



December 2018

"The most important thing in the world is family and love."  
~ John Wooden



Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

Welcome to the month of December and the closing of 2018! I hope that 2018 was a joyous year for you and that you are ready to welcome in 2019!

Our **Annual Book Fair** opens this week on December 4<sup>th</sup> and will run through the 6<sup>th</sup> in the library. Children will have a lot of books to choose from and we want to encourage all of our children to read. With that said, I'd like to send a huge MAHALO to Aunty Wahine Mercado for her hard work in coordinating this annual event. Also, a special MAHALO goes out to the grandparents of one of our former students for their annual donation to our Book Fair. Their generosity and continued support of Keaukaha Elementary School is always appreciated!

Our annual **Evening of Song** performance, entitled "*A Hawaiian Christmas in Keaukaha*", is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 19, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm** in Kawananakoa Gym. Please mark your calendars. Your children have been practicing for their performances so I hope you can join us on this evening. Mahalo nui to PCNC Mona Ubedei for coordinating this event and to the many dedicated staff members who assist in making this night possible!

Registration for **preschool and kindergarten enrollment** is open! Please be sure to register your keiki as soon as possible. This helps us in our planning for next school year! As a reminder, children must be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2019 in order to register for Kindergarten next year. At the same time, children must be 4 years old on or before July 31, 2019 in order to register for our 4 years old preschool program. In addition to the age requirement for preschool, students must be toilet trained and priority will be given to students residing in the geographical area of Keaukaha School. Meaning, Keaukaha Elementary School would be your child's home school and proof of residency must be provided at the time the interest card is submitted. Interested parents must complete an INTEREST CARD at our school. Please contact Sharon in our school office should you have any questions about our kindergarten and/or preschool enrollment process.

**Congratulations go out to Kumu Melanie Toyama's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class** for having the most perfect attendance days during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of school. This means that 100% of her students came to school for the most days. Please continue to bring your children to school everyday before 8:05 am. As much as possible, please work with us to teach our students the importance of coming to school daily and on-time. Mahalo nui for your continued support!

**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY** wishes go out to EA Aunty Shari Fujimoto, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kumu Mia Pereira, Meal Tracker Brittany Richards-Younce, EA Uncle Chandon Chesebro, Math Coach Kumu Tina Miyataki, Tutor Aunty Stephanie Delo-Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Kumu Amber Huihui, and to our many students who share December as their month of birth. Hau'oli La Hānau to you!

The last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is on Friday, December 21. As a reminder, our students will be on vacation for about two weeks for the **Winter Break** starting from **Monday, December 24 to Monday, January 7**. Students return for the first day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**.

In closing, I'd just like to wish you all a happy holiday season and hope 2019 brings you many more opportunities to experience love, peace and happiness!

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!  
Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou,  
Kumu Stacey Bello





## COUNSELOR CORNER Kumu Spear



### Communication Is The Key To A Strong Parent-Teacher Team

Research shows that parent involvement in education has a positive effect on student success at school. When teachers and parents work together, the results can be powerful. To foster effective two-way communication:

**Set the tone.** It's natural to have questions when the school year begins. Ask questions respectfully. Show support for your child and the class, and encourage the teacher to keep you informed.

**Be positive.** When you talk with the teacher, enjoy hearing about your child's strengths. But also prepare to hear about her weaknesses. Remember to remain calm. You and the teacher want your child to do well. Addressing struggles is the only way to find solutions.

**Role-play.** Some parents are nervous about talking with the teacher. If this describes you, consider practicing with a friend.

**Choose words carefully.** It's more effective to make polite requests instead of demands. A helpful tip is to use the word *we* instead of *you*. ("How can we stay in touch to help Jordan?" is less aggressive than "You should tell me if Jordan is falling behind.") Remember: The teacher isn't your opponent; she's your teammate.



## Tsunami Drill November 1, 2018



On November 1st, Keaukaha Elementary School held its annual Tsunami Drill with the entire staff, students and some community members participating. Mahalo to everyone for another successful drill!



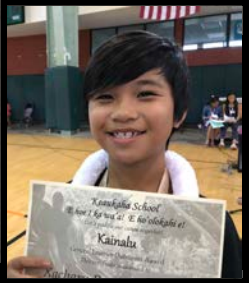


# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly

November 16, 2018



Congratulations to all the students who received awards during our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly! Mahalo to all of our 'ohana who came to congratulate your keiki!



