have a great month of October, everyone!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello

Mahalo Nui Keaukaha `Ohana!

Dear Keaukaha Ohana,

As many of you already know, I have accepted a position with the Department of Education's District office. However, I have the luxury of returning to Keaukaha next year if this position is not one that I enjoy.

Please consider this as my sincere goodbye to each and every one of you. I want you all to know that I am leaving here with mixed feelings. I am happy to take on a new challenge and look forward to all of the new career opportunities I will encounter. At the same time, I am sad to be leaving such a great community and school where I have made so many wonderful friends. The last fourteen years has been the best period of my career. I have learned a great deal and worked with many people whom I'm sure I will remain friends with for a lifetime. I can only wish that my new job would give me such rewarding experiences.

Our vision at Keaukaha school "E hoe I ka wa'a! E ho'olokahi e! Lets paddle our canoe together" will be near and dear to me. Although I won't be here on this campus I will still be a part of paddling our canoe to help ensure that all succeed. Keaukaha will ALWAYS be my home.

A Hui Hou with Much Love and Aloha,

Casey Hanoa

Ohana Night

September 23, 2015 was our first 'Ohana night and it was a success! Mahalo to our families who came, attended, and participated in our Math and Reading night. Grade 6 teachers and students shared the programs that they use for reading (Springboard) and Math (Go Math). The students helped to share what they do for these subjects. The 5th grade teachers had a fun filled time sharing math strategies with parents using manipulative and solving for math processes. Grade 5 students shared what we do in Reading Wonders which is the program we use K-5. They engaged the parents in webbing ideas in small group then sharing their learning in the large group. It was a night filled with learning and enjoyment. Learning is fun! See you next month!





PTA NEWS... Fall 2015

Our Annual **HOLY BAKERY THANKSGIVING PIE SALE** is on!

Tickets (1 Pumpkin and 1 Apple) will be distributed to students beginning Monday, October 12th following the Fall Intercession Break **SO PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR CHILD'S ASSIGNED TICKET ENVELOPE.** Each ticket will be sold for \$10.00. The ticket sale period will run through Monday, September 9th, the deadline date to turn in all ticket money. Students may return their ticket envelopes to their teachers; a PTA rep will collect them weekly. **Drive thru PIE PICKUP will be on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25, 2015 at the front entrance of Keaukaha Elementary School from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.** For more tickets or information: contact: lilinoeyoung@yahoo.com

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT STUDENTS, STAFF & SCHOOL!

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE: Our restructuring is taking longer than expected but I am pleased to announce that our school's Non-Profit Support, the **Keaukaha School Foundation**, has agreed to consider our request to merge into their organization. Details regarding the transfer of kuleana and PTA assets are being finalized before the Foundation's Board returns its decision. Please stay tuned.

'A'ohe hana nui ke 'alu 'ia. No work is too great when shared by all!

ELA Corner

By: Kumu Loke



Last month we looked at reading under ELA, English Language Arts. This month we focus on writing. Writing is a necessary skill. As parents we often struggle to find ways to help our kids learn to write for different purposes. Even kids who love to be creative may struggle with essay writing or book reviews. Writing does not come easily, but needs lots of practice. Writing is a craft - the more you do it, the easier it is and the better you get at it. With that in mind, here are some ideas that will help you encourage and motivate your child to make writing a daily activity.

Write lists. Rather than write a list yourself, have your child help you. Need to buy groceries? Ask them to write down the items you need. Going on a trip? Ask them to write down the things they'd need and like to bring. There are all kinds of situations and events that call for a list - why not get your keiki to start the lists for you?

Keep a journal. No matter how short or long the writing is, the aim is to make sure this is a daily activity. To make it more fun, you can encourage your kids to incorporate photos and memorabilia, and make little collages and illustrations to go with their daily entries. Have fun with this one!

Tell a relay story. We do this in the car when we're all bored, everyone takes turns telling a story - sentence by sentence. Start a story with a sentence "Once upon a time..." is a way to begin, or "Remember... when". Then have your child add a sentence to this story, next you add a sentence. These stories are often funny, spooky or just plain kooky. If you're at home, you could jot your story down on paper taking turns writing.

Build words. Kids need to build their vocabulary to learn to write better. Merriam-Webster has one of the best vocabulary websites for kids at wordcentral.com. The site contains a dictionary, thesaurus, word games and the 'daily buzzword'. It's worth a daily visit for your budding writer. Integrate challenging vocabulary as you speak with your child, they are a sponge ready and willing to learn!

