

Kalihi Kai Warriors Parent Bulletin



TURNAROUND ARTS:
HAWAI'I
creating success in schools

Kalihi Kai Elementary School

May 2017

Principal Vines Represents Honolulu District as Nominee for the 2017 National Distinguished Principal Award



On April 23, 2017, our very own Principal Vines represented the Honolulu District as a nominee for the National Distinguished Principal Award. She was one of seven nominees recognized at the Hale Koa luncheon. Complex Area Superintendents Donna Lum Kagawa and Ruth Silberstein commended Principal Vines for her commitment to excellence and transformative leadership. Many staff attended the celebration and cheered her on. Congratulations, Principal Vines!

SCHOOL TRANSFERS

It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians submit a Request for Transfer Form at least 14 working days to avoid delays and give the office extra time to prepare the student release packet which is needed for enrollment to the next school.

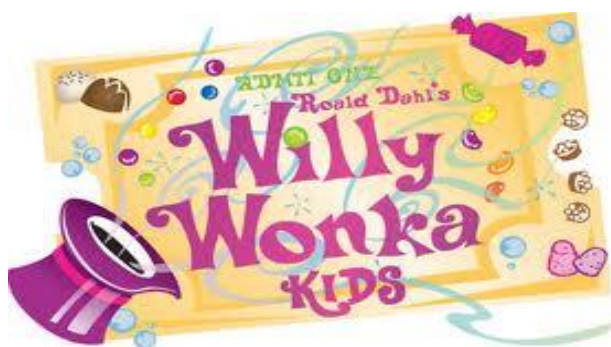
All books must be returned and financial obligations cleared before a release can be given. The forms are available at the school office.

RESERVED PARKING FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Parents: Please do not block or park in any of the reserved teacher stalls. 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.

KALIHI KAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
proudly presents our first ever school musical production...



MAY 11

1st Show - 6:00 PM
2nd Show - 7:15 PM
Cafetorium
Cast B Production
(Grades 1, 3, 5)

MAY 12

1st Show - 6:00 PM
2nd Show - 7:15 PM
Cafetorium
Cast A Production
(Grades K, 2, 4)

*Each show is approximately 30-45 minutes long.
Due to size limitations, please purchase tickets only for the night that your child is participating in.*

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

My name is Roxanne K. Lane and I am currently serving as a Parent Representative Alternate on the School Community Council and would like to create a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Kalihi Kai School. I am looking for 15 or more parents/guardians who are interested in joining the PTA. There is a membership fee of \$9.25 per member; however, the membership fee will be waived by the Chairman of the School Community Council, Mr. Damon Stanford.

If you would like to join the Kalihi Kai School PTA, please contact me by email at roxanneklane@gmail.com or by phone, 808-366-0175. When calling or text messaging me, please let me know that it is in regards to joining the PTA.

I hope to hear from parents/guardians who are interested in joining the Kalihi Kai Elementary School PTA. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you parents/guardians who took the time to vote for your School Community Council (SCC) Parent Representative for the 2017-2019 School Years. The results are as follows:

Parent Representative – Olimpio “Oly” Ballesteros
Parent Representative-Alternate – Bradley de Castro

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Reflection on the Year

This school year has been another year of improvement! The Turnaround Arts program is continuing to support our learning. Children are learning with the teachers using the arts strategies. The classrooms are places of joyful learning. This program also has given the school opportunities to use mini musical productions. We hope you can make it to one of our performances in May--Willy Wonka Kids!

The last day of school for students will be May 26th. Everyone is eager with anticipation but also a little sad about leaving their current classroom or school. Transitioning your child to the next grade level will help them grow up.

This month is our testing schedule for the state test, which is only given during the last quarter. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Also encourage your child to try their best. We know that a child's effort is critical in how well they do.

We are preparing for a few summer programs for students needing extra help. You will be notified if your child qualifies to attend our summer program. If your child is not a targeted student, you can help them at home. Have your child read every day for 10 to 20 minutes, this one thing will ensure your child will have a greater chance of graduating from high school. Take them to museums, libraries, the zoo and other places where they can learn about different things. Sign them up for summer fun programs where they will learn how to play with other children and learn teamwork and sportsmanship.

We are so grateful for your support this school year and if you are returning, we look forward to seeing you on our first day of school, August 7, 2017. Take care and be safe this summer!

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN!

