



Keaukaha Elementary School

Home of the Wa'a

'Ohana and Community Bulletin



"Every day we must unlearn the ways that hold us back. We must rid ourselves of negativity, so we can learn to fly." ~ Leon Brown



Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

Wow! We are in the month of November! I just can't believe how quickly our school year is moving along. I hope this November bulletin finds you ready for the upcoming holiday season because before we know it, the end of the year will be here.

Keaukaha celebrates the core value of **'OHANA** in the months of November and December. This value is perfect for the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas as it emphasizes the importance of family and the strong connections that bind us together. **To celebrate 'OHANA, we would like to invite you to an 'Ohana Luncheon with your child or children in our cafeteria.** An invitation will be sent home from our PCNC, Mona Ubedei, during the month of November with the specific date set for your grade level. We hope you are able to join your child for lunch and spend some quality 'OHANA time with them in school!

The Superheros visited your children on Halloween during lunch! Keaukaha is in our 2nd year of the **"BE A HERO"** program and this year we've added an additional hero to the mix. *Iron Man* joins *Spiderman*, *Batman*, *Superman* and *Captain America* to emphasize the importance of being PONO at Keaukaha Elementary School! Our students had so much fun meeting the HEROs! As stated previously, the HERO program is a positive behavior support system that recognizes and rewards students for positive behaviors. Please continue to ask your child about their HERO points and all the great things they are doing on campus to earn those points. Points are updated every Monday morning on our **"BE A HERO"** board.

On **Monday, November 6**, Keaukaha Elementary will participate in our annual **Tsunami evacuation drill**. This year, we are crossing the airport runway at around 12:40 pm so please dress your children in comfortable footwear. All children should be in their blue uniform shirts. A letter was sent home last month with the details of the walk. Everyone will walk across the airport runway together and we will be brought back to campus on buses. This is a huge coordinated effort with airport staff, airline personnel, civil defense, police department and many others. All of this is being done to ensure procedures are establish and everyone knows their kuleana in the event of a tsunami during school hours. Should you have any questions about the upcoming drill, please do not hesitate to contact me at 974-1481.

Our annual **Lā Kūpuna** (Kupuna Day) will be held on **Tuesday, November 7**. This is a very special day when our children spend some quality time with our community elders, listening to their stories about "growing up" in Keaukaha. Our children ask questions, compare experiences and listen attentively to the words of our kupuna. It's wonderful to watch our past connect with our future! Mahalo to our nā kūpuna for spending this special day with us and for sharing your stories!

We say **Happy Birthday** to our November birthdays! Birthday wishes go out to 3rd Grade Educational Assistant Terry Crichton, SASA Debbie Coloma, Office Assistant Lori Roldan, Kindergarten Kumu Ruth Jarneski, Preschool Educational Assistant Leimomi Chartrand, 6th grade Kumu Alex Gausepohl and to our many students who share November as their month of birth. Hau'oli Lā Hānau to you all!

In closing, **MAHALO** for being on this journey with us! Our wa'a is moving along so thank you for paddling this canoe with us. We can't do what we do without the love and support from you!! Mahalo, Keaukaha!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!
A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello





COUNSELORS CORNER KUMU SPEAR

Helpful Strategies for Home

Have you ever wished you had a magic wand to make your child behave just the way you want them to? Many parents feel that way from time to time. While there is no magical answer to changing your child's behavior, there are some strategies that can be helpful.

Helpful Tips:

One strategy is having family rules. Have two to four household rules, discuss them with your children, explain the consequences for not following the rules and then post them some place that you can refer to them when needed. A quick reminder is always good. "What are the rules in this house?"

A second strategy is having consequences for your child's behavior. Don't forget that consequences are both positive and negative. If your child's behavior is negative, the consequence is negative. If your child's behavior is positive then the consequence is positive. Parents often wonder why they need to use positive consequences. The main reason to using positive consequences is to encourage your child to continue that behavior. For example, if your boss tells you how they appreciate you after staying late to help finish a project, you are more likely to do it again.

Use things your child enjoys as positive consequences. Play a game with her/him, let her/him choose what you will have for dinner. Spending time with your child is a great positive consequence. Negative consequences also work best if you take away something that is meaningful to your child, such as a favorite toy or a cell phone.

Lastly, but most importantly, **BE CONSISTENT!** It is important to try to be as consistent as possible when giving consequences. The more consistent you are the faster you can shape your child's behavior.

**STOP
BULLYING**
STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

ANTI-BULLYING KICKOFF RALLY

October 16, 2017



On October 16th, Keaukaha Student Council kicked off our annual Anti-Bullying rally. The theme for the event was **"Take a Stand, Lend a Hand!"** Every student in the school traced their hand print and decorated it to make a beautiful banner. Skits and cheers were performed to convey a positive message to our keiki!



FIRE SAFETY ASSEMBLY October 18, 2017



On October 18, students from K - 6 learned about fire safety and fire prevention. These tips are invaluable lessons for our keiki and mahalo to Hawaii Fire Department!





PINK OUT DAY OCTOBER 24, 2017



In observance of breast cancer awareness month, the students and staff of Keaukaha dressed in pink on October 24th, 2017.



Aloha Keaukaha Cafeteria Staff!

Keaukaha would like to introduce you to our new cafeteria staff. Please welcome them to our Keaukaha 'ohana!

TA School Food Service Manager - Gary Quirit
School Cook - Junior Correia
TA School Baker - Leeann Maikui
Cafeteria Helpers - Lokelani Ah Nee and Fekita Feki





Happy
Halloween!

HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 31, 2017






HERO RALLY

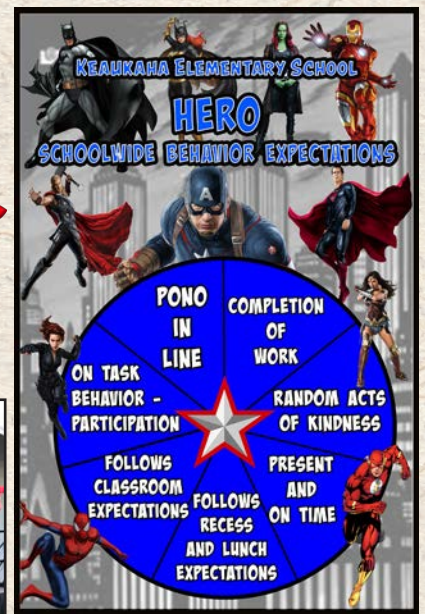
OCTOBER 31, 2017




ON OCTOBER 31ST, 2017, OUR KEAUKAHA SUPERHEROES CAME TO ENCOURAGE OUR KEIKI TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW OUR 7 SCHOOLWIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS. OUR HERO PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROMOTE POSITIVE BEHAVIORS IN OUR STUDENTS. MAHALO SUPERHEROES AND MAHALO FACULTY AND STUDENTS!



**INTRODUCING:
IRON MAN**



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY



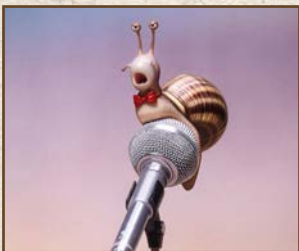
Student Showcase 2017-18



Take out your markers. . . put on your thinking caps, its time to share what we've been reading! This month we will be preparing for our first Reading Challenge Student Showcase. You will share a book that was inspiring, funny, amazing, or even lousy.

What do you need to do?

First, choose a book that you have already read and create a visual display. There are so many options! You could make a poster, diorama, puppet, dress like a character in the book, or even create your own design to be displayed on an old t-shirt. Have fun with it! Share with your classmates the title, author, one interesting thing about the book, and why you liked or didn't like this book. At home, practice speaking clearly, loudly, and sharing what you think will persuade others to read your book, without giving away the ending.



Each teacher will set a date to have students share in their homerooms. One student from each room will then be chosen to share their project via our green screen and be featured on our Keaukaha Elementary website. Yay!

Congratulations everyone! Our Schoolwide Reading Challenge Grand Total as of October 27, 2017 is:



**7,173
BOOKS!**

Keep it up! We are almost half way there to our December goal of 15,000 books!

Tsunami Drill - Nov. 6, 2017

On November 6, 2017, Keaukaha Elementary students, along with other schools in the Keaukaha area, will participate in our annual off campus evacuation/tsunami drill. This year, students and staff are scheduled to cross the airport runway as part of our drill.

Please dress your child in their uniform shirt and comfortable walking shoes. If you have any questions, please contact Kumu Bello at 974-4181



UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements

- Nov. 3, 2017 - Hui Wala'au - Principal Talk Story
- Nov. 6, 2017 - Tsunami Drill
- Nov. 7, 2017 - La Kupuna Day
- Nov. 10, 2017 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 17, 2017 - 1st Quarter Awards Assembly
- Nov. 20, 2017 - Attendance Celebration
- Nov. 22, 2017 - Thanksgiving Carnival
- Nov. 23 - 24 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

Ohana Luncheon dates:

- Nov. 9 - Grade 6
- Nov. 14 - Grade 1
- Nov. 15 - Grade 2
- Nov. 16 - Grade 3
- Nov. 20 - Preschool
- Nov. 28 - Grade 4
- Nov. 29 - Grade 5
- Nov. 30 - Kindergarten

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

Principal's Pledge to Students

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.

Student's Pledge to Keaukaha

Come to school on time everyday.
Follow all expectations.
Be ready to learn and work hard.
Be a "sponge"

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.

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.

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