Math Corner

By: Kumu Miyataki

First of all, Thank you for another terrific 'Ohana Night! Hopefully, You enjoyed some fun math activities to share with your child. For this math corner, I would like to share a math strategy/activity with you so that you can share them with your child(ren).

Math Tip #3

During first quarter, a lot of our grade levels are working on basic facts. Here is a strategy / activity to help your child with basic facts.


Count on 1 and 2

For this strategy, you need dice or playing cards, some paper and a pencil. On one die have the numbers 4,5,6,7,8,9 or pull out only these number playing cards (first stack). The other die will have dots. 3 sides have one dot and the other 3 have 2 dots. If you are using playing cards pull out 3 aces and 3 number 2 cards (second stack).

Roll the dice or flip 2 cards (one from each stack)

Start with the higher number and count 1 or 2 more to get a total. You can have your child write the problem down or I have some blank copies you can get from me.

For example, I roll or pull cards 9 and 1. I write: $9 + 1 = 10$

Have fun! Make it a game. First one to use all the numbers is the winner! :) 

Your child(ren) will be learning more and more strategies throughout the year. Talk with them about what they are learning in class and see if they can explain it to you. Being able to explain the strategy shows that they have learned it! If not, Please feel free to see your child's teacher or me for any help. We are glad to help!

If you have more questions or concerns about math, please feel free to come and see me anytime. I am located in A-Basement or email me: tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us

You can also call the school at 974-4181. Mahalo and I look forward to meeting you soon!

**"Why do children dread mathematics? Because of the wrong approach.
Because it is looked at as a subject." -Shakuntala Devi**

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

October:

- 5th-9th No School Fall Break
- 13th Fire Prevention Presentation
- 14th No School Teacher Institute Day
- 15th The Great Shake Out @10:15am
- 22nd Pink Out for Breast Cancer
- 22nd- 30th Parent Teacher Conference
- School Finishes @ 1pm M,T,Th,F and 1:10pm Wed.
- 23rd- Awards Assembly @ Cafeteria
- Prek-2nd 8:15am/ 3rd-6th grade 9am
- 26th 30th Spirit Week
- 28th Vision Screening Grades K,1,3,5
- 28th `Ohana Night "Technology"
- 29th B.R.A.V.E Hawaii with Augie T
- 30th Student Council Halloween Activities

October is:

Fire Prevention Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Anti-Bullying Month

- Uniforms are available for purchase at Creative Arts Hawaii 500 Kalanianaʻole Ave. Monday-Friday 8am-4pm for \$7.50 plus tax.
- **Students should be dropped off and remain inside of the New Cafeteria every morning.**
- Please take a look at Keaukaha School's School Uniform Policy & Procedure insert!
- NOVEMBER 2nd- Tsunami Evacuation Drill -Runway crossing
- FLU CLINIC REMINDER- Keaukaha Flu Clinic will be on Nov 13th

School Meal Price Increase

On April 7, 2015, the Board of Education approved a change in school meal prices in accordance with a 2009 state law requiring the Hawaii State Department of Education to charge at least half the cost of preparing the meals.

The new prices shown are in effect as of Wednesday, July 1, 2015

	Current	SY 2015-16
Breakfast – Student Price (Grades K– 8)	\$1.00	\$1.10
Breakfast – Student Price (Grades 9 – 12)	\$1.10	\$1.20
Breakfast – Reduced Price	\$0.30	No change
Breakfast – Second Meal Price and Adult Price	\$2.20	\$2.40
Lunch – Student Price (Grades K– 8)	\$2.25	\$2.50
Lunch – Student Price (Grades 9 – 12)	\$2.50	\$2.75
Lunch – Reduced Price	\$0.40	No change
Lunch – Second Meal Price and Adult Price	\$5.00	\$5.50

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) Student record information; 2) Directory information; 3) Surveys and other information collection; and 4) Military recruitment information.

For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>

YEARBOOK

Reserve your year-book copy now! Cost is \$10! Payment can be made at the school office.

Need a High School Diploma?

"Need a High School Type Diploma? Over 18 years old? Waipahu Community School for Adults- HILO CAMPUS (WCSAHC) has the answer. We offer a Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma. WCSAHC is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Please give us a call at 974-4100 or visit us at Waiakea High School room P27."

Kindergarten Changes in Act 178-Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into law Senate Bill 2545/Act 178. It requires students to be five years old by July 31 to enter kindergarten, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. This requirement will affect children with birth dates from August 1 through December 31, 2009. Act 178 also repeals junior kindergarten programs in the DOE at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Visit hawaiidoe.org for details.

Keaukaha School is a Title 1 school. We receive Federal funds to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on the challenging state academic standards.

"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer"