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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving!

I love this season of gratitude because it has the Thanksgiving Holiday, a day when we all give thanks for our blessings. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with your wonderful children. I feel so privileged to also be working with an outstanding staff that cares about children and their success. Thank you all as we work together to have each child discover their gifts and to find success through their gifts.

Thank you to all of our parents, guardians and staff who participated in our workshop and meetings. We know how important your support is to your child's success. They need your support to be successful.

We have started the process for WASC accreditation. This is a requirement by the Department to have all schools accredited. We are attending trainings and are scheduled to be visited in the Spring of 2019. It seems far away but it does take time to work on the school report that gets sent to the committee before they visit us. If you would like to be part of the work, please let our PCNC, Jonathan Farinas know. We need the voices of parents to be part of our report. Be on the lookout for surveys asking for your input. Mr. Farinas' number is 305-4123.

I want to thank all of you again for your support. Your support is very important to our success as a school. Please continue to show your child the importance of coming to school every day and to read every day for about 15 minutes. Did you know that if they read 15 minutes a day they estimate the child will read a million words in a year! I hope to see you at the next parent workshop!

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal



Vision Screening for Grades K, 1, & 3

The Kamehameha Lions Club will be providing a Vision Screening Clinic for students in grades K, 1 and 3 on Tuesday, November 14.

Parental consent forms are being sent home and are due back by Wednesday, November 1. For more information, please contact the school at 832-3322.



NEW STUDENT IDs

Students will be receiving their new IDs within the next week or so. Here are a few friendly reminders:

- 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 empower your child to be responsible for their ID and to bring it to school DAILY.

VISION

A community of innovative, lifelong learners.

MISSION

Together, the community of Kalihi Kai Elementary School creates a positive learning environment through effective collaboration and ongoing reflection. This results in empathetic, inquisitive and adaptive lifelong learners.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.



School Days – Before School

- School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- 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 a.m.
- 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, or be enrolled in the A+ Program, or attend after school programs.
- HPD will assist students home if family members cannot be contacted for pick up or if pick up is chronically or unreasonably late.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 2 School-Wide Mass Evacuation Drill
- 3 9:00 am – 1st Quarter Awards Assembly, Outdoor Stage
- 9 Preschool Field Trip to Foodland
- 10 NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day**
- 14 Vision Screening for Grades K, 1, and 3
- 16 School-Wide Mass Evacuation Drill (alternate)
- 21 School Flu Shot Clinic
- 23 – 24 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 29 8:00-10:00 am – Read To Me Parent Workshop, Cafeteria

DECEMBER

- 8 6:00 pm – ‘Ukulele Club & Orff Ensemble Holiday Concert, Cafeteria
- 20 2:15 pm Student Dismissal
- 21 1:30 pm Student Dismissal
- 22 – January 5 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**

JANUARY

- 8 Students Return to School**

SCHOOL-WIDE MASS EVACUATION DRILL

Our school will be participating in a school-wide Mass Evacuation Drill to Kalakaua Middle School the morning of Thursday, November 2. Please remember to have your child report to school on time.

*If the weather does not cooperate that day, the mass evacuation drill may be rescheduled to Thursday, November 16.

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

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.



GRADE 3 NEWS

In the classroom, your child has become meteorologists and physicists. He/she created a house that would need to withstand hurricane winds. Please ask your child how his/her groups turned out and how they could make it better. Feel free to even try it at home! As physicists, we studied the patterns of motion using wheels and axles and paper cups. We engineered different systems that either rolled in a straight path or curved path.

This month, our grade level is participating in Art Bento. A visiting artist will be coming to the school and teach our students about the different elements of art and how we can use interpretation to understand art. We will be visiting the Hawaii State Art Museum on Nov 15 or Nov 16. We are asking for any volunteers to help assist on this field trip.

Please encourage your child to read every day and study all multiplication facts. So far, we've learned 2's, 4's, 5's, and 10's fact. It is crucial for them to master all facts at the end of 3rd grade!

GRADE 4 NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended Parent-Teacher Conference. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to share your child's progress.

A couple of exciting events will take place during the second quarter. The fourth grade students will participate in the Artists in the Schools program. An artist from the Honolulu Theater for Youth will come into the classrooms to work with students on using vocal expression with poetry. The arts continues to engage students and has been a wonderful way for them to express their understanding and interpretation of the text they read.

Bike Ed Hawaii will bring their program to Kalihi Kai fourth graders in December. During the five day program, students will learn how to ride a bicycle, basic bike safety, and laws of the road. This program is offered at no cost to our fourth grade students. Bicycles, helmets, and safety vests will be provided, however, a signed waiver form is required for participation. More information will be sent home in the near future.

GRADE 5 NEWS

Fall is here and that means flu season is approaching. Flu shot forms have been sent home and that is one way to prevent students from getting sick. Other ways to keep students healthy is by eating a strong breakfast, drinking plenty of water and getting exercise (Habit 7: Sharpening the Saw). Also, please remind your child to wash his or her hands regularly, to not share (or eat) unhealthy snacks, and to let the teacher know immediately if they are not feeling well.

We are very excited to start our RAP sessions with the Honolulu Police Department. Once a month the police officers come to our school to teach students learn life skills, how to stand up against peer pressure, and productive methods for being a strong role model in their community. At the end of the year, there is usually a special field trip for the students to celebrate the completion of the course.

As the second quarter begins, we are focusing on our new and fascinating scientific investigations curriculum. Students will be conducting experiments, expanding their cognitive development, and participating in meaningful learning experiences. To enhance their learning, students will be working in groups to conduct experiments and put together science fair projects. A select group of students will be chosen to present their projects at the Honolulu District Science Fair at Farrington High School in February.

Finally, we are fortunate to be working with the Hawaii Museum of Art this year. Students have been producing works of art stemming from their studies of Native American culture and values. It is a great opportunity to create this "sand art" based on elements of nature, culture, and diverse beliefs. Ask your child about what they are learning.

Again, mahalo for all your support. Let us enjoy a great second quarter!