**Congratulations to Kumu Toyama's Class for winning the Attendance Award! AWESOME!**







# Lā kupuna

## November 9, 2018



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Keaukaha held our annual Lā Kupuna Day. The keiki were honored to hear stories of the "small kid days" of our Kupuna. We would like to mahalo Uncle Herring and Aunt Sheri Kalua, Aunt Birdie Nicolas, Uncle Smitty Kaleohano, Aunt Nani Na'ope, and Uncle Pat and Aunt Wanda Cardines for sharing their stories with us.



## RECYCLING!

### November 2018



Kumu Harman's sixth grade class is entering a nationwide competition called the Geochallenge organized by the National Geographic Society. They began their mission to find solutions to prevent further plastic pollution in early November. They will be submitting their entries in January 2019. To get more information on a local scale, they conducted a week long plastic waste collection at our school, collecting everything plastic from forks and spoons to cereal boxes to jelly wrappers from school breakfast and lunch meals. With this information, they are eager for their next steps in this hands on challenge as they join together to make a difference.







# Turkey Trot November 21, 2018



Mahalo to our Student Council and Uncle Chandon who made sure our Turkey Trot was a success! Students had the opportunity to play games and compete with each other. Students also learned about the history of Thanksgiving. Thank you Student Council for your hard work and dedication for the keiki of Keaukaha!



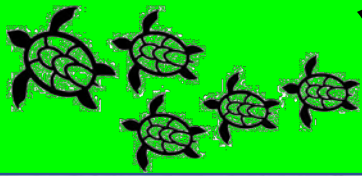
# Guest Readers November 16, 2018



Mahalo to UH Student Athletes (Baseball Team) and Aunt Precious who volunteered their time to read to our students! Our keiki enjoyed the time spent together sharing our love of READING!

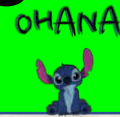






# 'OHANA LUNCHEONS

## November 2018



*'Ohana*  
MEANS  
*family*

This November Keaukaha Elementary held our annual 'Ohana Luncheons. Our keiki were thrilled to have their 'ohana come and eat lunch with them during the school day!





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# Academic Coach - Grade PreK - 2

## Kumu Loke




Aloha Keaukaha School `Ohana! We're in the month of December already! Happy Holidays to all of you and I must say that your children are making my Holiday Bright with all the learning that they are accomplishing. No matter what grade we look at we can see that they are growing in reading and writing skills. We would like to showcase some of our students' work here in Ka Wa'a so you can see their journey through their writing and drawing. How precious and special. These pieces are from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who love to read. There is a program at our Library where they read a book and then write about what they read with a template or creatively on their own. They turn in their writing to our Librarian Aunty Wahineaukai and they get a reward and their work is posted. Students do this independently and 'ohana, we are proud to share their work with you! With our ongoing Reading Challenge, this is one way to encourage your children to read. You are welcome to come and view their work at the Library and borrow a book with them. Read with them at home and discover wonderful places, people, and stories that abound in libraries just like ours. December 4-6, 2018 Keaukaha will be having their **BOOK FAIR---** and the theme is: **The Enchanted Forest.** When you buy one book, you get one of the same or lesser value for FREE! What a wonderful holiday gift, a book that could open the door of discovery for your child. **READ the WRITE**

Book Response


Title: Hello Kitty Nature Walk  
 Author: Kris Hirschmann  
 Illustrator: Shachiha Hino

Hello Kitty's class is having a scavenger hunt. They were split into teams. She and her friends have to find a list of fall things near the school like some leaves, acorn, squirrel, ducks, apples. It was an A+ day for everyone!

