



Keaukaha Elementary Ka Wa'a

'Ohana and Community Bulletin



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



Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

The first quarter is officially coming to an end and I can't believe how quickly the past two months have come and gone. It's amazing how quickly time flies when you love what you do! But be prepared because the 2nd quarter will fly by even quicker!

The month of October is a very busy month with Fire Prevention, Anti-Bullying and Breast Cancer Awareness being a focus for us. In addition, we have one week off for the Fall Break (10th-14th), our Parent Teacher Conferences (Oct 27th- Nov 4th), and there is NO SCHOOL on October 31, Halloween. We also have our annual Anti-Bullying Assembly on the 3rd, "Be A HERO" Kick Off Rally on the 17th, annual earthquake drill on the 20th, annual Breast Cancer Awareness PINK OUT day on the 21st, and our 1st Movie Night (Po Le'a) on the 26th. **WHEW!!** We will be super busy in October!! More information about these activities and events will be sent home throughout the month. Please join us!

As a reminder, Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) are a very important time for you to connect with us. Please be sure to attend your child's conferences and hear about all the great things your child is doing and the areas we will still need to work on. This positive partnership will continue to help your child be successful, both in and out of school. Remember that school will finish early during PTC time (1:00 pm on M,T,T,F and 1:00 pm on W) so please mark your calendars.

PONO is our Hawaiian core value for the month of October. This value ties in perfectly with everything that is planned for the month: Fire Prevention, Anti-Bullying, Be A Hero, Breast Cancer Awareness and so much more! Students continue to learn the importance of being PONO in everything they do for themselves, their 'ohana, their friends, and their community.... Please join us in teaching 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!

On Tuesday, November 1, students will participate in an off-campus tsunami/evacuation drill. Please mark your calendars. Keaukaha Elementary students, along with students from Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo, Ke Ana La'ahana and Kamehameha Preschool, will walk to the airport gates as part of our practice drill. Students and staff must understand and know what to do should there be a need to evacuate our campus. 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. Students should dress comfortably and wear their walking shoes. 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 La Hanau goes out to Kumu Mallory Nishioka, Kumu Andrea Lord, Auntie 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!

On a bittersweet note, please join me in extending our love and appreciation to a dedicated individual who will not return to Keaukaha School in the month of October. Kumu Steve Santos will move on to the next chapter in his life - RETIREMENT. To Kumu Santos - MAHALO for your love and dedication to our students and for your 26 years of service to the community of Keaukaha. We wish you relaxation, happiness, and good health during your retirement!!! You will surely be missed!

Have a great month of October, everyone!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello

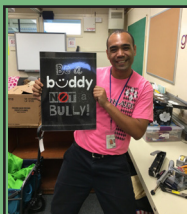




By Kumu Spear

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At Keaukaha Elementary School, we believe that bullying of any kind, by any person, is unacceptable. All students should be free from worries about being bullied. Students who bully others must be taught other, appropriate ways of interacting with peers. As a result, our school will learn universal rules and expectations about bullying as well as different skills and tools they can use to prevent or respond to bullying. As you know, bullying can take different forms, such as physical or verbal, and it can harm victims' social relationships with their peers. Bullying can also be indirect; for example, bullying can occur through gossip, spreading falsehoods and cyberbullying. Bullying is hurtful to anyone who is the target of such behavior as well as to anyone who witnesses bullying.

Our anti-bullying goals this year are to create a positive school setting, increase awareness about bullying among all educators, staff, and students; enforce school anti-bullying rules; and teach students skills to deal with bullying, problem solving, and making friends. We will be having a schoolwide assembly "Take a Stand Against Bullying" on Monday, October 3rd. We encourage you to talk to your child about the assembly and what they can do to ensure a Bully Free school.



KEAUKAHA 'OHANA NIGHT Reading & Math



Mahalo to all of the families that attended our first Ohana Night of the year! The focus was on Keaukaha's Reading and math programs and we would like to thank Kumu Loke, Kumu Miyataki, Kumu Fa'anunu, Kumu Lewis, Kumu Tamura, Kumu Lord, Kumu Fujii and Kumu Harman for sharing their mana'o. Mahalo also to Auntie Mona, Auntie Jandi, Auntie LeeAnn, Uncle Chandon, and everyone who helped make the night a success! Mahalo Nui!



1st Grade Excursion

Our 1st Graders enjoyed their excursion to Waiahole Fish Ponds located here in Keaukaha!

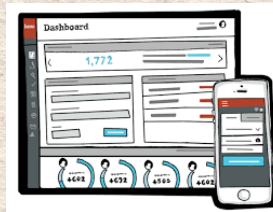


This excursion was a partnership with Kamehameha Schools - Literacy Division. The focus was to provide STEAM learning opportunities for the keiki of Keaukaha! Mahalo for the fun and educational experience!

HERO PROGRAM

Keaukaha Elementary will be implementing our HERO incentive program at the start of 2nd Quarter. This program will award points to students who have displayed the following expectations:

1. Present and On Time - Everyday!
2. Obey lunch/recess rules
3. Stay on task/Participate!
4. Be PONO in line
5. Complete all work
6. Follow classroom expectations
7. Show random acts of kindness



We will be focusing on the first 4 expectations for the 1st month as both students and faculty will need to learn the new system. Hilo Intermediate and Hilo High School have already adopted the HERO program and we hope to instill the same excitement here at Keaukaha Elementary.

