Aloha mai kākou e nā `ohana!

Having positive relationships throughout kula ha‘aha‘a is a value that we hope to demonstrate and perpetuate among our haumana, ‘ohana, faculty and staff.

As we consider the nationwide news reports of students being bullied both in and out of school, we are working hard to be proactive by taking the subject of bullying seriously. We believe that building and nurturing pilina (relationships) each and everyday is a key component in teaching our haumana to be pono with one another and to show aloha for everyone.

This year, we started by clarifying the definition of bullying because this is an area of misconception for many.

**Bullying is unwanted, hurtful behavior done on purpose that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.**

To help teach our students the definition of bullying, staff members worked together to create a child friendly definition:

**Bullying is when someone is repeatedly mean to someone else because they think they are cooler, smarter, stronger or better than them.**

In future editions of Nā Pōki‘i we will continue to share information that you may find useful in your discussions with your keiki. We’ll share tips that could help you help your keiki be a good friend to others and to learn how to support peers who may be subjected to bullying.

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We recently honored our food services aunties and uncles at our morning oli. Students in kindergarten and fifth grade brought loads of snacks and goodies that were combined into two huge goodie baskets (with lots of other filled bags as well). The goodie baskets were presented to the food services ‘ohana.

Our ‘Aha ‘Ōpio president, Brock Malani, expressed our kula's gratitude for the wonderful and ‘ono breakfasts, lunches and snacks that our food service department offers.

Sonny Lapenia, food services assistant manager, shared that he and his staff are here to provide healthy choices for the students. Uncle Sonny encouraged the students to try different food items, while making sure to smile and say mahalo as well. Great advice, Uncle Sonny!

Nā Koa Reward Days

The Nā Koa Reward Card Program is one of the many ways students are recognized for their good work at our kula. This program focuses on rewarding students throughout the year for demonstrating the school-wide expectations (Be Respectful or Hōʻihi, Be Responsible or Kuleana and Be Safe or Palekana) that are reinforced throughout the year.

A letter was sent home to parents at the start of this school year detailing this program. Here are the criteria students must meet during the designated monitoring period:

1. Student must attend school every day and be on time. Excused absences and excused tardies will not count against earning a card punch.

2. Students must make good behavior choices. Any minor or major referral counts against earning a punch. (see handbook page 28; item #5.)

Our ‘Aha ‘Ōpio (student council) members have met and determined the kinds of reward days they would like this year.

For the month of October—it is HAT DAY!
**Wear Pink Day!**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To honor Princess Pauahi, who died of breast cancer on October 16, 1884, we will be wearing **PINK** on Friday, Oct. 18th.

Students, faculty and staff may bring in $1 donation (optional), which will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation.

Flyers will be sent home after the Fall Break with more details.

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**Belts, Belts, Belts**

As a reminder, all students are required to wear uniforms on a daily basis (with the exception of special dress days) and must meet the dress and appearance standards as noted in the Student Parent Handbook (pages 22 & 23).

Recently, we have had an increase of students coming to school without their belts (grades 1-5 only). Our administration office has a few belts for students to borrow. However, it is the students’ responsibility to remember his/her belt as part of their uniform. Should our administration office run out of spare belts, the student will be issued a dress code violation.

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Our kula will participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. For the past seven years, our students and staff have been collecting items, and filling special shoeboxes for children in need all over the world.

At our October Ekalesia on Monday, October 21st, with the guidance of Kahu Ruth Farrell, we will kick off our Operation Christmas Child campaign. Boxes will be given to each class so that students can bring in donations to fill them.

At our Thanksgiving Convocation on Monday, November 25th, we will have the boxes blessed and they will be sent off around the world!

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**Halloween at Kula Ha‘aha‘a**

Halloween is *creeping* up on us fast! There are always lots of activities that occur in classrooms on this day. Make sure to read the emails that your PTO class representatives send you as they will be chock full of information regarding parent volunteers that are needed.

One of the highlights of the day is our traditional Halloween parade. Students dress in costumes after lunch, gather at the dining hall and then parade around campus.

Flyers will be sent home as the date nears providing guidance and specifics on what is appropriate to wear. Costume apparel to avoid: costumes depicting monsters, death, and other frightening characters. Items resembling guns or weapons, or harmful apparatus are not allowed. No tattoos; excessive make up. If you will be providing a treat, healthy snacks or non-food items are appreciated.

It is mandatory that students wear their school uniform to and from school on that day.
iPad Roll Out is Here!

Our tech staff has been SO BUSY rolling out iPads to all the haumana. We started last week Friday and continue through this week. Everyone is excited! A big mahalo to our fearless leaders and helpers: Ellen Cordeiro, Carmen Richardson and all of our support staff (Uncle Brian, Uncle El and Uncle Kyle). And all of the EAs and teachers have been extremely helpful, too.