



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ka Wa'a

January 2016

‘Ohana and Community Bulletin

E hoe I ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e!

Let's paddle our canoe together.

Aloha e Keaukaha!!

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou and welcome to 2016!! I hope this monthly newsletter finds you in GREAT health and surrounded by those you LOVE as we enter the new year! Our students return to us on Thursday, January 7 and we can't wait to see them again!

Keaukaha students will open their first day with a Welcome Back and Piko ceremony in the morning to kick off the 3rd Quarter. This ceremony will be very similar to the one that took place on the first day of school back in July 2015. During the ceremony, I will remind our students of my Principal's Pledge to them:

All adults in this school will work hard for you.

You will be safe in this school.

If you have something to say about this school, we will listen. You have a voice!

This pledge continues in 2016. In addition to my Principal's Pledge, I've asked our students to make a Student Pledge for themselves:

Come to school on time everyday.

Follow all expectations.

Be ready to learn - Be a sponge!

I ask that this pledge continue into 2016 as well.

MALAMA is the Hawaiian core value we will focus on for the months of January, February, and March. Students will learn the importance of taking care of, serving, honoring and/or protecting something over the next three months. This could come in the form of a service to someone or someplace, whether it is within our school community or the community at large. Each grade level will determine a way to teach and demonstrate this very important core value to our haumana. Last year, our students demonstrated MALAMA in a variety of ways that made me so proud as their Po'o Kumu! I'm excited to see what each grade level will do over the next three months in 2016.

During the month of January, we also begin our transition to Hilo Intermediate School for our 6th grade students. Yes, it is that time. This orientation meeting allows for a smoother transition to their next level of schooling and helps to relieve some of the anxiety our students may have as they move up. 6th grade students and their parents will receive an informational flyer for the upcoming orientation meeting to be held on Thursday, January 14 at 5:00 pm in the Hilo Intermediate Cafeteria. We will inform you if there are any changes to this meeting, but I look forward to seeing our 6th grade families there!

Keaukaha Elementary will hold our first **College and Career Week** during the month of January as well. Last year, we hosted a Career Day in February. That day turned out to be a huge success with our students in grades 3 through 6! This year, we decided to expand this event to include COLLEGE discussions and make it a week-long. We are looking forward to the craziness the week might bring! As an elementary school, it is important for us to introduce our students to the idea of "going to college" and to build an awareness of career options. Students will spend the week being exposed to the BELIEF that they can go to college one day, that they can be anything they want to be in life and that they have a choice. It is never too early to introduce this belief to our students. The idea of going to college and having a career will give them something to work toward in school, in sports and in life itself! Mahalo to the many professionals who are willing to donate their time to our school and speak to our students about their career and college experience! Mahalo to Janel Masuhara for coordinating our week-long event and to our families for your unwavering support as we continue to provide the best learning opportunities we can for your children here at Keaukaha!

"It is choice not chance that determines your destiny." ~ Author Unknown

Just a reminder, daily attendance continues to be a focus area for us. Attendance letters are being mailed out to families whose child has reached a certain number of absences. As a school, we are required to track every child's attendance and work with our families to show improvement. Please continue to bring your child to school on time daily. I can not stress enough how important it is for our keiki to be in school. If we can be of any help with this, please do not hesitate to call. We want to support you in anyway we can.

We say HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY to our Adult Supervisor Lena Rowe, Tutor/Title I Clerk Natalie Pua, Tutor Roice Gariando, Tutor/Adult Supervisor Sandy Reis, PCNC Jandi Kamanu, Counselor Janel Masuhara, and to our many students who share January as their month of birth. Hau'oli Lā Hānau to you!