If your child was born on or before July 31, 2012, please bring the **required documents** as soon as possible so we can prepare for your child's Kindergarten testing:

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 including Tuberculosis (TB) clearance, physical examination completed within one (1) 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
SAVE THE TIME!
COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

ELL FAMILY FUN NIGHT
MAY 23, 2017
(Tuesday)
5:45pm-6:45pm
Kalihi Kai School
Cafeteria

ELL Score Results Distribution
Student Awards Recognition
Family Activities
DOOR PRIZES
(Light Refreshments will be served)

As the year ends and summer approaches, visit the library and **READ**, take time to **LISTEN** to others and **SPEAK** with one other. **WRITING EVERYDAY** can help your child. Have a wonderful and safe break!

Any questions or concerns, please contact ELL Program, Joy Alcantra Sahagun, ELL COORDINATOR, at 832-3322.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY 2017

- 11-12 Willy Wonka Kids Musical Performance – 6:00 & 7:15 pm, Cafeteria
- 15 School Community Council Parent Informational Meeting (Sharing of the School's Academic & Financial Plan) & BINGO Night – 5:30-6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- 23 ELL Family Fun Night – 5:45-6:45 p.m., Cafeteria
- 25 4th Quarter Awards Assembly – 8:30 am
- 26 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – 1:30 pm DISMISSAL**
- 29 **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

AUGUST 2017

- 7 **STUDENTS' FIRST DAY OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR (2:15 pm DISMISSAL)**

“Click It or Ticket”
Campaign through May 2017

Please be sure that all children and youth between the ages of 4 and 17 are buckling up when riding as passengers in the back-seat of vehicles. We want to ensure our children are safe when riding in the car.

HAWAIIAN WORD FOR MAY

Hale Ipukūkui
“Lighthouse”

School & Office Hours

SCHOOL HOURS

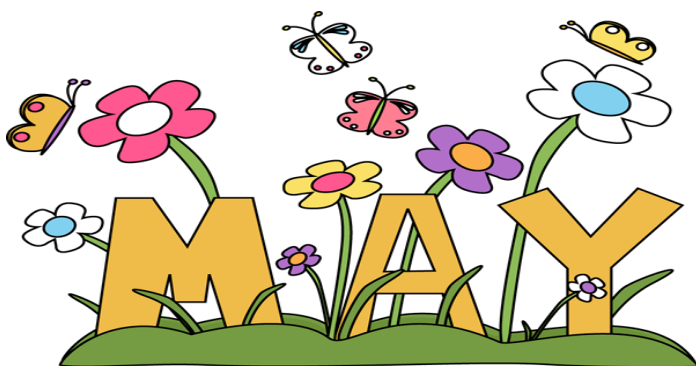
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS (BUILDING G)

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
Closed on Official Holidays

All visitors must report to the office and present a valid I.D., sign in the visitor's log, and obtain a visitor's pass while school is in session.

Visit our school website: <http://kalihikai.org>



KALIHI KAI IS A WELLNESS SCHOOL

Snacks: 200 calories or less + 8 grams or less of sugar + 8 grams or less of fat
Drinks: Water, low-fat or nonfat milk/milk substitutes, or 100% fruit juice

To celebrate your child's special occasion, we hope you will consider donating a class gift such as a book to your child's classroom or the school library, instead of cake or pizza.

Early Release from School

- Please contact our school office ahead of time if a student will be leaving school early.
- The request should include reason, date and time of the release with the parent's or authorized adult's signature. Only parents and authorized adults on the emergency card may pick up a student and must provide a valid I.D.
- The parent or authorized adult must report to the Administration Office (Building G) to sign out and obtain a Student Pass.
- After obtaining a student pass from the office, the parent or authorized adult may have to pick up the child from the classroom.
- Please avoid picking up your child during their scheduled IRA Days, recesses, and lunch times.

School Meal Deposits

- To avoid many trips to the office, parents are encouraged to deposit money to cover at least one month of school meals.
- If parents can only pay one meal at a time, please deposit prior to your child's meal time.
- For breakfast, please make a payment at the school office the day before, and for lunch, by 8:30 am that same day. This is to prevent your child's account from going into a negative balance. **Loans are not allowed.**
- Payment reminders are sent home daily for negative and low account balances. Please check with your child about these reminders.

Please call the school office at 832-3322 if you have any questions regarding your child's meal deposits.

