

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

Joyful Learning!

We have heard the buzz of learning in our classrooms, children synergizing and learning collaboratively. The Turnaround Arts program is continuing to support our learning. Children are learning with the teachers using the arts strategies and technology. Our teachers have worked hard this year to support every child in their learning. They meet the child where they are and try to help them to show more than a year's growth. We have a growth score of more than a year already. Encourage your children to keep trying and to give their best effort, because they are advancing.

The last day of school for students will be Thursday, May 31. We have our promotion day on the last day so children can go to the next grade level and meet a teacher. It may not be their teacher because staff is still being moved. But your child gets to see the next grade level. This helps them to be ready for next school year.

This month is our state test. It must be taken in the last quarter by grades 3, 4 and 5. Please have your child get a good night 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. This is important to show the state that the hard work our teachers are doing is making a difference.

This summer we are offering a program for our targeted students. You will be notified if your child is recommended for this program. It will run for about 10 days. It is shorter than past summers because we will be having 2 major construction projects. One will be the electrical upgrade for buildings H, I and J and the other is the redesigning of the parking lot along Kaumuali'i Street, if it is approved. We are hoping to have a pull in drop off area for parents to simply drive through and drive out. We hope this will improve traffic. But we are still waiting to see if it is approved.

We are so grateful for your support this school year and if you are returning, we look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 6, 2018. Remember to read every day for at least 10 to 20 minutes. Take care and be safe this summer!

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1 Grade 2 FT to Hawaii Nature Center
- 3 Grade K FT to Hakipu'u Educational Center
Grade 2 FT to Hawaii Nature Center
- 7 Grade 3 FT to Lyon Arboretum
- 9 9:00 am – WCCC Family Support Group, Building G Conference Room
- 10 Grade 3 FT to Lyon Arboretum
- 11 6:00 pm – Orff Ensemble & 'Ukulele Club Spring Concert, Cafeteria
- 17 5:30 pm – School Community Council Parent Meeting & BINGO Night, Cafeteria
- 23 5:30 pm – EL Parent Night, Cafeteria
- 28 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- 30 8:30 am – 4th Quarter Awards Assembly, Outdoor Stage
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

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

By Miss Komatsu, Music Teacher



April was a busy month for our 'Ukulele Club. On Friday, April 13, eight students – Antonette Cambe, Alaka'i Chang, Anthony Vallesteros, Audrei Santos, Ilyna Vehikite, Dylen Kageyama, Vel Angela Fernando, and Xavier Argones performed on live TV – KHON's Wake Up 2day Take 2. They gave viewers a small taste of what they would be performing at Waikiki Aquarium's "Mauka to Makai" environmental expo on Saturday, April 21. Immediately after their KHON appearance, the students were rushed to Farrington High School's stadium where they cheered on the Kalihi Kai Warrior athletes in the Complex's Elementary Track Meet. Go, Warriors!

Waikiki Aquarium was buzzing with activity at their 11th Annual "Mauka to Makai" fair on Saturday, April 21. Forty-eight 'Ukulele Club members took the stage to entertain the crowd. After their performance, the students had time to enjoy the booths and displays that taught them the importance of taking care of Hawaii's precious environment.

Coming up in May: **The Orff Ensemble and 'Ukulele Club** present their **Spring Concert on Friday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria**. And on May 19, the 'Ukulele Club performs at a Spring String Recital, presented by Farrington High School's String Program, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Farrington's auditorium. The Club will perform for 30 minutes.

Thank you to all the students in the Orff Ensemble and the 'Ukulele Club who made 2017-18 a great musical school year!



Playing for Change and Turnaround Arts released the "Love Train" video. The video features Turnaround Arts schools and artists from around the country. 30 students from Kalihi Kai were in the big group with Kamaile Academy and Waianae El students. Filming took place in January at Pokai Bay in Waianae. The Hawaii kids are featured at the 2:50 and 3:19 marks. The video can be found on YouTube and linked on our school's Facebook page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUXSVnGsYyY>

https://www.facebook.com/KalihiKai.org/?ref=br_rs

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

EL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Kalihi Kai School Cafeteria

ELL Score Results Distribution
Student Awards Recognition
Family Activities
DOOR PRIZES

(Light Refreshments will be served)

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

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

GRADE 4

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and the 4th Grade teachers want to remind families that we will be taking the SBA language arts and math tests in the coming days. The students will be taking the SBA language arts test from May 2nd to the 4th, and the SBA math test on May 7th and 8th. Please encourage your child to give their best effort, and to get a good night sleep and eat breakfast.

The 4th grade team would also like to thank you for your support of your children and their education. We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!



GRADE 5

Spring is here and the school year is coming to a close. We would like to thank you for all your support in your child's learning and development this year. The fifth-grade team is confident that your child will have a positive and smooth transition to middle school. At home, remind them to practice the 7 Habits they have been learning about this year.

Next month will be a busy and productive month. We will have our SBAC testing during the first two weeks. Please remind your child to "begin with the end in mind" and to make this a "win-win" experience. Students should get a good night's rest, a hearty breakfast and to drink plenty of water during this time.

On May 18, we are excited to go with the grade level to Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens for our end of the year RAP field trip. We are fortunate to have the support from the Honolulu Police Department's RAP program. The life skills taught to the students will help them be healthy and smart young members of society.

On May 24, we have our Kalakaua Transition Day. Students will get to see the campus, meet teachers, talk with students and get a sneak preview of what middle school life is like. Finally, on May 29, we have our Grade 5 Picnic. Students who have been modeling the 7-Habits and have showed leadership will be able to attend.

It is a wonderful time to close out the last days of 5th grade. Thank you for the wonderful school year. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

GRADE 3

Our third grade students will soon be heading into our Economics Unit. Students will be learning about making wise decisions with their precious resources such as time and money. Through our studies, students will engage with concepts such as scarcity and opportunity cost.

Third grade students enjoy this unit as they are presented with various real-life learning experiences. They will be going on a walking field trip to a business in our neighborhood for an opportunity to make real purchases with their own money. Culminating our unit, there will be a grade level Market Day held in school cafeteria. Third graders will experience a taste of what it is like to be a producer and a consumer. We look forward to this exciting unit ahead!

Third grade students will also begin our SBAC Math during the month of May. As a reminder, the third-grade teachers ask for your cooperation in helping your child be prepared for this task. Please help prepare your child by completing the list below.

- Have your child get a good night's rest.
- Prepare a healthy and hearty breakfast for your child.
- Assure that your child arrives to school on time.
- Encourage your child to do their best.
- Support your child by reviewing Math Journals ahead of time.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.