



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ka Wa'a

September 2015

'Ohana and Community Bulletin

E hoe I ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e!

Let's paddle our canoe together.

Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

What an amazing month of August it was! Our students returned from the summer in their brand new blue uniforms and have quickly adjusted back to the routine and expectations of school. I can tell you that they've worked so hard since their first day back and I am so proud of their effort and progress so far. They truly make me smile everyday!

Mahalo to all of you who attended our August 22 Cafetorium Blessing and our August 26 Wehena Kula - Open House! Both events, along with the annual community Ho'olaule'a, were well attended and truly brought our community together! Our Open House had over 700 people in attendance!! It was A-W-E-S-O-M-E!! I was blown away with seeing so many of you join us on that night!! Mahalo nui! I was also very happy to hear the many positive comments from you about your visits to the classrooms and that you were so very proud of your child and their work so far. Mahalo, mahalo, mahalo for continuing to build a positive partnership between school and home! Also, MAHALO to our amazing staff for all that you do for our children and families!

I'd also like to take this time to invite you to our upcoming 'Ohana Night scheduled for September 23rd. Please mark your calendar. Flyers will be coming home soon with more information about our 'Ohana Night, but I wanted to give you notice ahead of time. I hope to see all of you there!

Keaukaha Elementary celebrates six core values during the school year. The month of August focused on the importance of ALOHA. Students discussed what aloha means to them and shared ways that they can show aloha daily. The month of September will focus on the value of LŌKAHI. Lōkahi emphasizes the importance of teamwork, collaboration, cooperation, harmony and unity. Students will learn more about this core value in their classrooms, but you can also assist by talking to your child at home about ALOHA and LŌKAHI on a daily basis. Mahalo for your continued support!

"Unity is strength.....When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

~ Mattie Stepanek

We are preparing for a very busy month of September ahead. We have a number of safety drills scheduled for the month, which includes a fire drill, our lockdown drill and practices for our upcoming off-campus evacuation/tsunami drill. More information will be shared with you regarding our off-campus drill as time gets closer.

Please be aware that changes may occur to the traffic flow in the gym parking lot when dropping off your children in the morning. In order to ensure your children's safety, we are investigating the option of traffic entering the gym parking lot on the school side and exiting on the side of the gym. Cones will also designate a safe drop off lane for children to exit their cars. I ask that you drive all the way forward to allow multiple cars to drop off students at the same time. This will help the traffic flow move much quicker and keep students safe as they exit. Please help us by following the new procedures to help ensure the safety of all of our students. No official start date has been set since we are still exploring all options, but please be on the look out for these new gym drop off safety practices to start. Mahalo in advance!

We say HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY to Kumu Karlie Lewis, Aunty Malia Kainoa, Aunty Chris Kuanoni, Uncle Keay Shibata, Kumu Kim Daffron, Aunty Renee Katada, Kumu Annette McComber and to all the students who celebrates their birthday in September! Enjoy your upcoming special day!!

In closing, I'd just like to express my deepest appreciation to all of you! Thank you for your continuous support! You are A-W-E-S-O-M-E!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello



A New Addition to Keaukaha



August 22, 2015 marked the date of our Keaukaha School cafeteria blessing. Our students opened the ceremony with oli and mele lead by Auntie Nani Naope. Kumu Bello welcomed our community members and guest on this most momentous occasion. After more than 10 years, our school and community was able to come together and celebrate the blessing which will continue for generations to come. Kahu Auntie Leifi Hao did the opening prayer. Kahu Brian Welsh from Kuhio Chapel did the scripture. Kumu Lehua Veincent & Kumu Loke Kamanu did the blessing moving through the cafeteria and around it blessing the land & building. Kumu Bello acknowledged key supporters of our community and the building of the cafeteria. Finally, Kahu Lisa Roberts-Kauka closed us in prayer. It was a blessed event and hundreds joined us in commemorating this event. Mahalo Keaukaha!



Open House!

Thank you to all of our Keaukaha `ohana for coming to this year's Open House. It was a beautiful sight to see our new cafeteria filled



to the max with all of you who love and care about your child's learning. Please join us again on Sept. 23rd for our first `ohana night of the school year. The focus for the night will be our new Math and Reading programs. `Ohana Night will start at 5:30pm in our cafetorium.



