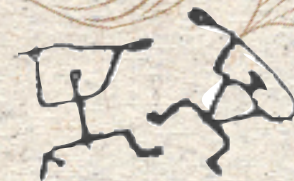




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Keaukaha Elementary Ka Wa'a 'Ohana and Community Bulletin



"Never sacrifice these three things: your family, your heart, or your dignity."
~ Author Unknown



Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

We are now in the month of February! Oh my, oh my!! MALAMA continues to be our core value in February and we have lots of activities planned for this month so please continue to read through our bulletins and flyers that are being sent home. Please stay informed and join us at all the opportunities that will bring us together!

Our **School Wide Reading Challenge** is starting this month! YAY!! An informational flyer is included in this month's bulletin for you. From February 1st through May 19th, our goal for students in grades preschool through 6th is to read 15,000 books. This includes books that are read to students and books that are read by them. A reading log is being utilized in each grade level and your parent/guardian initial will be needed. Mahalo for encouraging reading outside of school and for being such supportive families! "Oh the places we will go when we READ-READ-READ!" ☺

Pennies for Patients ties perfectly into MALAMA as it focuses on taking care of those around us. Pennies for Patients will begin in the 2nd week of February and run from the 6th through the 17th. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to support leukemia and lymphoma patients through research, treatment, and education. Last year, we raised a little 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 school health aide, Renee Katada.

Keaukaha Elementary will hold our 2nd annual **College and Career Week** during the month of February as well. This ties into MALAMA also as it focuses on taking care of our future. This week long event will include sharing about various career options and college discussions. 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. We are planting that seed! 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. We firmly believe that 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 individuals who are willing to share their stories with our students about their careers and college experiences! Mahalo to Janel Masuhara for coordinating our week long event and to our staff for continuing to provide the best learning opportunities we can for our children here at Keaukaha!

Our **2nd 'Ohana Night** is scheduled for February 22, Wednesday. Our focus for the evening is on Health and Wellness and we'll have different activities that concentrate on taking care of our heart and body. MALAMA continues to be our focus for this event as well. It is necessary for students to understand the importance of taking care of themselves and others as they grow into responsible young adults. Mahalo to preschool, kindergarten and 5th grade for taking the lead for the evening! In addition to what is planned, 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!

Our **HERO** incentive program continues to go well! Students who reached a certain number of points were recognized on our 3rd HERO Incentive day with ice cream cups. The 4 Superheros delivered these treats during lunchtime and celebrated our students. Students who did not earn enough points on that day were encouraged to continue to come to school EVERYDAY ON-TIME (before 8:05 am), to complete all of their classwork and homework, and to follow all school and classroom expectations throughout the day. This is how their points are earned. Mahalo for helping us celebrate our students!!

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

In closing, MAHALO NUI LOA for your continuous support in helping us provide our haumana with the best education possible and brightest future ahead!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!

A Hui Hou!

Kumu Stacey Bello

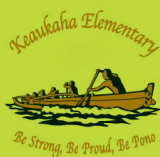




GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL!

Does your child give you a hard time about coming to school? Does your child say, "I don't want to go to school" or take too long getting ready in the morning? It's a common problem! Here are some tips to help curb the bad habit before it turns into a serious concern. First, make sure you understand the importance of your child being at school on time every day. Even a few tardies really add up! Say your child is only 10 minutes late each school day. Not a big deal right? Well, that adds up to 1,750 minutes = almost 30 hours of school missed in one year! **THAT IS A BIG DEAL!**

Determine any school or home barriers that are preventing your child from coming to school. Are they prepared? Do they connect with their teacher? Do they feel safe at school? Do they have a routine for bedtime and morning at home? Communicate with your child's teacher, school counselor, or principal to help your child feel better about coming to school. Once any simple barriers are removed, make it a priority to get them to school on time. Do not make or accept any excuses! Routines are key. Bedtime should be consistent to assure enough rest. Most elementary aged children need between 8-10 hours. Adults should set the bedtime. Develop a morning routine that works. If you or your child is constantly rushing to get out the door, everyone needs to get up at least 15 minutes earlier. Rushing is not a good way to start the day.



KEAUKAHA 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly



On January 26th, 2017, ohana, keiki and Kumus celebrated the many accomplishments of our students. From Attendance to increased scores on assessments to positive behaviors, the students have shown us how they have grown!



HERO REWARDS DAY!

On January 25, 2017, Students who reached their HERO point goals received ice cream cups as a reward. Captain America, Spiderman, Superman and Bat Girl came to deliver the treats! Congratulations!