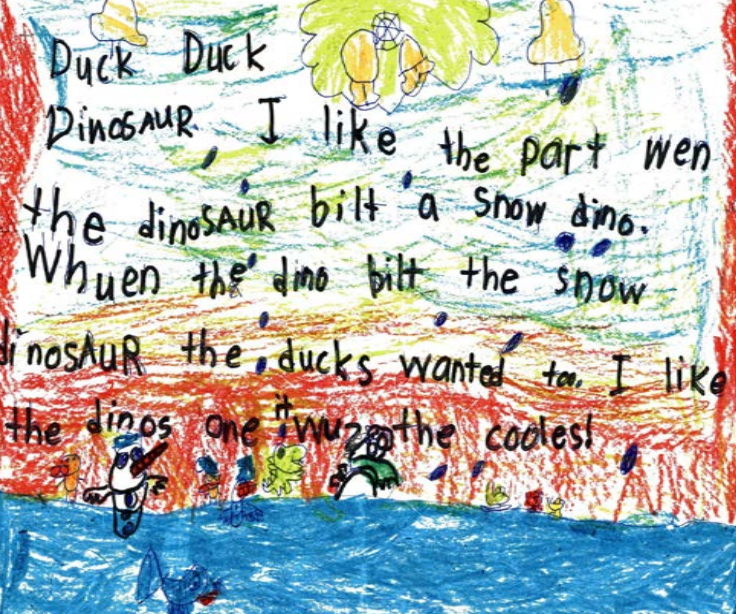







Title: Ten Pets  
 Author: Susan Hartley  
 Illustrator: Signe Nordin

Dan had a pet hen. His friend Ned asked dan for a pet, so they grad a net and try to catch a butterfly, then a bear, then a hippo but dan says he cannot get him these pets. When n sees a birds nest with 10 birds they fly on ned and becomes ned's pets.



Duck Duck  
 Dinosaur, I like the part wen  
 the dinosaur bilt a snow dino.  
 Whuen the dino bilt the snow  
 dinosaur the ducks wanted ta. I like  
 the dinos one #wuz the coolest!



<p>Bear nose</p>  <p>I could smell food far away.</p>	<p>Kangaroo legs</p>  <p>I would jump far and hop all around.</p>
<p>Animal Parts</p>	
<p>Foxeyes</p>  <p>I could see in the dark with my night vision</p>	<p>Eagle wings</p>  <p>I could fly far and high.</p>





# Our Garden to Table Cookin' By Uncle Malani



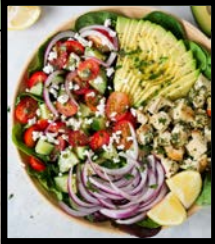
## PESTO

### BLEND TOGETHER:

- 2 Cups Basil
- ¼ Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- ¼ Cup Olive Oil
- 2 Clove Garlic
- Add Salt and Pepper to taste.



### ENJOY!

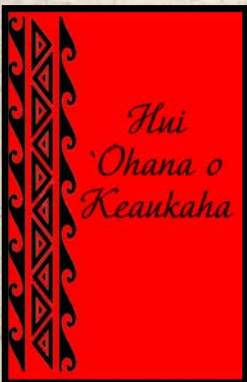


## 8 Ways to Use PESTO

1. Appetizers and Dips
2. Salad Dressing
3. Sandwich Spread
4. Sauce and Garnish
5. Filling or Stuffing
6. Pizza Topping
7. Breakfast Condiment
8. Pasta Dish Ingredient


*yummy!*

## Hui `Ohana O Keaukaha



Hui `Ohana O Keaukaha will be selling our T-shirts and 808 Kettle Corn at our Annual Evening of Song program. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our Health and Awareness Day, Fundraising and our Merrie Monarch Parade preparations. Come and stop by, say hello and sign up too! We need all the help we can get.





**Our current  
book count is  
13,821 books.**

**Keep Reading!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements

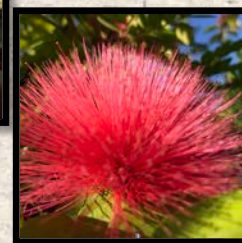
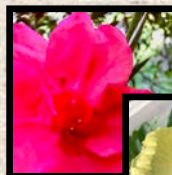
December 4 – 6 – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
Open T/TH – 2:15p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Open Wed – 1:15p.m – 2:30 p.m.

December 14 – Hui Wala`au  
Principal Talk Story

December 19 – Evening of Song  
December 21 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Dec. 24, 2018 – Jan. 7, 2019 – WINTER BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

January 8, 2018 – Students return to School!



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"

### YEARBOOK

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

### Keaukaha Elementary School WEBSITE!

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

### 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>

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### Reminder:

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