



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE WA'A

'Ohana and Community Bulletin



April 2019



Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

*"Believe in yourself. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."
~ Author Unknown*

With this April bulletin, we enter the last quarter of this 2018-2019 school year. As you know, last month was a very busy month for us with so many activities such as **Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Day**, **Spirit Week**, **Journey Through the Universe (JTTU)**, **Career Day**, our **Kūhiō Day Celebration** and of course, **Spring Break!** Yay! We had so much to celebrate!

Students loved **Career Day!** They got to hear from police officers, firemen, doctor, nurse, hair stylist, athletes, business owner, land surveyor, tile installer, dental hygienist, dog groomer, counselor/ therapist, just to name a few. Mahalo to the many parents and business partners who shared their careers with our students. You guys are **AWESOME!** Mahalo to Kumu Spear and Uncle Chandon for coordinating this day!

Our **6th annual Kūhiō Day Celebration**, entitled "*E Ola Na Ali'i - Long Live the Chiefs*", was held on March 15, 2019 in honor of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Pī'ikoi. Mahalo goes out to Department of Education Complex Area Superintendent Chad Keone Farias, Keaukaha Community Association President Patrick Kahawaiola'a, our 6th grade families and other community members who took time out of their busy day to join us. Our 6th grade students and staff did a wonderful job preparing for the event and in sharing their informative and inspirational writing pieces. Prince Kūhiō will always be remembered and honored at our school. Mahalo to everyone who made it such a beautiful celebration!

KULEANA will be the last Hawaiian core value we focus on this school year. Students learn kuleana or responsibility in school by doing their work, following school rules, picking up after themselves, and taking care of what ever they need to do to be successful. The recent celebration of Prince Kūhiō emphasized the understanding of kuleana to ourselves, our family and our community! Mahalo for your support and continued teaching of this core value!

Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA) testing begins in the month of April for students in grades 3 - 6. The SBA is used to measure student proficiency levels in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math in relation to their grade level Common Core State Standards. Math assessments will be administered April 9-11, while ELA assessments are broken up into two test dates: April 16-18 and May 7-9. You can help your child be successful by encouraging your child to do their best, take their time, and think before responding to any question. Students should eat a healthy breakfast every morning and be mentally prepared for the day they have ahead. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, testing coordinator Janel Masuhara or myself should you have any questions about the upcoming statewide assessments for grades 3 through 6. Mahalo!

We have a few **summer program options** for your child. For students entering Kindergarten, Keaukaha will offer **Keiki Steps to Kindergarten**. This program will run from July 1 - July 19 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Kindergarten teacher Wendi Kimura. Next, we will offer two five-week summer programs which will run from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm from June 17 - July 18, 4 days a week with no classes being offered on Fridays. The first option, **Summer Enrichment**, will be open to students currently in grades K-5 at Keaukaha Elementary. It will be led by Mona Ubedei and will focus on culture-based activities. The second option, **Summer Extended Learning**, will focus on providing additional instruction in Reading, Writing and Math to current students in grades 1-5. This program will be led by Noe Taum. All three summer programs are offered at no cost. Interested parents will need to complete an application, which will be available in late April/early May and return it to the school by a designated deadline. **FREE** breakfast and lunch will be available to all students who attend a summer program. Should you have any questions about the summer program options, please feel free to contact our school.

Happy APRIL birthday wishes go out to Fluency Tutor Cheryl Polikapu-Medeiros, Kumu Brandy Harada, Kumu Lurl Agbayani, Kumu Loke Kamanu, and all of our students who share April as their month of birth. Hau'oli Lā Hānau to you!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!
A Hui Hou!
Kumu Stacey Bello

COUNSELORS CORNER Kumu Spear



DO YOU KNOW THE BASICS OF EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE?

Disciplining children is one of the toughest parts of parenting. Are you practicing effective discipline at home? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

_____ **1. Do you choose** just a few important rules – and explain them in simple words your child understands?

_____ **2. Do you enforce** household rules consistently so your child always knows what you expect?

_____ **3. Do you set** expectations that are appropriate for your child's age? This prevents rules from being too lenient or too tough.

_____ **4. Do you react** carefully and calmly when your child misbehaves, providing them with a good behavior role model?

_____ **5. Do you celebrate** your child's good behavior much more often than you notice their mistakes?

How well are you doing?

Each yes answer means you're using an effective discipline method. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.

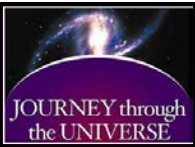


Read Across America March 1, 2019



Each year, Keaukaha Elementary celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday with the Read Across America Initiative. Mahalo to the UH Hilo Student Athletes who came to share their love of reading with our Keiki!