In closing, MAHALO for all that you do for our keiki, our staff, our school and our wonderful community! Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy 2016!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello

Keaukaha Elementary preschool Information

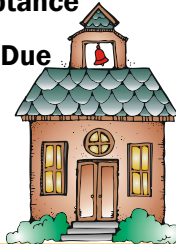
Important Dates

Jan. 2- March 24, 2016 Submit Preschool Interest Form

March 29, 2016 Selection of students by SCC

April 1-15, 2016 Notification of Acceptance

April 1-15, 2016 Registration Packet Due



Evening Of Song 2015 Keaukaha Kalikimaka

Evening of Song brought many Keaukaha community and 'ohana members. Students shared in song and dance in the spirit of the season with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. Mahalo nui to our students and families that attended. What a wonderful way to start the holidays.



Door Decoration Contest Winners!

Congratulations! Kumu Fujii Kumu Kimura Kumu Jarneski Kumu McComber
Kumu Fa'anunu Kumu Harada



'Oki ka piko signifies the opening of a new year and a new semester at Keaukaha. Keiki and faculty joined together in this foundational ceremony to begin our year with pono. Stephanie and Matai cut the piko from which knowledge will continue to grow. Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

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'Oki Ka Piko





College & Career Readiness

This month our school is focusing on College and Career Readiness. That means that all Keaukaha Elementary students will learn about a variety of colleges and careers during January 19th – 22nd. Elementary school is the perfect time for kids to start learning about careers because we know that children perform better in school if they understand how education affects their futures.

In elementary school the focus is on career awareness and personal exploration. We help students:

Understand the connection between school and the world of work

Discover the broad range of occupations available

Connect the learning in school to situations in the real world.

Start to picture themselves as workers

Develop their work-readiness skills, or the "soft skills", that all jobs require like working in groups, organizational skills, problem solving, and leadership

Parents can help their children learn about a variety of careers and how their educations connect with future jobs. For example, you can talk about how veterinarians use

math to calculate the amount of medicine animals need, fire fighters need to be good at working in groups, and video game designers must have good writing skills and the ability to accept constructive feedback. More tips from America's Career Resource Network are below (<http://acrn.ovae.org/parents/careeraware.htm>).

How to Talk to Your Child about Careers

Relate your child's interests to adult activities. For example:

If your child *likes art*, discuss how adults use art to design houses, clothing, magazine ads, movie sets and even toys. Explain that people also use art when they draw cartoons, arrange flowers, or take photos for magazines and books.

If your child *likes to be outdoors*, talk about outdoor careers like landscape architecture, forestry, archaeology, construction work, marine biology and commercial fishing.

If your child *is very social*, discuss how people who like to talk and work with people may choose to work as a teacher, a lawyer, a customer service representative, a receptionist, a hotel manager or a convention planner.

If your child *likes to help people*, talk about different ways he or she can do that in a career such as nursing, medicine,

athletic training, family counseling or childcare.

If your child *loves math*, you may want to talk to him or her about becoming an accountant, a computer programmer, an engineer or a statistician. You should also remind your child that almost all careers use basic math, so it is a very important skill.

If your child *likes to keep others safe*, talk to him or her about a career as a police officer, a forensic scientist, a detective, an investigator, a parole officer, a security guard or a bailiff.

Janel Masuhara- Keaukaha School Counselor
Chandon Chesebro- Ho`opua EA



ELA Corner

By: Kumu Loke

Reading and writing continues as necessary skills for our students...and even for us! . As parents we should think about ways to help and encourage our kids to read and write more often.. Even kids who love to be creative may struggle with reading & writing. It does not come easily, but takes lots of practice. Your children could be anything if they put their minds to it, but more importantly, reading and putting their pencil to writing will help them tremendously to advance in anything they do.

College and Career Readiness week is coming up soon and will be an exciting time for our students as they preview careers that they may be interested in for their future. Being a computer programmer, fireman, professional athlete, doctor, farmer, senator, model anything they can imagine and even some that they have not yet imagined in jobs is out there waiting for them. Writing and reading will help them get there! What can you do to help?

