



Keaukaha Elementary School Ka Wa'a

'Ohana and Community Bulletin



"A team is not a group of people who just work together.
A team is a group of people who trust each other."

~ Simon Sinek



Aloha e Keaukaha!

Throughout the year, Keaukaha Elementary celebrates **six core values**. The month of August always focuses on the value of **ALOHA**, while the month of September focuses on the value of **LŌKAHI**. Lōkahi emphasizes the importance of teamwork, collaboration, cooperation, harmony and unity. Please help us by talking to your children about the importance of working together. They will need this life long skill daily as adults. Mahalo for your continued support!

Mahalo to all of you who attended our August 30 **Wehena Kula - Open House!** We had over **800** in attendance! That is beyond **AMAZING!** Mahalo for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us! Your partnership means so much to all of us here at Keaukaha Elementary and to your children! They are always excited to showcase their work, show off their classroom, and have you meet their teachers! ☺

By now, all of you should have received a message from me through our automated School Connects (**Synervoice**) system. This system allows us to communicate with you directly in a matter of seconds. Because of this, it is essential that you keep us updated of any changes to your phone numbers. All non-emergency and emergency situations, like school closures, will be communicated with you through this system so please listen to the entire message.

Congratulations go out to our new **Student Council Officers!** President – Syncere Johnson, Vice President – Haili'imaile Kuamo'o, Secretary – 'Oili Aloy, Treasurer – Ryan Aniu! These students were elected by their fellow peers in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. Congratulations also go out to our 33 candidates! It takes so much courage to stand in front of the entire school and speak. You are all **WINNERS** to Kumu Bello and I am so very proud of all of you!

We say **HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS** to Kumu Karlie Lewis (2nd Grade), Auntie Malia Kainoa (Guidance), Uncle Keay Shibata (Custodian), Uncle Robert Carvalho (Custodian), Kumu Kim Daffron (Special Education), Auntie Renee Katada (Health Aide), Kumu Annette McComber (Preschool) and to our students who celebrate their birthdays in September! Hau'oli Lā Hānau!

In closing, **MAHALO** for your continued support! We appreciate all that you do for us!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello





COUNSELORS CORNER KUMU SPEAR

What Does Caring Mean?

Good people care about other people. They take care of children, families, friends and other people too. They take care of the world around them.

Caring is at the heart of a good person's character. It's a rule for how a good person treats the world and it's people. A caring person is helpful, kind and giving. A caring person always thinks how words and actions will make other people feel.

Why are some people helpful, kind and giving to others? Some help others because it makes them feel good. Some show they care because everybody else does. Some are kind because it hurts them to see other people hurting. Caring is a sign of growing up. A big part of growing up is the ability to think and care about someone besides yourself. Caring people have grown from a "give-me" to a "give-you" attitude.

Caring Do's

- Be kind to other people.
 - Ask them nice questions.
 - Share your time with them.
 - Live by the Golden Rule.
- Treat others the way you want them to treat you.

Parents:

Please read this newsletter with your child and discuss the importance of Caring.

- When you watch tv or read a book, ask your child, "What do you think that character is thinking and feeling?"
- Explain what it means to give others the benefit of the doubt.

Student Council Elections

On August 29th, Keaukaha Elementary voted and elected their Student Council Officers for school year 2017-18. Your Officers are:



President: Syncere Johnson

Vice President: Hali'imaile Kuamo'o

Secretary: 'Öili Aloy

Treasurer: Ryan Aniu



Congratulations to the Officers and to all of the students who ran for Student Council Office this year! We were all impressed by your courage to speak in front of so many students and by your commitment to making this school the best it can be! Great Job!

Student Council Representatives for this year are: Gr. 4 - Makini Cameron, Tayla Ha'a and Analu Kaholokai-Yockman. Gr. 5 - Aukai Armitage, Hilina'i Gouveia, Malakai Latiti, Manya Torres, Sofia Quiacusan, and Kaiakea Paaaina. Gr. 6 - Xian Solis-Kalani, Mercedes Murray, Solana Murray, Ryan John Hudman, Kerstin lee Verece and Kyzer Rey Paglinawan.





WEHENA KULA OPEN HOUSE



On August 30, 2017, Keaukaha had an awesome turnout of over 800 people for our Open House. Mahalo to everyone for making this a wonderful event!



Dear Students,
I am excited that you are in my class!
You are trusted.
I support you.
You are recognized.
I will hold you to high expectations.
You are important.
I am here to help you.
You are capable.
I will listen to you.
You will succeed.
I believe in you.
We are in this together.



ACADEMIC COACH Preschool, K, 1, and 2nd Grades Kumu Loke



‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. There is no task too difficult when we work together!

Aloha Keaukaha ‘Ohana!

As we proceed into our new and exciting school year, an adventure in learning reading and writing awaits us! Keaukaha continues our challenging work in reading and writing to support your keiki's success. These two skills are vital for your keiki to move forward with achievement in school and in our global community, which reaches down even to Pre-school! You may think that we hold all the keys to their development in education, but YOU really are the key to success. Establishing good habits of thinking will help your child gain strength in learning and do well in school. How do you help?