ELA Corner

By: Kumu Loke

One month has flown by already as we head into September with many new and exciting adventures in reading and writing! Keaukaha is using Reading Wonders for reading instruction grades Kindergarten – grade 5 and 6th grade is using Springboard. Both programs engage the student in reading and questioning. So beginning with reading here are some suggestions that will engage you and your child building your reading experience together. Read together 10-15 minutes a day. Take turns choosing a book, and favorite books are fine but adding new titles helps to build variety for their learning. When it comes to reading, think of what you do BEFORE reading, DURING reading, and AFTER reading a story. BEFORE reading you can ask questions such as, "what do you think this story will be about, or who might be in the story, or what we might learn from the story". DURING the reading here are some things you could do: Have your keiki turn the pages, it keeps them engaged as well as letting them finish a line especially a rhyme! Using different voices and expression when you read deepens and enriches their reading experience, they may begin to see the story even more clearly. Ask questions and encourage thinking while you are reading. AFTER reading you could have them relate their favorite part of the reading, or tell you what the most important message was of the story, or have them tell you the beginning, middle and end of the story. Remember, you don't have to be an expert reader...your child will love it when you read to them because they know you care. Let them know you care...**READ WITH YOUR KEIKI.**



Math Corner

By: Kumu Miyataki

Want your child to LOVE math? Want your child to do WELL in math? Want your child to EXCEL in math? Stay tuned to this math corner for helpful hints and tips! This month features how you, the parent, can help your child to LOVE math!

You, the parent/guardian are your child's first teacher and advocate. To help your child love math, you need to prepare them and make math meaningful. Shakuntala Devi, writer and math scholar, said it best, "Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers."

This is so true. There are so many daily activities that include math such as, Counting or giving change when purchasing something You need to measure ingredients when cooking You need to know time so that you can drive to school on time

Math Tip #2

For your child to LOVE math, your child needs to be exposed to as much meaningful math as they can. Talk positively about math, share how it is all around us and show them how useful it is. We also need to prepare them just as we do for reading and hold math in high regard along with reading.

Here are some math sites that have good information and suggestions for parents along with some fun activities to share with your child.

Mathematics Tips – academictips.org/acad/mathematics/index.html

Fantastic Math Tricks – www.angelfire.com/me/

Math Tips for Parents – www.pbs.org/parents/

If you have questions or concerns about math, please feel free to come and see me. I am located in A-Basement or email me: ti-miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us You can also call the school at 974-4181. Mahalo and I look forward to meeting you soon!



Upcoming Events and Announcements:

September:

7th NoSchool Labor Day
22nd Picture Retake Day
23rd `Ohana Night 5:30p-7:30p

- Uniforms are available for purchase at Creative Arts Hawaii 500 Kalanianaʻole Ave. Monday-Friday 8am-4pm for \$7.50 plus tax.
- **Students should be dropped off and remain inside of the New Cafeteria every morning.**
- Please take a look at Keaukaha School's School Uniform Policy & Procedure insert!
- **If you are interested in having your child Retake their school pictures you must send back the entire picture package and \$5**
- **FLU CLINIC REMINDER**– Keaukaha Flu Clinic will be on Nov 13th

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 August 5th– September 15th and donate your earned points to **#27 KEAUKAHA SCHOOL**
It's that simple!

School Meal Price Increase

On April 7, 2015, the Board of Education approved a change in school meal prices in accordance with a 2009 state law requiring the Hawaii State Department of Education to charge at least half the cost of preparing the meals.

The new prices shown are in effect as of Wednesday, July 1, 2015

	Current	SY 2015-16
Breakfast – Student Price (Grades K– 8)	\$1.00	\$1.10
Breakfast – Student Price (Grades 9 – 12)	\$1.10	\$1.20
Breakfast – Reduced Price	\$0.30	No change
Breakfast – Second Meal Price and Adult Price	\$2.20	\$2.40
Lunch – Student Price (Grades K– 8)	\$2.25	\$2.50
Lunch – Student Price (Grades 9 – 12)	\$2.50	\$2.75
Lunch – Reduced Price	\$0.40	No change
Lunch – Second Meal Price and Adult Price	\$5.00	\$5.50

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>

YEARBOOK

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

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."

Kindergarten Changes in Act 178–Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into law Senate Bill 2545/Act 178. It requires students to be five years old by July 31 to enter kindergarten, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. This requirement will affect children with birth dates from August 1 through December 31, 2009. Act 178 also repeals junior kindergarten programs in the DOE at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Visit hawaii.doe.org for details.

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"