You can help by talking to your child about what they might want to do when they grow up (it's never too early). These ideas will get our kids thinking about what they hope to accomplish in the coming years. Have them write about and get it down on paper.

Have them cut out pictures to add to their Career Book a "portfolio" for the future. Showing what they might want to do. It's fun to have them look at it and focus themselves.

Have them write to the pictures they put in their "Career Book" and let them know that they can have more than one idea on what they want to be when they grow up.

Have them research how much they could earn. \$\$\$\$ can be very powerful. Have them research what they will have to do to get the job they want (College, trade school, community college....etc)

So get involved in reading and writing with your child, you are their primary educator and their #1 encouragement. We here at Keaukaha encourage you all to get involved with your child's future by planning it through conversations, reading, writing, and BAM ...you're on your way with ACTION.

Math Corner

By: Kumu Miyataki

Happy 2016! Welcome back to a fun-filled year!

Hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are ready to tackle the rest of the year!

Grades Kindergarten to 4 th are using this terminology for the 4 steps:	Grades 5 & 6 are using the some of the same terminology and enhancing others:
1. Understand the problem Asking clarifying questions Circling key words Color coding words/phrases Underline the questions	1. Analyze (Understand) the Problem Ask clarifying questions Circle key words Underline the question I need to find out... and I know...
2. Formulate a plan Decide on a strategy Decide on a operation(s)	2. Formulate a plan Decide on a strategy Decide on an operation(s) How will you solve the problem? I am going to...because...
3. Solve Show your work - Draw, use manipulatives, count, etc. Solve the problem	3. Solve Show your strategy Solve the problem
4. Check your work Count again, check your work Redo the problem in another way	4. Justify (Check) your work Restate the question in your answer Check reasonableness Check your work I know my answer is correct because...

Math Tip #7

We have decided as a school to follow 4 steps to solve basic word problems. There is a progression from Kindergarten to sixth grade that the teachers will or have been sharing with your children. Below is a combined version. Each grade level may have more specifics. 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!

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

1/12-Jump Rope For Heart kick off rally with Lani Moo 8:30am in the café

1/14 Augie T 10:15am @the café

1/15 PreK excursion

1/18 No School

1/19-22nd College and Career Week

1/22 Report Cards going home

1/28 6th grade excursion

1/29 5th grade excursion

1/29- 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly

PreK-2nd grade 12:10pm-12:50pm

3rd-6th grade 1pm-1:45pm

Please update your child's information ONLY if you have changes on golden color form.

7th Grade Registration Night

When: Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 5pm-6pm

Where: Hilo Intermediate Cafeteria

Highlights for the night:

- Registration packet pick-up
- Info on required courses & credits
- Elective courses offered
- Completing & submitting registration forms
- GE forms
- Info on other programs the school offers

Health & Wellness

Being physically active can help you:

- Increase your chances of living longer
- Feel better about yourself
- Decrease your chances of becoming depressed
- Sleep well at night
- Move around more easily
- Have stronger muscles and bones
- Stay at or get to a healthy weight
- Be with friends or meet new people

Enjoy yourself and have fun!

What a YEARBOOK?

Reserve your yearbook copy now!

Cost is \$10! Payment can be made at the school office.

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be at least five years of age on the first day of instruction (July 31, 2016) of school year 2016-17, he/she may attend a public school kindergarten. Please come to our office to pick up a kindergarten packet.

The following items are needed to complete registration at Keaukaha Elementary School:

- 1) Birth certificate (students born on August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011)
- 2) Proof of residence that family is living in Keaukaha district (if not in district, submit GE to home district school). Geographic Exception Request forms are available at any public school office.
- 3) Form I4 - Student health record (TB clearance, physical and immunization shots updated). Form I4 available in our kindergarten packet.
- 4) Legal documents - if applicable (i.e. current Power of Attorney if not living with parents, TRDs, etc.)

If you have any questions, please call the office at (808) 974-4181 or visit the office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mahalo!

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."

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"