We will be providing more details about the HERO program to students and `ohana as we get closer to the start date! We are excited about how we can encourage and reward positive behaviors!



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Importance of CPR and AED Training

The Hawaii Heart Foundation encourages everyone to get trained in how to perform CPR and use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be able to help during an emergency situation. The Heart Foundation recommends that at least one person in every household and place of business receive training in CPR and proper use of an AED. This training can give them the knowledge and confidence to respond during an emergency situation with skills that can help save a life.

On September 29th, all 5th graders learned how to save lives with Hands Only CPR and practiced on mannequins. They also learned about AED's from Morgan Hawley.



The Flu season is here and since the Flu season is year round in Hawaii, we encourage our families to receive their flu vaccinations early in the season.

Keaukaha Elementary will offer our yearly Flu Clinic, known as Stop Flu @ School, later in the school year, possibly January.

Please see your physician if you'd like to receive your Flu vaccination sooner.

Stay Healthy!



READING FOR SUCCESS

By Kumu Loke

Aloha and Mahalo our Keaukaha `Ohana for attending our first `Ohana night which featured Reading and math school wide programs and practices. In reading we began in the Library with an overview of all the programs we use to help our student attain success in reading. The `Ohana were just so amazed at with our new Inspiring Space for Reading. They were so comfortable and could see that their children loved the new setting and could just relax into reading. They also received information regarding our new tagging system of our library using lexile scores. So, now parents are aware that all student need to borrow one book at their lexile level and may borrow another above or below their level.

We continue with the Reading Wonders Program this year and all classrooms K – 6 are using this as our core Reading instructional program. Some additional programs we use to support and scaffold reading instruction are: Wonder Works, i-Ready Reading, and Achieve3000. Also, each classroom has a classroom library from which students may read selected books.

One new school wide reading initiative we have is focusing on Reading Fluency. So, every week (and for some students every day) a tutor will listen to your child read and record their reading fluency rate (correct words per minute and errors). Parents who came to `Ohana Night actually got to do some fluency reading themselves. Great job! Some parents wanted to compete with their children, I suggested they do that at home. It was a great time getting to know about reading and sharing how they all learned how to read. The following are websites where you can get more information and on which your child can sign onto to practice reading: Achieve lessons <https://portal.achieve3000.com/index> , lexile scores: <https://lexile.com/>, Reading Wonders www.connected.com , fluency practices <https://www.readinga-z.com/fluency>



Math corner

By Kumu Miyataki

To be successful, everyone needs a strong foundation in math especially in today's high tech world. Calculators and computers are also helpful but if the person operating it is not knowledgeable about math, it will not help. Therefore, a student's mental math skills need to be improved and to do this you need to work on their math fluency skills. Students should learn their basic math facts as soon as possible and continue to use them daily.

Math Tip #2

Here are some math fluency activities for your child to work on to improve their mental math skills. As you walk or drive around town with your child, you can talk about:

- Real-Life situations
 - We need to bring 9 drinks for your volleyball team. They come in packs of 6. How many packs do we need to buy?
- Basic math facts
 - What is $3+1$? $3+2$? $3+3$? Etc.
 - What are the multiples of 4? 7? 9? 12?
- Time
 - How many minutes in an hour? So, how many minutes in one school day? Or how many minutes was your baseball game?
- Estimation
 - It is hard to add $17 + 25$. So, estimate or round the numbers to get a close answer.
 - 17 rounds to 20 and 25 rounds to 30. So, $20 + 30 = 50$.
- Reasonable answers
 - If I add $(43 + 98)$ and get 563, is that reasonable? Why or why not?

Have fun playing these fun math fluency activities and watch your child's mental math skills grow! If you still have questions or concerns about math, please feel free to come and see any of the coaches. We are located in A-Basement or email us: loke_kamanu@notes.k12.hi.us or lei_fa'anunu@notes.k12.hi.us or tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us You can also call the school at 974-4181. Mahalo and we look forward to meeting you soon!

"There is no reason to stereotype yourself.

Doing math is like going to the gym – it's a workout for your brain and it makes you smarter."

~Danica McKeller

HAPPY RETIREMENT MR. SANTOS!

On September 30th, 2016, Mr. Steve Santos retired from Keaukaha Elementary School. He has spent the past 26 years serving the students from this community. Students and staff thank Mr. Santos for his dedication.



UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements

- Monday, October 3 - Anti-Bullying Assembly
- Friday, October 7 - End of 1st Quarter
- October 10 - 14 - Fall Break
- Monday, October 17 - HERO Program Assembly
- Friday, October 21 - PINK OUT DAY
- Wednesday, Oct 26 - Po Le'a (Movie Night)
- Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 - Parent Teacher Conference
- Monday, October 31 - PC DAY - No School

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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>

Keaukaha Elementary SCHOOL NEW WEBSITE!

WEB ADDRESS:

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

This site is still under construction however it is live and please take the time to check it out!

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.