Journey Through The Universe

March 4, 5, and 8, 2019



Over 80 astronomy educators and 20 community ambassadors taught 8,000 students across the Big Island about the wonders of the universe. Students in grades 2-6 participated in hands on learning activities for topics like star sizes, stellar distances, moon phases and telescope mechanics. Grades PreK-1 had the opportunity to see the Star Lab Portable Planetarium. These professionals continue to donate their time and shows their dedication for the future of our keiki.



MATH OLYMPIAD - APRIL 2019

It's math time! Complete the math problem for your grade level and return your answer to me, Kumu Miyataki, in A-Basement on or before the deadline of April 10th, Wednesday. You can cut the box out or come to A-Basement to fill out an answer sheet. Correct answers can win you a prize from the Math Olympiad Treasure Chest. 😊 Winners will also be announced in Ka Leo Pono or with the morning announcements.

Have fun practicing and playing together! Do not forget, if you ever need help with math homework or help to understand the math programs, please feel free to contact your child's teachers or any of the coaches, Kumu Loke for grades PreK to grade 2, Kumu Fa'anunu for grades 5-6, and myself, Kumu Miyataki for grades 3-4. You can also call the school at 974-4181. I look forward to meeting you... 😊

A Hui Hou,

Kumu Tina Miyataki 😊
tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us

Name _____ Grade _____

PreK - 1



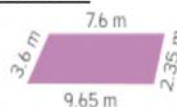
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Grades 2-3

Draw lines between dots to split each shape into three rectangles.



Grades 4-6



Find the perimeter of the quadrilateral.

_____ meters

SPIRIT WEEK - Sports Day

March 11, 2019

i love sports



SPIRIT WEEK - Wacky Tacky Day

March 12, 2019

Wacky Tacky





SPiRiT WEEK - Career Day

March 13, 2019



Keaukaha held its annual Career Day on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Students in grades 3-6 had an opportunity to attend a Career Fair where they got to choose to hear from presenters such as business owners, doctor, tile setter, etc. Students from PreK-2 listened to speakers from Police Officers, Fire Fighter and Nurse.





SPIRIT WEEK - Career Day

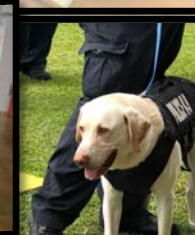
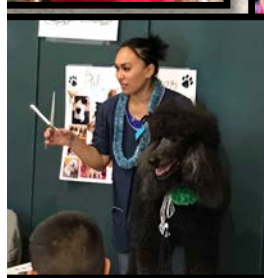
March 13, 2019



Mahalo

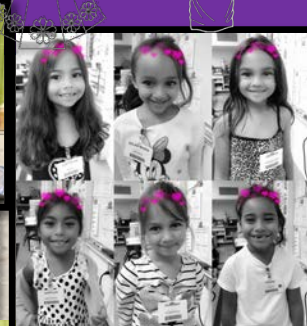
To all of the speakers who volunteered their time to make a difference in our students lives. You have inspired the next generation to pursue their dreams and reach their potential.

We also want to mahalo all of the staff from Keaukaha Elementary who coordinated this event and made it such a success!



SPIRIT WEEK - Black & White Day

March 14, 2019





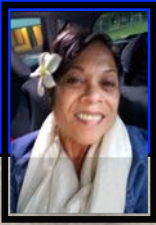
Kūhiō Day Celebration

March 15, 2019



Keaukaha Elementary honored Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole in our 6th annual Kūhiō Day celebration on March 15, 2019. Prince Kūhiō was responsible for the creation of our Keaukaha community and our school is the PIKO of this wonderful community with many generations of families having walked through these buildings. Speakers included Complex Area Superintendent Keone Farias, Keaukaha Community President Patrick Kahawaiola'a and 6th grade students of Keaukaha School.





ACADEMIC COACH – PREK – 2ND GRADE

Kumu Loke

LANGUAGE ARTS

Aloha e Nā 'Ōhana o Keaukaha! Welcome to Quarter 4 of 2019 and as we see our keiki continue to improve and grow in their 'ike (knowledge), kākau (writing), and mana'o (ideas). An important life skill linked to writing and reading is being able to do public speaking. Speech writing and then reading in front of an audience is an important skill to develop and practice and in many cases can build your child's confidence in themselves to succeed where they did not think they could succeed. At Keaukaha we teach, nurture, and encourage them to write and then provide them opportunities to read and share their ideas. A really good example was the Prince Jonah Kūhiō Celebration where many of your keiki read to us. Here are a few of your keiki sharing on Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. So Parents and Families Be proud, be strong, be pono for all of our keiki. *E holomua kākou! Let's move forward together!*

Mahalo -- Kumu Loke

Aloha Kakahiaka, o Kaya Wakana Lee ko'u inoa. Good morning everyone, my name is Kaya Wakana Lee. I am the daughter of Kanoe Sulin Lee of Keaukaha and Jessie Wakana of Hilo. I have written a poem that talks about my appreciation for Kūhiō and how I will strive to serve our people.



