



THRIVE!

NĀ PŌKI‘I

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

*Kūpono - Hawaiian Value for the Third Trimester****Aloha mai kākou e nā makua a me nā ‘ohana kula ha‘aha‘a!***

As we wrap up this school year, we all ponder--where has the time gone? As the new po‘o kumu of our kula it has been a year of blessings and wonder as I experienced the love of our princess through our keiki, kumu and ‘ohana. The following are a few of the highlights this past year:

- 1:1 quickly became 1:world as our haumana and kumu demonstrated the endless possibilities of making connections through technology. Mrs. Ah Hee’s class was contacted by Laura Schroff, author of *An Invisible Thread*. She was so impressed with their thing link poster about her book that she had to meet them. Ms. Pai’s class connected with other indigenous students from Canada, Northern Alaska, Aotearoa and Australia. Haumana learned about the experiences and impact of colonization on other indigenous people.
- Keiki Choir served as ambassadors in California sharing their aloha and mele with many, the highlight being their performance at Big Thunder Mountain Stage at the happiest place on earth. On the heels of that performance, Beatle Mania rocked the Spring Concert.
- The Hawaiian value **kahiau** was evident with the donation of 140 Operation Christmas Child Boxes that were blessed during Thanksgiving Convocation. Students also collected nearly \$600 for Pennies for Pauahi.
- Papa ‘ekolu collected \$1,300 through donations from students, teachers and Indian Tree Ranch. They were able to bless several families with necessities and Christmas gifts this past holiday season. Their successful market day left us in amazement as students sold their wares from bamboo fishing poles to delicious desserts.
- Mahalo to Kumu Marcie and the kōkua of our ‘ohana as we shared our aloha and mahalo through bountiful makana for our staff in food service, transportation, security and operations.
- Papa ‘elima traversed East Hawai‘i exploring various wahi pana from Onekahakaha to Laupāhoehoe on the Hāmākua Coast. Local experts shared the history of these places and their connections to our kupuna and our ‘ohana that currently reside in these areas.
- Students garnered honors in art by having their work selected for display at Prince Kūhiō Plaza, Wailoa Art Center, Hawai‘i Museum of Contemporary Art and the Hawai‘i Convention Center.
- Papa ‘ehā learned about their ahupua‘a and went on their annual huaka‘i to Kohala. They visited wahi pana from Kamehameha’s birthplace in Kokoiki to Pu‘ukoholā Heiau, learning about this important leader and the unification of the Hawaiian Islands.
- Papa ‘elua enjoyed the support of ‘ohana during their Mini Mart days and Mini Christmas Craft Fair. Then, at the Earth Day Fair, students visited gardens, planted seeds and took home native plant seedlings.
- Papa mālaa‘o learned about communities and all things that are part of community: different shelters, transportation, recreation and work. They went on huaka‘i to Target, Safeway and the Hawai‘i County Police Station to see the community in action. Community members also gave to the classes, reading and donating books through the Rotary Club members.

As we close out the year, I want to mahalo our ‘ohana for the countless hours given to our kula. Your willingness to chaperone huaka‘i, donate makana and volunteer for varied classroom kuleana makes our kula special. I wish you and your ‘ohana a summer of rest and rejuvenation. And, I look forward to welcoming you and your keiki back in August.

Finally, ho‘omaika‘i to our ‘alaka‘i, papa ‘elima, as they transition to middle school. Continue to strive to be fine examples of good and industrious young men and women.

***I mua e nā pōki‘i! I mua Kamehameha!***

Mrs. Kanehailua, Po‘o Kumu

Summer Vacation

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Fri. 5/2	May Day Program - 8:15am
Mon. 5/5	Faculty In-Service - No School
Fri. 5/16	End of Year Convocation (special white attire mandatory)
Fri. 5/23	Last Day of School! See you next year!

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Summer Reading: Tips for the 'Ohana

You've got the books. You've got the iPad. You've got the Kindle. Some of you even have reading lists! But what else can you do to support your keiki this summer?

The summer months provide a great opportunity for you to help your child continue to develop reading fluency (accurate and smooth reading). Here are four things that can help:

- Choose books that your child can comfortably read. In general, there should be five or fewer words that provide challenge within a page.
- Listen to your child read everyday. Offer help when your child gets stuck, and always give lots of praise and encouragement.
- Encourage your child to reread favorite books, and make it fun! Repeated reading improves fluency, comprehension, and provides opportunities to practice reading with expression.
- Read to your child. Find time each day to read books that are just beyond your child's reading level. Your keiki will enjoy listening to more advanced stories and will hear a great example of fluent reading.



"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Roald Dahl, author

Sharpen Math Skills in the Summer



It's hard to believe that the end of another school year is upon us. Be mindful that a long summer break can cause our keiki to forget some of things that they learned during the school year. Keep your child's math skills sharp by working with him/her throughout the summer months. Here are a few suggestions:

- Play math games/activities on the computer. There are an endless amount of online math sites and resources that are free and fun. IXL Math will also be available to you all summer long.
- Practice basic math facts with flash cards. Although this may not be for every child, it is known to be very effective strategy for some.
- Take your child on an occasional shopping trip and bring along a calculator to add up all of your purchases. It's a great way to introduce decimals and to work with money.
- Take a trip to the library to find math-related picture books. Math Start and Math Matters are two series of books written especially for elementary students.

In the end, it is all about allowing for a variety of experiences to keep it new and exciting for your keiki. Remember to monitor the time spent in front of the computer. And try to connect math skills to real-life scenarios. Have a safe and fun summer!



Got Goodies?

If you are planning to bring in snacks/goodie bags for your special student, please contact your child's teacher first to make arrangements on delivery times. Students/teachers could either be in their classrooms or in transition to specials classes. Also, don't forget to stop by our administration office to check in with Aunty B prior to heading to your child's class.



PTO School Store Hours

Stay ahead of the game and stop by the PTO School Store to purchase various KS logo items inclusive of outerwear for your child.



Located at the Pai'ea Football Stadium, the PTO School Store hours for the remainder of the school year are as follows:

Friday, May 2: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, May 10: 11:00 am - 3:30pm

Wednesday, May 21: 2:00 pm - 4:00pm