

Kalihi Kai Elementary School Parent Bulletin



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are only 8 weeks of school left and there are so many things happening. Don't forget to come out to our Hō'ike on Friday, April 6. The children are all practicing their dances and songs! Our grades 3, 4 and 5 will also be participating in a Farrington Track and Field event on April 13. That will be an exciting event with selected students from each grade level competing with the other schools in our complex in different relays and other track events.

Everyone is working hard to prepare the children for the next level. In grades 3, 4 and 5, the children will be taking their state test starting from the end of April through the month of May. There are a few things you can do to help them be ready for testing. Make sure they are getting enough sleep. Try to make sure they have a breakfast before school. Please encourage your child to do their best!

I really believe that every child can learn so we have been trying to do whatever we can to support every learner. We try to find the best way they can learn and implement those interventions to support our struggling learners. We have discovered several programs that have been making a difference for so many children. We are currently using iReady software to support every child. We never give up on a child. We will keep trying different ways to support them until we find the right one that works. There are reports on the growth of our students and it is impressive! Our school growth score is 96, which means our children have advanced one year of growth in reading in only 6 months! We couldn't do it without your support.

Thank you for supporting your children at home to do well in school. We need your help to have every child do **their best!**

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 6 8:45 am – Hō'ike 2018, Outdoor Stage
Preschool FT to Manoa District Park
- 9 9:00 am – 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly, Outdoor Stage
- 10 Grade 3 FT to HTY, Tenney Theatre
- 11 8:30 am – (RSVP required) BIG ART Parent Workshop, Cafeteria
9:00 am – WCCC Family Support Group, Building G Conference Room
- 16 5:30 pm – (RSVP required) BIG ART Parent & Child Workshop, Cafeteria
- 20 Grade K FT to Honolulu Zoo
- 24 2:30 pm – School Community Council Meeting (All are welcome!), Library

MAY

- 28 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- 30 2:15 pm Student Dismissal
- 31 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – 1:30 pm Dismissal**

AUGUST

- 6 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – 2:15 pm Dismissal**

STUDENT SAFETY

Many concerns have been raised due to the recent school violence on the mainland and threats made against schools locally. We want to assure you that Kalihi Kai Elementary School works diligently to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

All emergency drills have been practiced this year preparing us for a variety of emergency situations. In addition, we work collaboratively with HPD, The HIDOE Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Branch, and our district office to ensure the safety of our campus.

The DOE takes threats to the schools very seriously and will investigate them thoroughly and make sure campuses continue to be safe.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration continues for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 School Year. **If your child was born on or before July 31, 2013**, it is strongly recommended that they are registered during this time so we can prepare for your child's testing for Kindergarten. The following documents **ARE REQUIRED** at the time of registration:

1) **Current Proof of Residence**

To show that you live in the Kalihi-kai School area, please provide a current utility bill (e.g. water, electric, gas, cable, or land line phone).

2) **Official and Original Birth Certificate**

3) **Hawaii School Health Record (F-14)**

*A completed current F-14 includes Tuberculosis (TB) clearance, physical examination completed within one year before the first entrance into a Hawaii school, and all required immunizations.

Please contact the school office at 832-3322 if you have any questions. Thank you.

SCHOOL & OFFICE HOURS

School Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
*Closed on official holidays



VISITORS ON CAMPUS

To all visitors, please report to the office and present a valid ID, sign in the visitor's log, and obtain a visitor's pass while school is in session.

A+ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Kalihi Kai Elementary School does not provide before school or after school supervision but has afternoon care to support our parents with busy schedules. Children enrolled in this program will participate in great activities like homework assistance, organized games, and many more! Please drop by the office to pick up an application form. For more information, please contact Kimberly Saula, Program Coordinator, at 832-3322.

A+ After School Hours: 2:15 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday

EARLY RELEASE FROM SCHOOL

- Please contact our school office ahead of time if your child will be leaving school early.
- Requests should include the reason, date and time of the release with the parent or authorized adult's signature. Only parents and authorized adults on the emergency card may pick up a student and must provide a valid ID.
- The parent or authorized adult must report to the Administration Office (Building G) to sign out and obtain a student pass.
- Student will be sent to the office by their teachers once they have been contacted by the office.

SCHOOL TRANSFERS

- A Request for Transfer Form must be completed at the office at least 14 working days to give the office sufficient time to prepare the student release packet which is needed for enrollment to the new school.
- All library books and outstanding obligations must be cleared before a release can be given.

