



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ka Wa'a

February 2016

'Ohana and Community Bulletin

E hoe I ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e!

Let's paddle our canoe together.

Aloha mai kākou!

*"There are three simple rules in life:
If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
If you do not ASK, the answer will always be no.
If you do not step FORWARD, you will always be in the same place."
~Author Unknown*

Welcome to the month of February!! We have a lot of activities planned for this month so please be sure to stay in touch with your child's teacher or other lead staff members should you have any questions as the month moves along.

Pennies for Patients will begin in the 1st week of the month and run from the 1st through the 12th. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to support leukemia and lymphoma patients through research, treatment, and education. Collection dates are February 5th and the 12th. Last year, we raised over \$1,700 for this cause and our goal this year is \$2,000. Please participate and help those in need, if you can. If you have any question about Pennies for Patients, please call our health aide Renee Katada. We also have our annual Makahiki celebration set for February 5th and Jump Rope for Heart the following Friday, on the 14th. Both events are coordinated by our PCNC, Jandi Kamanu. Please contact her should you have any question about our Makahiki or Jump Rope for Heart activities.

Our 4th grade students will take their 2nd round of HSA Science testing this month on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Congratulations go out to our 4th graders who have already demonstrated proficiency in their 1st round of testing back in November. Good luck to our remaining 4th grade students as they take their 2nd round of Science HSA!

Our 3rd 'Ohana Night is scheduled for February 24, Wednesday. Our focus for the evening is on Health and Wellness and we'll have different activities that focus on taking care of your heart. The core value of MALAMA continues to be our focus for this event and the next two months ahead. It is necessary for students to understand the importance of taking care of themselves and others as they grow into responsible young adults. In addition to what is planned for this evening, I will also use this night to share with you some critical information about our school and inform you of our plans for next school year. Please come and join us!

As a reminder, Keaukaha is a uniform school. Please ensure that your child is wearing their blue uniforms to school Monday through Thursday. Friday is a free dress day. We've had an increase of students repeatedly borrowing uniforms from us in the past 3 weeks. The borrowing of a uniform should be a rare occurrence. The expectation is that all students have their own uniforms to wear to school. If you need assistance with uniforms, please contact Lori Roldan or myself. Mahalo!

We say HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS to our 1st grade Kumu Alma Ha'o, Custodian Winton Leong, Custodian Grace Maffit-Nobriga, Kumu Alberta Mehau-Matsu, Aunty Nani Naope and to our many students who share February as their month of birth. Happy birthday to you all!

In closing, MAHALO NUI for your constant support in helping us provide your children with the best education possible and a promising future ahead. Our continued partnership and positive working relationship are important to your child's success. I can't tell you thank you enough for all that you do!!

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"Let's Paddle Our Canoe Together!"*

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello

College & Career Week

During the month of January our school focused on College and Career Readiness. That means that all Keaukaha Elementary students learned about a variety of colleges and careers during the week of 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 future.

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. On January 20th and 21st, we had Career Day. During this time, students could explore many different professions. Mahalo nui to all the volunteers that came and shared.





College & Career Readiness

During the month of January, Keaukaha Elementary celebrated our annual College & Career Week. College and career readi-

ness is neither an area strictly for high school students nor is it a focus for only college bound individuals. It provides a huge opportunity to help children and parents become more aware of what can be accomplished at an early age to help a child become prepared for the real world. Those who sit in our classrooms today will become the leaders of tomorrow. It is up to all of us to help our keiki recognize their potential as early as possible.

This year, all of our students from Preschool to 6th grade participated in our Kickoff Rally, dress up days, class activities and listened to guest speakers. We even had a door decoration contest! Faculty and students enjoyed themselves and learned a lot while having fun!

Students learned about a variety of careers from the various people who work within our community. We would like to thank all of the speakers who came to share with our students and allowed our keiki an opportunity to gain a greater understanding about

the world of work.

Mahalo:

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By:

Janel Masuhara – Keaukaha School Counselor
Chandon Chesebro – Ho'opua EA



ELA Corner

By: Kumu Loke



Reading and writing can be a lot of fun for kids and parents too. This past quarter 2 awards assembly proved that English Language Arts is HARD for our keiki. For those who did receive that award I want to commend the parents and families

without which they may not have earned that Award. So, parents feel proud if your child received an English Language Arts Award.

There many resources and games online that help to build our children's skills. Through games, they have fun and can learn at the same time. For example, <http://interactivesites.weebly.com/abcs.html> has a plethora of games for yours students Pre-K – second graded. From letter selections, to vowel sounds, and word readings all in colorful and exciting activities. Please take a look at the site. <http://interactivesites.weebly.com/language-arts.html> has games for vocabulary which builds sentences, works spelling, challenges vocabulary and gets to want to write. This is so important and is a way you can get involved with their learning. http://www.funbrain.com/cgi-bin/getskill_s.cgi?AI=selects&A2=la&A4=0&A7=0 is another site that actually goes up to 7th grade for those students who has the aptitude to excel. Don't forget that we also have for your students **i-Ready** and **Achieve3000** available and they all know their sign in for those programs.

Have some fun with them! Online or just read a book and do an activity. Go out on a hike and write about it or out to a day on the beach and have the talk then capture some ideas in words and pictures.

So parents, what are you going to do to make a difference? Hey come and see or call (974-4181) me if you want more ideas to help your keiki, because **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Be proud of who you are and where you're from **K-E-A-U-K-A-H-A**.

Mahalo Kumu Loke

Math Corner

By: Kumu Miyataki

Another month has passed and your children are learning more and more! Great! Let's keep the learning momentum going strong!

The next few math corners will focus on the Standards of Mathematical Practices (SMPs), which will help our students when they are solving word problems. The Standards of Mathematical Practice are practices that educators seek to develop in our students. These practices rely on important "processes and proficiencies" used in daily mathematics education.

This month's mathematical practices 1, 2, and 3 are NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) process standards of problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation, and connections.

Math Tip #8

As you work with your child, keep in mind the mathematical practices they are using as they work. Ask your child: How did they solve the problem? Why did they solve it that way? Or Can they justify/

check their work? Together, we can show your child that math is fun!

MP.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

Make a plan
Try different approaches
Solve your problem in more than one way
Check whether your solution makes sense

MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively

Explain the meanings of numbers, words, pictures, symbols, and objects you and others use Use numbers to describe situations

MP.3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others

Explain both what you do and why it works Work to make sense of others' mathematical thinking Justify strategies and listen to see if other people's ideas are logical "Math, it's a puzzle to me. I love figuring out puzzles."



Upcoming Events and Announcements:

2/1 Pennies For Patients Starts
2/5 Makahiki @ Hualani Park
2/8 Jump/Hoops for Heart Envelopes Are Due
2/11 Jump/Hoops For Heart Event at the gym
2/15 No School
2/18 Walking School Bus- meet @ Hawaiian Village between 7am-7:20am, we will be leaving Hawaiian Village @ 7:25am and head to school.
2/24 'Ohana Night Health and Wellness

Lost & Found

If you have been looking for clothing items that your child has misplaced, please stop by the Health Room. The Health Room is open from 7:30am-2:30pm Daily.

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

Perfect Attendance!



CONGRATULATIONS to Kumu Jarneski's Class who had 22 days of perfect attendance for the 2nd quarter!

Want 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 14 - Student health record (TB clearance, physical and immunization shots updated). Form 14 available in our kindergarten packet.
- 4) Legal documents - if applicable (i.e. current Power of Attorney if not living with parents, TROs, 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"

Aloha Senator Kahele