- **Have them get a good night's rest and a great breakfast...** lunch and breakfast is free this year for all students. Remember to get to school every day and do it on time.
- **Listen to your child read daily** and to or read to them also! Doing any of these lets them know you care about them and are listening to them. Your reading models good reading and can be fun! For grades **Pre-school, Kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, and grade 3** one of the borrowing options is that your child may take home overnight a Student-Parent read aloud book where your child reads a page on a topic or story and then you read a page which is more complex in grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension. What an awesome way to help build vocabulary and comprehension.
- **Ask them what they've learned in school.** Speaking with them using open-ended questions with no right or wrong answers help them share their opinions & is an amazing way to help develop language which builds to writing skills.
- Ask to see their work and **celebrate what they do.** Giving them positives for what they do, find something good in all they do, and they will always want to do good.
- **Talk to their teachers if you see any problems** or if they share any problems they may have. Let's work together.

So, we look forward to a great year of learning and new experiences. Here are some of the programs that your children are using in school and can also use at home if you have internet services available or they can go to the Keaukaha Community Resource Center and use their computers there to access the following programs:

The **Achieve3000** program is used in school and may be accessed at home. Achieve has students reading real world articles that are based on informative text. There are so many interesting subjects and articles that they may read. In addition, when they are through reading, they answer questions about the text, which trigger and engage their comprehension. There is also a short response writing we encourage you to have your child work on. There is also a free app on your cell phone for children pre-school – grade 2 which is called *Smarty Ants*. It teaches them letters, sounds, and how to read!

Reading Wonders is what they do in school everyday. They are also able to play learning games with this program, which is fun. So, they can get on and read, play games, and even do writing to passages read.

With this program, your child can access and engage with both reading and math problems and passages. It is very engaging for them and when they have reached a certain criteria, they are rewarded with a game! This intervention program is well rounded giving them practice in both reading and math at their ability level and helps to build their levels by increasing in difficulty as they continue to work.

For additional math practice and games, we have available to students IXL Math. The work that they do is calibrated to their ability level. The problems address our common core standards, as do the other programs listed here. With IXL the focus is on math problems and strategies.

So you see, Our Ohana, there are so many opportunities for your children to learn at home as well as at school. You can definitely make a difference in your child's progress. We look forward to you working with us throughout this school year. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions regarding their progress in school.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. Together we can do anything!

Mahalo Nui, Kumu Loke

ReAD Write On



MAHALO NUI to all of the businesses, organizations and individuals who donated supplies to our Keaukaha Keiki!



MAHALO!
WE LOVE YOU!



School Supplies:

- Hilo High Key Club
- Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- Haili Church - Kuhio Chapel
- Claire Camero
- Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- Paul and Donna Moffitt
- Roberts Hawaii, KAPA & UnitedWay



Other Donations:

- David and Billie Kapp (450 books)
- Lex Brodies Tire & Service Center (12 Soccer Balls)



Thank you!
We appreciate
all of the donations!



SUPER!



LOVE IT!!!



Frank DeLima Visit

On August 14, Frank DeLima came to share an important message with our students. Get Smarter, Get Kinder, Get Healthier! He said "Never be afraid of the work that teachers give you. This is to prepare you for the future. Focus, ask questions, do the extra work, do the homework. That is how we get smarter. Be healthy, eat fruits and vegetables. Don't eat plenty, just enough to be full! Drink lots of water! Get your exercise! Get enough sleep! Laugh at least twice a day!" Mahalo Uncle Frank!



Meet the new Resource Teacher



Aloha! My name is Waihilo Chartrand and I will be the keyboarding teacher for this academic school year. We will be working with the program TypingClub (<http://typingclub.com>). This program is de-

signed to help familiarize your child with the computer keyboard and help improve their typing skills. Your child will have access to their TypingClub account from any computer with internet access. I will be working with your child's class for 30-minutes each week. Due to the time limit, it is encouraged to have them practice on their free time. I am looking forward to working with your child.

UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements



- Sept. 22, 2017 - Picture Taking Day
- Sept. 28, 2017 - 'Ohana Night

E hoe i ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e! -"Let's Paddle Our Canoe Together!"



Principal's Pledge to Students	Student's Pledge to Keaukaha
All adults will work hard for you. You will be safe in our school. If you have something to say about our school, we will listen.	Come to school on time everyday. Follow all expectations. Be ready to learn and work hard. Be a "sponge"

YEARBOOK
Reserve your yearbook copy now! Cost is \$10!
Payment can be made at the school office.

Kōkua I Nā Kula! #27
Help Keaukaha School earn its share of \$100,000 with KTA Super Stores Kōkua I Nā Kula program. All you have to do is Shop at KTA from Aug - Sept and donate your earned points to #27 KEAUKAHA SCHOOL. It is that simple.

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>

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.