*"I always tend to wonder,
Sometimes I even ponder.
Ponder on and on about,
This man without any doubt.
Kuhio was his name,
But Prince Cupid was his claim to fame.
Prince Kūhiō was an inspiration,
An inspiration to the entire nation.
Prince Kūhiō was from Hawaii,
But born on the island of Kaua'i.
He was a success from the start,
Kūhiō never did fall apart.
He attended Royal Agriculture College,
To gain more knowledge.
And was sent by his hanai father King Kalakaua,*

*To gain more mental strength and powah. (power)
To marry a Japanese princess,
He just wouldn't.
To stay away from Hawaii,
He just couldn't.
Kuhio tried to improve our lives,
And still yet his heritage survives.
Prince Kuhio shared his legacy,
But the next act will be by me."
I will change the world,
And make it better for every boy and girl.
How will I do this,
You might ask.
I will keep up the good work.
To succeed in this task.*

This poem explains what Kūhiō did to better our lives. His life impacted many and makes me ask, what can I do to make a difference? What will be my legacy?



Aloha everyone. My name is Hali'imailelani Kuamo'o. Daughter of Roland Ali'iloa Kuamo'o, and Angela Keikilani Hausuko Kosora. Granddaughter of Mary Cecilia Keaweamahe Shimaoka, and Tommy Menuro Kosora, Russel David Kalani Kuamo'o, and Beni Jo Nanilee Aki. Sister of Lokelanimakalewaku'upu'uwai Kuamo'o and Kalé'aokapuamakani Kuamo'o.

I am here today to share how Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Pi'ikoi affected my life. "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." Author Unknown. To me, this quote means that Jonah Kūhiō's life's mission was to help Native Hawaiians have land, and although Prince Kūhiō died when he was only 51 years old, Kūhiō still accomplished many things.

Kūhiō founded the first Hawaiian Civic Club in 1918. He restored the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, established the first Hawaiian civic club, got funds to construct Pearl Harbor and create Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. In my opinion, the greatest of all his accomplishments was when Kūhiō helped in the passing of the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, providing homes for Native Hawaiians.

He gave Hawaiians land to live on, and many more. I live on the land he fought for, and so does my 'ohana. In order to be a recipient of Hawaiian Homelands, you need to have at least 50% Hawaiian blood but may inherit land if you have 25% or more. I hope I will get to do amazing things like Kūhiō has done, but no matter what, I will cherish his contributions. This year I am the student council president. Some things that I will do to ensure that I am upholding Prince Kūhiō's legacy would be, for me to educate the younger generation about Kūhiō's contributions, to serve in our school, and to be of service in our community. As a student council leader I help to plan events, provide updates to the school community council, and am a voice for the student body. I hope to volunteer in community events and help out in whatever way that I can.

Jonah Kūhiō did something that mattered to Hawaiians, and many more. He made his dream come true, and because of him, I get to live on Hawaiian Homelands, and go to School just blocks away from my home.



Prince Kūhiō Celebration



Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana - that is what our people called him. This "Prince of the People" left a legacy for us to continue for many generations to come. This legacy is the land that you and I are standing on right now. My name is Haylee Manawale'alokomaikaiokuhiwahiwa Oshiro, daughter of Alfred Silva and Kelly Oshiro. Granddaughter of Thomas Clark Silva and Pearl Silva. The impact of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Piikoi has influenced my life because he fought for this homeland,

Keaukaha. If Prince Kūhiō didn't fight for land for Hawaiians, then my family may not have had the opportunity to have our own home to call ours. If it wasn't for him, would we still have a place to be together? Would we even be able to live close to the ocean to fish for food? To swim? To cool off after a long day? Now that I'm thinking, where would all of our friends be? Would I even be here right now if my families didn't meet? Would my grandma be here?

Luckily we are here today! When the overthrow happened the United States started to take power from the Hawaiian Monarchy, specifically Queen Lili'uokalani. Because there were many changes in government and power, Kūhiō stood up for himself and Hawaiian people in a positive way. He wanted to be a voice for the Hawaiian people to make a change so he ran for a position in office in the United States Congress. Eventually he helped the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act in 1921, setting aside 200,000 acres of land to recognize a permanent homeland. Now this is where my family has been and will continue to be.

