



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kalihi Kai Elementary  
626 McNeill Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

August 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented all of us with unexpected challenges and many difficult decisions. Like you, we face these circumstances with determination, but recognize the need for our plans to remain flexible as conditions change. Thank you for your ongoing patience, support, and understanding as we do what is right and in the best interest of our community in facing the challenges of this pandemic together.

From the start, and while trying to follow the directions from the Department of Education, Kalihi Kai's top priority has been the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and broader community. Evaluating the current health conditions and factoring for uncertainty in the months ahead, **we will not have students come to school for face-to-face instruction next week (August 17th-20th)** as originally planned. Instead, Kalihi Kai will have a materials and technology pick-up on August 17-19. **The schedule for each grade level is attached.** During this time, we will allow families to come to school, in small, controlled, grade level groupings. The purpose is to have students receive materials, technology, and complete beginning of the year forms. Parents will be asked to fill out several important documents at this time including a form for families that need to borrow technology for virtual learning at home. **Technology will not be released to the student unless this form is completed and signed by their parent or guardian.** Online instruction will take place during the week of August 17th. Vulnerable students who struggle with a virtual learning platform will be asked to attend school on campus for face-to-face instruction as appropriate and will be contacted by the school.

From August 24 to September 11, all students who are able to access and engage with teachers via a virtual learning platform will continue to do so from home. We continue to monitor and adhere to the CDC, DOH, State and county guidelines. In addition, we will monitor student progress and make a collective decision on next steps no later than September 8. All students who have opted to participate in the school's **100% distance learning program, Acellus, are not expected on campus at all during at least the first semester**, unless they are picking up a school-loaned device.

We know that this decision and the timing of our announcement may change your plans for next week. Our faculty and staff were looking forward to welcoming back our students to the new school year, but we know this is the best and safest decision for our community and is much needed in order to minimize the number of students on our campus. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding. **Please see the attached information regarding meal service and the grade level material/technology pick-up schedule.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marc Kawahara".

Marc Kawahara  
Principal

## GRADE LEVEL MATERIALS/TECHNOLOGY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

- Parents/guardians must be present
- Please come during your child's scheduled time, if you have multiple children, you will have to come multiple times
- Please bring a pen and a hard surface to write on, as forms will need to be completed
- Wear a mask and social distance

Date/Time	Grade Level	Location
<b>Monday (AM)</b> 9AM - 12PM	Grade 3 Students	Cafeteria
<b>Monday (PM)</b> 12PM - 3PM	Grade 5 Students	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms
<b>Tuesday (AM)</b> 8AM - 12PM	Grade 1 Students	1st Grade Classrooms
<b>Tuesday (AM)</b> 8AM - 12PM	Grade 4 Students	Cafeteria
<b>Tuesday (PM)</b> 11AM- 3PM	Grade 2 Students	2nd Grade Classrooms
<b>Wednesday</b> Group A: 8:00-9:30 Group B: 10:00-11:30	Grade K	Cafeteria

### **Kalihi Kai Breakfast and Lunch Grab 'n' Go Service August 17th - September 11th**

#### **Breakfast grab 'n' go service: 7:15-7:50 am**

- Enter the school campus through Kalihi Street entrance.
- Breakfast meals will be **grab 'n' go** and served from 7:15-7:50am.
- Students will need their student I.D.s to purchase breakfast meals.
- If your child lost their student I.D. or is a new student to Kalihi Kai, our cashiers will still be able to process their breakfast in our school system.
- You may deposit money in your child's meal account at the front office.

#### **Lunch grab 'n' go service: 11:10-11:40 am**

- Enter the school campus through Kalihi Street entrance.
- Lunch will be **grab 'n' go** and served from 11:10-11:40am.
- Students will need their student I.D.s to purchase lunch meals.
- If your child lost their student I.D. or is a new student to Kalihi Kai, our cashiers will still be able to process their lunch in our school system.
- You may deposit money in your child's meal account at the front office.