School Days – Before School

- School begins at 8:00 am
- Students are not allowed on campus before 8:00 a.m. since there is no adult supervision.
- Students should be accompanied by an adult if coming to school before 8:00 am
- Students arriving after 8:10 a.m. or later must report to the office to get a tardy slip before going to class.

School Days – After School

- School ends at 2:15 pm; Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
- For safety reasons, **please be on time** to pick up your child since there is no adult supervision.
- Students are not allowed to loiter on campus after dismissal.
- Students must head home immediately after school, be enrolled in the A+ Program, or attend after school programs.
- HPD will assist students home if family

School Meals Eaten in Cafeteria

For safety reasons, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Guidelines state that school meals can only be eaten in the cafeteria and cannot be taken out for later consumption. Thank you for your understanding.

Meal Prices for 2016-2017 School Year

Breakfast (with Milk)

Regular Student Breakfast	\$1.10
Reduced Price Student Breakfast	\$0.30
2 nd Student Breakfast	\$2.20
Adult Breakfast	\$2.40
Milk Only	\$0.60

Lunch (with Milk)

Regular Student Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Price Student Lunch	\$0.40
2 nd Student Lunch	\$5.50
Adult Lunch	\$5.50

Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC)

Jonathan Farinas, Kalihi Kai School's Parent Community Networking Coordinator (PCNC), provides monthly parent coffee hours and workshops together with Joy A. Sahagun, our ELL Coordinator.

We strongly encourage our parents and guardians to attend these informative and interactive workshops to help you gain helpful tips and strategies to help your child become successful in school.

Please call Mr. Farinas at 832-3322 for more information about these exciting workshops this school year.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue collecting "Box Tops for Education" coupons located on many products (e.g. Kleenex tissues, Ziploc bags, cereals, baking mixes, etc.). Each box top is worth 10 cents, and proceeds will go toward our school programs for students.

Please turn in your box tops coupons to the Administration Office (Building G). Thank you for supporting our school through this program!



New Coupon

GRADE 3 NEWS

We can't believe it's already come to the last and final Quarter of your child's 3rd grade year. In this last month together, we have lots of excitement in store for your child.

As you know, our school has been working on producing Kalihi Kai's version of Willy Wonka! We have quite a few 3rd graders who have a bigger role in the play, but don't fret if your child is not a main character, they will be singing Oompa Loompa songs and in costume while they dance!

We will also be having a field trip coming up in May to McDonald's for our economics unit while we learn about opportunity cost. Economics will surely be exciting because we will also have your child make, sell, and buy things at Market Day (which we are calling Willy Wonka's Marketplace).



Last, but not least, we just wrapped up our Smarter Balanced Assessment for language arts last month. We will be starting our Smarter Balanced Assessment for math this month so we would like to ask that your child get a lot of rest and a healthy breakfast before school starts.

GRADE 4 NEWS

The Grade 4 teachers want to remind families that our students will be taking the SBA reading and math tests this month. Please encourage your children to try and do their best, get a good night sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast! We would like to thank all of the parents who attended our parent night last month. We hope you learned new strategies to use with your children!

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation for your support of your children and their education. We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

GRADE 5 NEWS

As the year comes to a close, the 5th graders push through with all their effort to get through the final month of school. SBA assessments take top priority as students challenge themselves to use all the knowledge they collected throughout the year to answer multiple choice and short response questions, followed by the dreaded "performance task". Reminder to parents that a good night's sleep and a nice breakfast can do wonders for students.

The Willy Wonka play is also being held and it is open to the public. 5th graders will be singing songs and performing along with the cast and we hope that ALL 5th graders (and their families) will be able to participate and enjoy the show. We have worked hard to make this performance a success and it would be wonderful to share this experience with all our 5th grade families.

May 19th is "transition day" where our 5th graders will be going to Kalakaua Middle School to see the campus and take part in fun activities. The purpose is to meet students from other schools who will soon become "classmates". The move from elementary to middle school can be a huge, stressful event for some and the transition day is a nice way to alleviate some of the fears and concerns.

Finally, we end the school year with our 5th grade picnic. The students will have a day to play with all of their friends and classmates. This will be one of their last chances to play together as some of their friends may not be transferring to Kalakaua Middle School.

It has been a great year filled with challenges and successes. The 5th grade teachers wish all students the best as they continue their educational endeavors through middle and high school. We hope the lessons they learned at Kalihi Kai Elementary will carry with them and that all students will strive to be good citizens and life-long learners.

