



THRIVE!

NĀ PŌKI‘I

Ke Kula Ha‘aha‘a o Kamehameha ma Hawai‘i



Keiki Choir Loves Disneyland

Members of the Kamehameha Schools Hawai‘i Keiki Choir will be traveling to California during spring break to share their aloha and voices.

Under the direction of Mrs. Debus, 55 of the 3rd-6th grade members, along with 58 of their ‘ohana, and our Middle School Band will fly to Los Angeles to perform at a music festival, give a concert at the Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church, entertain on the Thunder Mountain Stage at Disneyland and offer a musical ho‘okipa at the Manhattan Beach Community Church.

The students and their families have been preparing and fund-raising for well over a year for this once in a lifetime trip. Of course the keiki will have lots of fun, too, as they visit Universal Studios, feast at the Medieval Times dinner show, attend the Clippers basketball game, have lunch with Kamehameha alumni and friends and, of course, spend three days at the “Happiest Place On Earth”- Disneyland. They look forward to sharing all their wonderful adventures upon their return to school.

We wish them safe travels and a hui hou.



Malaki 2014

Mon. 3/10	Ekalesia (special white attire mandatory)
Wed. 3/12	Nā Koa Reward Day
Thurs. 3/13	Sidewalk Chalk Art Day
Mon. 3/17 - Fri. 3/21	Spring Break 
Mon. 3/24	Return to School
Wed. 3/26	Prince Kūhiō Day Holiday - No School
Fri. 3/28	Aloha Wear Day

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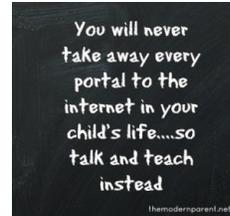
21st Century is HERE

We are actively engaged in 21st Century teaching and learning. Students are problem solving and exploring the many ways the iPad can be used as a tool for learning. They are developing key skills that will help them throughout their lives. Students are collaborating with each other as well as people around the world through Skype and Google Docs. They are communicating with a global audience through blogging. They think critically as they learn about other people and communities through Skype projects. But most importantly, they are constantly creating, creating, creating. Students are taking their learning to new levels, using technology to share what they have learned. At Kula Ha‘aha‘a, teachers are teaching students, students are teaching teachers, students are teaching students, and teachers are even teaching teachers! In this collaborative atmosphere, we are finding that the iPads have enhanced our sense of community. We are all here to support each other. We are an ‘ohana.

Balancing Technology With Quality 'Ohana Time



Jim Taylor, PhD, author of "Raising Generation Tech: Preparing Your Children for a Media-Fueled World," published in 2012, encourages parents to assess both the frequency and content of technology exposure. Taylor also challenges parents to gauge the limitations and guidelines they set on technology usage while looking for ways to balance that exposure with other beneficial life experiences and influences. Time spent immersed in technology should not outweigh time spent pursuing physical activities, family togetherness and social activities with peers. Many families choose to craft a media policy that clearly outlines acceptable uses of technology and the consequences of any violations.



Operations Appreciation Day

We are so blessed to attend a kula that is not only bar none, one of the top schools in the state academically, but our facilities are phenomenal as well. Our uncles and aunties of the Operations Division, which includes grounds, custodian and maintenance employees, were recently honored at our Monday morning oli. Uncle Peter Fuchs, Director of Campus Operations/Fiscal Manager, related to our keiki that his staff is honored to work for them and for our Princess. "You are all like our keiki and we are here to make sure you are in a clean, safe and comfortable learning environment".

Our 'Aha 'Ōpio officers and representatives presented our honorees with lots off goodie baskets in appreciation for all that they do for our kula.

An extra special mahalo to our first and fourth grade 'ohana who donated all of the goodies and snacks.



Operations personnel (grounds, custodians & maintenance) along with 'Aha 'Ōpio students

Kūpono - Hawaiian Value for the Third Trimester

Kūpono – Honest, decent, proper, appropriate, rightful, reliable, right, just, fair.

Kūpono, our Hawaiian value for the third trimester, has many translations, all focusing on the attribute of making positive choices and doing the right thing. Let's take a look at the word in its two parts:

Kū– to stand or to stay

Pono – righteousness

In other words, to stand in righteousness, to do what is decent and right, especially in the face of opposition or when others are not necessarily standing with you. Everyday we strive to teach our keiki to make good choices. In all matters, we have choices: we can choose the path of righteousness or the "other" path. And at times we don't make the right choices. But we learn from our mistakes and hopefully choose to be *kūpono* when faced with a similar circumstance.

Every month, teachers select two students from class who demonstrate above and beyond all others, the Hawaiian value during that period. We honor these students at our monthly Hāweo luncheons where parents and 'ohana are invited to sit on stage with their honorees.

Each trimester, at our trimester awards ceremony, we honor two students from each class who have demonstrated the respective Hawaiian value for the entire trimester. They receive a special certificate and a makana for their efforts.