Prince Kūhiō fought for the Hawaiian people and was a hero to all. He is remembered for being a powerful supporter and inspiration to many, regardless of bloodline. Prince Kūhiō was a proud Native Hawaiian who has encouraged me to rise. After learning about Kūhiō he has made me want to be a voice for this school. This year I am student council secretary. I have helped to plan many activities here on campus and helped to organize this year's anti-bullying campaign. I am assisting in this week's Spirit Week festivities. I stand before you today with the hopes of one day receiving a volleyball scholarship so I may further my education and pursue a career in nursing. As a nurse, I hope to help others in need.



Greetings, my name is Kamamalu Kotake. I am the son of Kelton Kotake and Kaila Kela-Kam. Grandson of Cheryl Kiyotsuka and Kent Kiyotsuka. How exciting it is to live here in Hawaii on the Hawaiian Homestead! I love fishing and enjoy the food from the land to feed my family. Prince Kūhiō has left a legacy of his love for our people. I am honored to live here in Keaukaha, to enjoy riding my bike, going swimming, diving, surfing, paddling and enjoy my family when we go camping at Puhi Bay.



Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole was defined by his name as a "royal chief without measure". "A man without measure?" I asked myself. "What does that mean?" Well, as my grandma said, Prince Jonah Kūhiō was a man who never gave up on learning.

Many times I felt I was being measured by my test scores or the difficulty I faced when I read aloud. But just knowing that Prince Kūhiō never gave up on things that were challenging in his life, and the fact he continued to persevere through any hardships, has helped me to know I can do the same. Prince Kūhiō is my Hero, someone I would like to be like. He traveled the world touching the lives of many people. We here at Keaukaha School have a program called HERO that recognizes our efforts of good as we strive to be our best selves. As I work hard to be A Hero, Prince Kūhiō will always be someone I can look up to and remember the many good things he did for us.



My name is Manya Torres and I had the opportunity to participate in this years East Coast Trip. We went to Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. We saw many landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, the White House, Lincoln Memorial and Mount Vernon. We learned about the history of our country and got to see where the Declaration of Independence was signed. This was an awesome trip and I hope you have the chance to go too.





Keaukaha Elementary and Hui 'Ohana O Keaukaha
Invites our Keaukaha 'ohana to participate in this years
Merrie Monarch Royal Parade.



Merrie Monarch Festival

In partnership with Hui 'Ohana O Keaukaha,
Keaukaha Elementary will enter a float and a
walking unit. The float will consist of our
May Day Court and Ukulele Band.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

*Save
the
Date*

More
information will
be forthcoming



Let's celebrate
our Hawaiian
Culture together!



Merrie Monarch
FESTIVAL





UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements

April 5, 2019 - Hui Wala'au

Principal Talk Story

April 9 - 11, 2019 - SBA Math Testing

April 11, 2019 - 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly

April 12, 2019 - 3rd Qtr. Attendance Award

April 16-18, 2019 - SBA ELA Testing

April 16, 2019 - Hearing Screening (Gr. K,1,2)

April 19, 2019 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

April 21, 2019 - Happy Easter!

April 23, 2019 - 'Ohana Night - STEAM

Book Swap (will be held at 'Ohana Night)

April 27, 2019 - Merrie Monarch Parade

May 1, 2019 - MAY DAY

Hui 'Ohana O Keaukaha Update:

We are participating in the Merrie-Monarch Parade Saturday April 27, 2019. We will be decorating the float at Malia Puka O Kalani Church on Desha the Thursday and Friday before Saturday. Donations of foliage, man power and 5gal. buckets are greatly appreciated. Please contact any of the following board members: Robyn Riedel, Cheryl Polikapu-Medeiros, Kalei Kamalani & Theresa Agpoon.

SCHOOLWIDE READING CHALLENGE

GOAL: 35,000 books by the end of the year.

Congratulations! We read 32,894 books so far! YAY!

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

Keaukaha Elementary School



Friendly Reminder...

Student morning drop off is:

- > at the front of our school on Desha Avenue;
- > at the gym parking lot off Baker Avenue; or
- > at the drop off zone at Pua Avenue.

Drop off will not be allowed at the back gate area on Pua Avenue due to safety reasons.

As a reminder, morning supervision begins at 7:15a.m. at the cafeteria.

Please help to keep our children safe.

Please see Kumu Bello if you have any questions.



Mahalo!



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"

YEARBOOK

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

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>

keaukahaelementaryschool WEBSITE!

<http://www.keaukahaelementary.com/>

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.

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Civil Rights Compliance Office
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, HI 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay
crco@notes.k2.hi.us

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries

Anne Maarie Puglisi, Director
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Reminder:

Breakfast is served daily from 7:15 - 7:55 a.m. in our cafeteria.