

Kalihi Kai Elementary School Parent Bulletin



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Office Hours: 7:15 am – 4:30 pm; 7:30 – 4:00 pm (School Breaks)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Springtime! A season for growing!

Time for new growth! This year our students are showing some amazing growth! We have had 2 cycles of Response to Intervention and many students are showing almost a year's growth in only 6 months! This means the strategies and interventions our teachers are learning to use, are working for many of our students. Praise your child for their effort they put in to trying their best. Encouraging their effort and hard work is most important to helping your child believe they can do better.

Save the date! On April 6th is our Hō'ike! We are in the midst of preparing and rehearsals will soon start. The children will be sharing a dance for each grade level. It is a whole school effort and all students will be performing! Be on the lookout for how you can help out.

Spring Break is coming up so please have your child read every day for at least 15 minutes. Reading with your child every day is one predictor of a child graduating from high school and going on to college. Such a simple thing as reading 15 minutes a day sets a child up for success. Plan a time to do it and have fun doing it! If they can't sit for 15 minutes, build up to it. Start with 3 to 5 minutes and extend the time a little bit every time, but the worse thing is to make it seem like a punishment. Keep it fun! May you be blessed!

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal



SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 2 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY!
5:30 pm – Grades 3 and 4 Parent Night, Cafeteria
- 6 Kindergarten FT to Honolulu Theatre for Youth & Safeway
- 9 Preschool FT to Honolulu Zoo
- 13 Kindergarten FT to Holoholo Red Barn Farm
- 14 9:00 am – WCCC Family Support Group, Building G Conference Room
- 19-23 **NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**
- 26 **NO SCHOOL – Kuhio Day**
- 30 **NO SCHOOL – Good Friday**

APRIL

- 6 8:45 am – Hō'ike, Outdoor Stage

MAY

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



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration begins this February 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.



West Honolulu Community Children's Council Parent & Family Support Group

**Feeling overwhelmed with parenting your child with special needs?
Want to meet other parents who share your joys and struggles?
Want to learn quick and easy activities you can do with your child?**

Please attend our Parent/Family Support Group
Kalihi Kai Elementary School
Building G Conference Room

**2nd Wednesday of the Month
9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Light refreshments will be provided

Questions? Please contact:
Lisa Jaso at eastwestccc@yahoo.com
Or call (808) 255-5481



STUDENT IDs

A few friendly reminders for students regarding their new 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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.



MUSIC HAPPENINGS

Washington DC, here we come!

5th graders Alaka'i Chang, Aiylyn Mariano, Anna Gervacio and 4th grader Jadie Daquioag have the task of representing Kalihi Kai and the state of Hawaii at the Turnaround Arts Talent Show! The four students, Mrs. Vines, Mr. Kawahara and Miss Komatsu will be traveling to Washington DC for the March 11 talent show at Kennedy Center, Eisenhower Theater.

Our Kalihi Kai students will be playing their 'ukulele and singing "Aloha O'ahu" while four students from Kamaile Academy dance the hula. We hope to make our school and our state proud!



GRADE 3

Our third graders have been working very hard to make improvements in all academic areas and have shown so much growth this school year! We have been learning about the features that help plants and animals survive, and reading about events in American history.

Multiplication and division skills continue to be a focus this quarter while gaining a deeper understanding of how to apply these concepts in multi-step word problems. Please continue to encourage your child to practice all facts at home, fluently and accurately. We are all excited to see what they accomplish in the last few months of school! We will be having a field trip in May to Lyon Arboretum. It will cost a bit more than other field trips.

Our grade level will be taking the SBA Interim test in March and the official one in May. Your child can prepare for the assessment by taking practice tests at <https://alohahsap.org>

Hō'ike is coming up in just a few weeks! This year, our grade level will be performing to the song *Jai Ho*. We have been learning about the Indian culture, and are excited to perform in front of family and loved ones. Thank you for all of your continued support. We hope to see you there!

GRADE 4

This month, Grade 4 will be teaming up with Grade 3 for Parent Night. Our joint Parent Night will be on Friday, March 2, 2018, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. We will have two sessions so please sign up for the one that best meets your interest or need. One session will be an hour-long workshop about the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). We will guide parents through the process to help prepare their child for the test. For the other session, parents can choose two of three workshops to attend. This session will include a 30-minute SBA test prep overview, a science challenge, and/or a Comparing Portraiture art session. Parent Night is a great opportunity for families to practice *Habit 1: Being Proactive*.

We also can't believe that the end of the 3rd Quarter is in March! It will be on March 16. We are getting closer and closer to the end of the school year. Begin with the end in mind by helping your student practice their multiplication and division facts to be ready for the 5th Grade. This will be a great activity to do during the Spring Break and the two holidays at the end of the month. Spring Break will be from March 19 to 23, Prince Kuhio Day will be on March 26, and Good Friday will be on March 30. Let's be proactive during March to achieve our goals!

GRADE 5

It has been a busy start to the New Year. As the flu season is upon us, please remind your child to wash hands, not share snacks, and to report to their teacher if they are sick. Recently, it has been quite rainy on Oahu, so don't forget to bring a jacket and/or umbrella to school during these days.

Thank you to those who participated and supported our 5th grade students in the Farrington District Science Fair. The fifth grade team is also excited to be conducting experiments and investigations with our new G5 STEMscopes curriculum. Ask your young scientist what they have been learning! Also, thank you to all 5th grade parents who attended our annual Parent Night. We focused on art and mathematical strategies that can help your child excel in and out of the classroom.

Ask your child about our Warrior Winnings incentive program. For students implementing the 7 Habits and modeling them at school, they will receive a colored card. The card explains when, how and what 7 Habit they exemplified. Students may take their winnings to purchase items from our Warrior Store. Such a Win-Win Situation! Ask your child what habit they are working on during their Guidance class. The Leader in Me Program is off to a great start. Teachers, staff and students are all "synergizing" to create a happy and healthy Kalihi Kai. Thank you for all your support! We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break!