

# Kalihi Kai Warriors Parent Bulletin



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons!

I wanted to correct the information shared at the Open House of our test results. Our scores were given us in error. Here are our real scores: Reading is 45%, Math is 34% and our Science was 48%.

October has so many things happening! Please make sure you schedule your parent teacher conference with your child's teacher. From October 23 to October 31, our school will end at 12:30 pm, so please pick up your child on time or make arrangements to have them picked up on time. A+ will also start at 12:30.

Don't forget that Fall Break will be from October 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should not come to school this week. Enjoy some family time, read to your child or have them read to you for at least 15 to 20 minutes every day. This is the one thing you can do at home that will ensure your child's success in school.

Our school staff is continuing our training for the Leader in Me program. We are learning how everyone can be a leader. We want to empower our students to be able to make strong choices that will help them to succeed. We will be using strategies from this FranklinCovey program to help build student leadership.

I want to update you about our classrooms without air conditioning and our efforts to create optimal learning environments for our children. We have a project going to bid for an electrical upgrade. This is to increase power to Buildings H, I, and J. Once we get that project done, then we will have enough power to install air conditioning to our classrooms. Until we do get the air conditioning, you can also take steps by dressing your child in cooler clothing. We will remind them to drink water and stay hydrated as well. Thank you for your patience as we continue to advocate to completely air condition our school to mitigate dust and noise from the Rail that is coming our way.

Sincerely,

Laura Vines  
Principal

## 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.

## KALIH 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.

## 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

### **OCTOBER**

- 3 5:00 pm – West Honolulu Community Children’s Council Meeting, School Library
- 9 – 13 **NO SCHOOL – Fall Intersession Break**
- 19 5:30 pm – School Community Council Parent Meeting & BINGO Night, School Cafeteria
- 26 Preschool & FSC Field Trip
- 23 – 31 **Parent-Teacher Conferences**  
(12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal)

### **NOVEMBER**

- 3 9:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly, Outdoor Stage
- 10 **NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day**
- 21 School Flu Shot Clinic
- 23 – 24 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday**

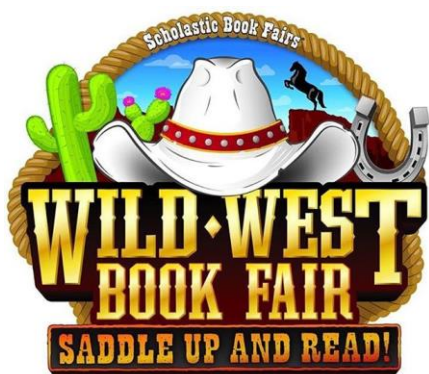
## REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION



To request special accommodations to an event you wish to attend on our school campus, please contact the principal at 832-3322. To arrange for reasonable accommodations, notifications should be given at least 10 days in advance.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
2. Have an adult check your yummy treats before eating.
3. Wear reflective/bright clothing and carry a flashlight.
4. Make sure you can see if you are wearing a mask.
5. Don’t go to homes that you are not familiar with or that don’t have lights on.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: MAHALO!

Mahalo to parents, students, Kalihi Kai Faculty & Staff for visiting and supporting our Book Fair on September 25-29.

## 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

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

October marks the beginning of our 2nd Quarter into the Kindergarten experience and our first "field trip". The Kindergartners are looking forward to our visit from the Honolulu Police Department. The police officers will give the children a hands-on tour of their police car and talk about ways to be safe while crossing the street, playing in the park, or staying at home. These are some of the safety tips that have been shared in the past:

### **Home/Playground Safety Tips:**

- Children should be able to clearly say their name (first & last), address and phone number. BONUS: Practice saying mommy and daddy's name.
- Always use a "BUDDY" system when playing outside or at the park.
- Stay away from strangers - never talk to, take treats from, help to find things or go away with someone you do not know.
- At home do not open the door for anyone you do not know.
- If you need help, are lost, or have an emergency, call 911.

### **Road Safety Tips:**

- Always cross at a designated crosswalk and respect the traffic light. REMINDER: Do not start to walk once the countdown starts.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and make sure the drivers see you.
- Walk on the sidewalk, not on the road.
- Wear reflective/bright clothing when walking at night.
- Always wear a seatbelt or sit in a child-friendly car seat/booster seat.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike or skateboard.

As we begin the 2nd Quarter, we look forward to catching up with the families during Parent-Teacher Conference. Please remember to check your date and if changes need to be made contact your child's teacher. These are a few helpful tips to ensure continued success in school:

- Please check and empty homework folders daily (making sure assignments are completed and returned in the folder). Daily practice will help your child learn and remember lessons and help to develop responsibility.
- Talk to your child about what they are doing in school. Speaking in complete sentences helps to build vocabulary and strengthen language skills.
- Read with your child DAILY!
- Encourage your child to be independent and responsible (i.e. taking care of their own folders, library books, backpacks, ID cards etc.).
- Remember to deposit money into your child's lunch account at the office.
- Please park at the Kaumuali'i Street parking lot if you need to park your vehicle.

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS, continued**

- To start the day off with a positive mood, set clothing out the night before, get to bed early, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school on time.
- Cold & flu season is starting please practice good hygiene techniques (i.e. washing hands, using a tissue, brushing your teeth, etc.) to stay healthy, however, if you are sick and staying home please call the office to let them know.

## **GRADE 1 NEWS**

We can't believe how quickly first quarter has gone by! Our first graders continue to work hard and do their very best.

Your first grader has been learning their sounds through a method called Orton Gillingham (OG) which we will continue through the month of October. They do different daily activities to help them read and spell. We are also teaching your child about COPS (Capitalization, Organization, Punctuation, Spelling). This is something you can use at home to help your child form sentences.

In reading this month, your child will continue learning about our focus comprehension skill: key details and our focus comprehension strategy: visualize (using words and pictures to create images in our mind). In math, your child will be learning about subtracting (writing equations, practicing the count-back strategy, solving word problems), geometry (2D shapes), addition strategies (doubles).

Please continue to give your child love and support. Have a wonderful and safe October Break and we can't wait to meet you all at Parent Teacher Conferences!

## **GRADE 2 NEWS**

Our first field trip to Tenny Theatre was an enjoyable one! We watched a live performance of Mu Lan, a story from China. It goes along nicely with our social studies unit of families from different communities and cultures. We saw that no matter where we live in this world, there are lessons that we all hold dear...one being that families stick together!

With that in mind, our hope is that you all enjoy spending special time together during your Fall Intersession. Take time to visit the public library during these hot, humid days. Go check out new and old movies at the local theatre. Plan a picnic at the beach. Sing songs and make up stories. Take time to read daily and talk about what was read. There are so many ways to incorporate learning in a real and natural way!

The teachers are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you during our Parent-Teacher Conference week. Your child should have brought home a confirmation notice to meet to discuss his/her progress in school. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