HEALTH & WELLNES

Flu Shot Information



Keaukaha Elementary will be held on February 3, 2017 at the Gym. We recommend that you child dress in comfortable clothing for their shot. Only students who have turned in their forms will be administered the Flu vaccination. This year the FLU SHOT will be provided through the Stop Flu @ School Program.

Pennies 4 Patients

Keaukaha Elementary will be participating in the 2016-2017 Pennies 4 Patients Fundraising for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. All classes from Preschool to 6th grade are joining in the fight against cancer. This fundraiser will take place from February 6th - 12th, 2017.

The class with the highest amount of donations will receive a prize! The winner will be announced during the week of Feb. 20. Last year our school did an awesome job of raising just over \$1700. Mahalo for your help in saving lives!





READING FOR SUCCESS

By Kumu Loke



The word of the day is **FLUENCY**

Fluent reading is reading in where students are able to read text very smoothly and quickly with automaticity. With automatic word recognition, reading becomes faster, smoother, and more expressive. Then, student's silent reading is usually almost double a student's oral fluency. However, beginning readers do not read fluently and reading is often a word-by-word struggle.

How do we help our keiki improve in fluency? Support and encourage them. Effortful decoding is a necessary step to sight recognition. One of the strategies is when listening to them and there is an error: 1. Have them sound out the word ... if still a problem tell them the word then 2. Have them go back and re-read the sentence because it gives them a practice of using the word. As a parent, 3. you can make a list of the words that were missed and have them practice it to make them "their own" so they always know it.

Generally, the fluency formula is this: Read and reread decodable words in connected text. Decode means to sound out words that they don't know. Reread means to read the same passage or story again to master texts. When we send home fluency practice we are using exactly these strategies and we wanted to share depth with you. These strategies are showing growth in your children's reading fluency as we see that they are increasing scores in reading as measured by different data teachers collected. There are two general approaches to improving fluency. The direct approach involves modeling and practice with repeated reading under time pressure. However, its not just timed but you have to read the whole passage and then practice based on 1-minute readings. This really will help them improve and we appreciate the help you give. Repeated readings are powerful and empowers your children...listen to them, help them, and empower them.



Math corner

By Kumu Miyataki

Wow! Third quarter is here and time is going by very quickly. There is still a lot of content and strategies to learn to help our students understand the standards. ☺

Math Tip #6

For this month's math corner, I have some websites to share with you that can help your child practice math skills and word problems. Again, these sites are just a few of many. Remember, as you find sites, try them out first before you share them with your child. It will give you an idea of what is offered and you can see how useful it is as well. Have fun practicing and playing together! ☺

Sites for Students:

1. www.gregtang.com
2. www.adaptedminds.com
3. www.mathisfun.com
4. www.sheppardsoftware.com
5. www.mathplayground.com

Sites for Parents:

1. www.edutopia.org
2. www.pbs.org

Don't forget, if you ever need help with math work or help to understand the math programs, please feel free to come and see any of the coaches or you can email us at: loke_kamanu@notes.k12.hi.us, lei_fa'anunu@notes.k12.hi.us, or tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us We are located in A basement, under the "former" office or you can call the school at 974-4181. ☺ Please come and visit!

"The only way to learn mathematics is to do mathematics. "

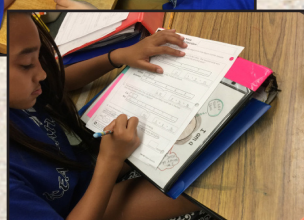
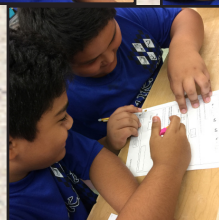
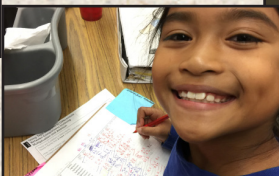
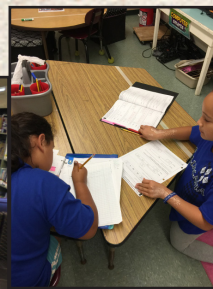
~Paul Halmos



I LOVE READING!

Keaukaha students getting an early start on our Reading Challenge!

GOAL: 15,000 Books by the end of the year!



UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements



February 3 - Flu Clinic

February 16 - Teacher Institute Day - No School

February 6th - 17th - Pennies 4 Patients

February 21 - President's Day - No School

February 21st - 24th - College & Career Week

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 NEW WEBSITE!

WEB ADDRESS:
<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 informa-
tion.

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>

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.