



KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ka Wa'a

December 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!

"Give me the wisdom to know what must be done and the courage to do it."

~ Author Unknown

We've officially entered the month of December and I hope you are enjoying the holiday season thus far! We only have 3 weeks left of school in 2015 and it will be very, very busy!

Our Annual Book Fair is open from November 30th through the 4th. We have lots of books available for your children to choose from. Please help us build that love for learning by reading daily to and with your child. The love to read and interact with books start at a very young age so continue to immerse your child in books! With that, I send a heartfelt MAHALO to our 6th grade Kumu Mia Pereria and her 6th grade students for their hard work and dedication in coordinating this event. A special MAHALO goes out to the grandparents of one of our students for their annual donation to our Book Fair. Your graciousness is very much appreciated!

'Ohana continues to be our core value for the month of December! Students have an opportunity to celebrate this value through our family luncheons. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade have already had a chance to eat their lunches with mom, dad, siblings, aunties, uncles and grandparents! It was wonderful to see the huge smiles on their faces!! Luncheons for the remaining grade levels are set for the month of December! Mahalo to Kumu Heidi Pana and the many others who helped in coordinating the 'Ohana Luncheons! Whoohoo!!

Our annual Evening of Song performance, entitled *Keaukaha Kalikimaka*, is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16. Please mark your calendars. Your children are set to put on some great holiday performances for you so please join us! In addition, our school's 'ukulele band, *Na Lehia O Keaukaha*, will make their debut at our celebration! Mahalo nui to Aunt Nani, Kupuna Awai, and the many dedicated staff members who put this event together for all of our enjoyment! I hope to see you all on Wednesday, the 16th!

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, 2016 in order to register for Kindergarten next year. At the same time, children must be 4 years old on or before July 31, 2016 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. **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.

We say HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY to our Educational Assistant Shari Miura, Former 2nd Grade Kumu Casey Hanoa, 6th Grade Kumu Mia Pereira, PSAP Educational Assistant Chandon Cheseboro, Math Coach Tina Miyataki, 1st Grade Kumu Amber Huihui, and to our many students who share December as their month of birth. Happy birthday to all of you!

As a reminder, our staff and students will be out for 3-weeks during the Winter Break. Their last day of the 2nd quarter is on **Thursday, December 17** and students are to return to us on **Thursday, January 7**. It's going to be a long break so please mark your calendars! If I don't get to see you before the Winter Break begins, I wish you all a joyous holiday season! Enjoy the quality time you'll have together with family and friends. Be safe and please know that there is a lot of LOVE and ALOHA being sent your way from your family here at Keaukaha Elementary School! Mahalo for all that you do!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

Happy Holidays & A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello



Book Fair!

Dec. 1st, 3rd & 4th

Mornings 7:15am-7:45am

Afternoons 2:15pm-3:00pm

Buy one book & get one free

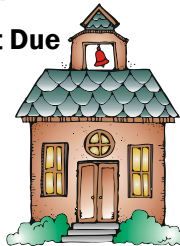
Keaukaha Elementary preschool Information Important Dates

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



We invite you to join us for an Evening of Song

Keaukaha Kalikimaka

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

5:30-7:30pm

Kawananakoa Hall (Gym)



**TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR OUR ONO
CHICKEN LONG-RICE PLATE!**

Plates include: rice, mac salad, Chicken Long-rice and dessert

\$6.00 donation for each plate (cash only)

Please contact Mona @ 974-4181 ex 262 with any questions

Keaukaha Track & Field

Season Dates: Tuesday, January 12, 2016-Saturday, February 20, 2016

Ages: 6-14 years old (Boys & Girls)

Practice Days: Tuesday & Thursday (beginning on 1/12/16)

Practice Times: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Track Meets:

Saturday, January 30, 2016 @ Keau High School (8:00 am-4:00 pm)

Saturday, January 20, 2016 @ Keau High School (8:00 am-4:00 pm)

Registration on the first day of practice. Call the Kawananakoa Gym Office (Lindsey or Kevin) for more information, 961-8732.

Mahalo!

Mohala ka pua i ka lala o ke kupuna The child blossoms with support of their kupuna



On November 16th Keaukaha School had it's annual Lā Kupuna. Our kupuna play a vital role in the lives of our keiki. It is through our kupuna, that we learn many important traditions, stories, trades and values. We would like to mahalo our kupuna that came and shared stories, traditions and experiences about living and growing up here in Keaukaha. We love hearing your stories! Mahalo Nui for being the best part of our `ohana, school, and community!

Winter Break

December 18- January 6, 2016

No School!



Aloha,

Keaukaha Elementary School's Counseling Program recognizes the unique attributes of each student and we are determined to empower and nurture students to succeed socially, educationally and in their career development. This is accomplished by working closely with other educators, our families, and students as well as with member of our community. This program maintains high expectations for all students as we aim to provide students with the skills to become effective lifelong learners and productive members in the community.

What can the school counselor do for students?

Help children resolve conflicts with peers.

Include children in small groups on a variety of topics.

Meet with a child who is referred to the counselor through self-referral, parent, teacher or an administrator referral.