RESERVED PARKING FOR SCHOOL STAFF

- Please do not block or park in any of the stalls reserved for our teachers and staff. It makes it difficult for our teachers to park and get to their classrooms on time and leave at the end of the day. It also creates an unsafe situation for our students and the community if cars are double parked in our parking lots and on nearby streets.
- Please park in the public parking stalls on Kaumuali'i Street between Kalakaua District Park and our school when dropping off and picking up your child.

STUDENT IDs

A few friendly reminders for students regarding their IDs:

- School IDs are property of the Department of Education; therefore, if it is lost or damaged, it must be replaced.
- If lost or damaged, the cost is **\$3.00** for the first replacement and **\$5.00** for the second replacement.
- School IDs are to be possessed and worn for:
 - Safety
 - Checking out books from the library
 - Purchasing breakfast and lunch
- Common ways IDs are damaged: Putting stickers or drawing on them, scratching out barcode, biting, and bending or breaking the IDs.
- Please encourage your child to be responsible for their ID and to bring it to school DAILY.

Library News: HIDEOE Digital Library

Kalihi Kai Elementary is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce you to the HIDEOE Digital Library! This new, free reading service for students provides digital books that can be accessed 24/7 at <http://hidoel.lib.overdrive.com>.

To access the HIDEOE Digital Library, students need to complete the following steps:

1. Browse the secure website at <http://hidoel.lib.overdrive.com> on a computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader device.
2. Login with their Library Card Number (This is their 10-digit student ID number).
3. "Read (in your browser)" any of the available ebooks or audiobooks on their device.

SCHOOL MEALS FROM THE CAFETERIA

For liability reasons, we must follow strict guidelines and regulations mandated by the Federal Government and the USDA; therefore, meals purchased from the cafeteria must be consumed in the cafeteria and no adult is allowed to eat from a child's plate. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Breakfast

Regular Student Breakfast	\$1.10
Reduced Student Breakfast	\$0.30
Adult Breakfast	\$2.40
*Milk Only	\$0.60

Lunch

Regular Student Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Student Lunch	\$0.40
Adult Lunch	\$5.50

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KALIHI KAI IS A WELLNESS SCHOOL



Please **DO NOT** bring any cake, cupcakes, food, balloons and goodie bags to celebrate birthdays in the classroom.

Birthday parties can interrupt class time, cause "sugar rushes," and can also trigger food allergies. Instead, a class gift like a book would be greatly appreciated.



KALIHI KAI GOES TO WASHINGTON

By Miss Komatsu, Music Teacher

Aiyslyn Mariano, Anna Gervacio, Alaka'i Chang and Jadie Daquioag did a great job representing Kalihi Kai School, Turnaround Arts Hawaii and the entire State of Hawaii on their trip to the Turnaround Arts Talent Show in Washington DC.

The four students, Mrs. Vines, Mr. Kawahara and I left Honolulu on Wednesday, March 7. The students worked hard on the Delta Airlines flight, trying to complete as many homework assignments they could before landing in Washington D.C. We arrived the morning of March 8 and got ourselves oriented to DC's Eastern time zone and the FREEZING weather. Scarves, beanies, gloves and layers of clothes were necessary as we ventured outside, walking to the huge Fashion Centre at Pentagon City while waiting for our hotel rooms to be ready. We spent a few hours getting to know the four students from Kamaile Academy with whom we would be performing at Sunday's Talent Show.

On Friday, we rode DC's train system, the Metro, and made our way to the Museum of Natural History. There, the students enjoyed the insects, mummies, dinosaurs and minerals displays. They got to handle live insects – an Australian walking stick, a large green moth larva (caterpillar) and a gigantic Madagascar hissing cockroach! Yuck! On our way to the Hart Senate office building, they had fun feeding squirrels in the park. Aiyslyn's squirrel accepted a French fry and Alaka'i's squirrel ate a Welch's fruit snack.

At the Hart building, we met Hawaii's Senator Mazie Hirono. The Kalihi Kai and Kamaile students performed their song "Aloha O'ahu" for her. JPOs Alaka'i, Aiyslyn, and Anna met JPO adviser, Gabriela (Mr. Pacada's daughter), who works for Senator Brian Schatz. She led us through an underground walkway and on a short train ride to get to the U.S. Capitol building. We went on a guided tour of the Capitol and learned quite a lot about its history and importance.