Provide a safe, confidential environment for children to express and cope with feelings associated with loss, change of situation, or a variety of other circumstances.

What can a school counselor do for parents and teachers?

A school counselor can....

Collaborate with parents and the classroom teacher to discuss concerns about their child, particularly related to social, behavioral, and emotional issues.

Assist in developing behavior plans to help students find success in the classroom.

Provide resources for children and parents on a variety of topics.

Listen and talk to parents one on one about concerns they have about their child.

Please feel free to call or visit me in the Ho'opua Room located below A-building. If I am not available at the time, please leave a message and I will contact you as soon as I can! Let's work together to make each student a success! —Janel Masuhara, School Counselor

ELA Corner

By: Kumu Loke



Last month we looked at reading under ELA, English Language Arts. This month we focus on writing. Writing is a necessary skill. As parents we often struggle to find ways to help our kids learn to write for different purposes. Even kids who love to be creative may struggle with essay writing or book reviews. Writing does not come easily, but needs lots of practice. Writing is a craft - the more you do it, the easier it is and the better you get at it. With that in mind, here are some ideas that will help you encourage and motivate your child to make writing a daily activity.

Write lists. Rather than write a list yourself, have your child help you. Need to buy groceries? Ask them to write down the items you need. Going on a trip? Ask them to write down the things they'd need and like to bring. There are all kinds of situations and events that call for a list - why not get your keiki to start the lists for you?

Keep a journal. No matter how short or long the writing is, the aim is to make sure this is a daily activity. To make it more fun, you can encourage your kids to incorporate photos and memorabilia, and make little collages and illustrations to go with their daily entries. Have fun with this one!

Tell a relay story. We do this in the car when we're all bored, everyone takes turns telling a story - sentence by sentence. Start a story with a sentence "Once upon a time..." is a way to begin, or "Remember... when". Then have your child add a sentence to this story, next you add a sentence. These stories are often funny, spooky or just plain kooky. If you're at home, you could jot your story down on paper taking turns writing.

Build words. Kids need to build their vocabulary to learn to write better. Merriam-Webster has one of the best vocabulary websites for kids at wordcentral.com. The site contains a dictionary, thesaurus, word games and the 'daily buzzword'. It's worth a daily visit for your budding writer. Integrate challenging vocabulary as you speak with your child, they are a sponge ready and willing to learn!

Math Corner

By: Kumu Miyataki

WOW! One quarter done and three more to go!

Time is going to go by very quickly so let's help your child to learn some basics. For this math corner, I would like to share another math strategy/activity with you so you can share them with your child(ren).

Math Tip #4

During first quarter, a lot of our grade levels are working on basic numbers and place value. Here is a strategy /activity to help your child with these basics.

Hundreds Chart

For these strategies/activities, you need a hundreds chart, dry erase pen, and sheet protector.

Grades K - 2

1. Before and After:

Put the hundreds chart in the sheet protector. Say a number to your child and have them circle the number before and put a square around the number after.

This will help your child to recognize patterns and relationships between numbers then later, help them to calculate mentally. :)

2. Adding and Subtracting on the chart

Start with adding numbers single digit numbers first.

For example, start with 24 and add 5 (go forward 5 numbers) to 29 or your child can circle 24, count 5 numbers after 24 to get to 29. Same for subtraction, start with 58 and go back 3 numbers to 55 or circle 55 count 3 numbers in front of 58 to get 55. As your child gets better, you can do double digits. Start with 62 and add 12 (10 + 2). Circle 62 go to the next ten (72) and forward 2 more numbers to get 74. Or start with 49 and subtract 15 (10 + 5). Circle 49 and go to the ten before it (39) and count 5 numbers before it to get 34.

If you have more questions or concerns about math, please feel free to come and see me anytime. I am located in A-Basement or email me: tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us



Upcoming Events and Announcements:

12/1– 12/4 Keaukaha Sch. Book Fair
 12/10 3rd grade 'Ohana Luncheon
 12/11 Pre School Excursion 8:30-11:30am
 12/14 4th grade 'Ohana Luncheon
 12/15 5th grade 'Ohana Luncheon
 12/16 6th grade 'Ohana Luncheon
 12/16 1st grade Excursion 8:30am-12:45pm
 12/16 Evening of Song 6pm-8pm @the Gym
 12/17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Winter Break DEC. 18th - JAN. 6th NO SCHOOL

Jan. 7, 2016 First Day Back For Students

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

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.

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."

"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

'Ohana Luncheon

Aloha Keaukaha 'Ohana

Keaukaha Elementary School celebrates six core values throughout the school year. The month December will focus on the importance of 'Ohana. 'Ohana is about family and the connections that bind the school with home and community.

We would like to invite you to our first annual grade level 'Ohana Luncheon. You will have the option to purchase a school lunch or bring a home-prepared lunch and eat with your child in our beautiful, new cafeteria.

This is an opportunity for us to strengthen the supports in place for your child and allow you the time to share a lunch with your child during school hours. An informational letter will be sent home with your child in the next couple of weeks. We hope you will be able to join us.



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!