Saturday and Sunday's activities were focused on the Talent Show at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The Hawaii group rehearsed for hours and watched the presentations of the 12 other Turnaround Arts groups from across the nation. Each "act" was unique and showcased each region's culture and talent. We snuck in a short trip to the Air and Space Museum before dinner.

Everything came together on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. when the Talent Show began. The show was livestreamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W32hydC8uZw> and it is still at that URL. You can also search Turnaround Arts Talent Show to find it. (The Kennedy Center - Streamed live on Mar 11, 2018). The students, along with Kamaile's Turnaround Artist Paula Fuga, sang, danced and beamed with Hawaiian pride. They received a standing ovation!

We returned to Hawaii on Monday and then it was back to school on Tuesday. What a great five days in Washington DC with four great kids! Aiyslyn, Anna, Alaka'i and Jadie were a joy to be with on our Turnaround Arts adventure. They were great travelers who were alert and well-behaved wherever we went. Kalihi Kai represent!!



GRADE K

Aloha Kindergarten families! Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a restful and productive Spring Break. Can you believe it's already Fourth Quarter? Our Kindergartners have been working extremely hard studying and learning about many new things. We are so proud of them! Thank you, families, for supporting and encouraging your children.

Thank you for reminding your children to wear their school ID every day. The school policy is requiring every child to wear their ID at all times to keep them safe and it also teaches them to be responsible.

We are continuing to learn these concepts and skills: using observation skills (i.e. using the 5 senses), living and non-living things/basic needs, materials, cause/effect of seasons/weather, celebrations/holidays, addition and subtraction (computation and story/word problems), 2-D and 3-D shapes, matching numeral representations, identifying details/events in texts and stories and making connections, reading comprehension and writing complete sentences using inventive spelling and sight words, and art strategies integration (signing the contract, reading images, VTS, tableau/snapshot, creative movement, etc.). It is important to review/reinforce the concepts and skills learned so that your child can master and apply them. This will provide a solid foundation for your child to build on. Let's continue to work together for our children's success.

Our next big event is Ho'ike on Friday, April 6th. Thank you, families, for helping us prepare the children for their performance to Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride. We look forward to seeing you!

GRADE 1

Hō'ike is right around the corner and our first graders have been working hard on practicing for this great event. This year our school's theme is focused on the 7 Habits. Your child will be dancing to *Try Everything* by Shakira from the motion picture *Zootopia*. This song focuses on Habit 1: Be Proactive and Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. Your child will be asked to wear a white shirt with blue shorts. We can't wait to show off our dance moves!

Fourth Quarter has just begun and there is so much to learn before your child becomes a 2nd grader. Here is a list of things that we will be focusing on this Quarter:

Stepping Stones Math

- addition using tens and ones with 2 digit numbers
- 3 dimensional shapes and their properties
- math word problems

Wonders

- main topic details
- plot sequence
- point of view
- cause and effect
- problem solution

GRADE 1, continued

Each week you child will continue learn to 2 new sounds and 2 new sight word for spelling. Continue your hard work at practicing and learning these sounds and sight words.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Grade 1 Parent Workshop on February 23. The students enjoyed designing and building a cart that could be pushed or pulled. They all did a wonderful job on their performance of *Love Grows*.

Thank you for all you do to help your child learn and grow! We are so excited for fourth quarter and all the great things that we will be learning about!



GRADE 2

On Feb. 16th, we had our Parent Night titled "Bridging Art to Reading...Reading Images". We had 31 students who attended along with parents and other family members. We were so pleased to see through your evaluations that you all learned valuable reading strategies that can be easily applied at home. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed your time with us learning about reading strategies, creating bookmarks and spending quality time with each other. The teachers reviewed all your suggestions to better future workshops. Other topic areas as well as times of workshops will be considered in the future. Congratulations to the many door prize winners! Thank you so much for attending our workshop!

As you already know, Hō'ike is right around the corner. We have asked you to submit \$3.50 for a t-shirt as part of their costume as we try to create an ocean habitat that shows the idea of "synergizing" or working together. We will perform the song *Count on Me* by Bruno Mars. This song comes from the movie *A Turtle's Tale*...go and check it out when you get the chance! At the end of the year, your child will get to have the t-shirt as a keepsake to hold amazing memories of second grade alive and well!

We truly have loved working and learning with all of you! Keep supporting your child at home by reading with them daily as well as practice real life math skills (counting money, telling time, simple addition and subtraction concepts while grocery shopping, etc.). Take time to have conversations during meal times as well. Make everyday a meaningful learning opportunity. Thank you so much for your support this year!