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# KES NEWSLETTER

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October 2009

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## He Aha ka Nūhou ma ke Kula Ha'aha'a 'o Kamehameha ma Kapālama

Aloha e nā Mākua a me nā Keiki,

Mahalo for joining your teachers at the recent school conferences held in early October. We trust that the keiki had a nice fall break as well. Our KES wa'a continues to travel along at a brisk pace as we head in to mid-semester and the holiday season. We ask that you continue to mālama pono i kou ola kino (take care of your health) as the flu season approaches. We also ask that parents and students continue to work to improve efforts in all academic and special subjects. The first semester ends on December 18, 2009, and we anticipate great learning to occur both within the classroom and outside of school, in the classroom of the world. Mahalo parents for the important role that you play in teaching and learning for your keiki.

We also extend an invitation for parents to get their volunteer clearance so that you can kōkua at school events and activities, like the chess club and Hui Holoholo. We do appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of your keiki and our school. Here's wishing you a safe Halloween and Ke Akua pū.

Mr. Holoua Stender,  
Po'okumu o ke kula ha'aha'a

KES 'Ohana Blog Site  
<http://blogs.ksbe.edu/KES/>

Comments are always welcome!!

### Upcoming Events

Oct 28: Flu Vaccination

Nov 4: Early Release Day - 12:30 dismissal

Nov 11: Veteran's Day

Nov 25: Mahalo Day

Nov 26-27: Thanksgiving Break

### Ka Hui Holoholo



#### Jogging and Walking Group

Want a great start to your day?!?! Come and join Ka Hui Holoholo (Walkers and joggers) every Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:15-7:40 a.m.

This group, headed by K-3 PE teacher, Jay Tschillard and open to all students K-6, offers a chance to explore the KS campus in ways only few have seen ☺!! This is a great opportunity to stimulate the mind and body and start your day off on the right (or left) foot!!



#### Reminder:

Flu Shots will be given on October 28, 2009.

### Bus Pass Reminders

Students who ride on the KS buses have been issued identification cards with a bus logo. This is their bus pass. If your student does not present their bus pass when entering the bus in the morning, the driver will allow the student to board the bus however, during the school day (**before 11:00 a.m.**), your student must go to the KES office to receive a temporary pass to use for boarding the bus in the afternoon. At the end of the school day, all students must have a bus pass to board the bus.

If your student rides the bus only in the afternoon, your student must use their bus pass to board the bus. It may be a good idea for your student to check for their bus pass during their ride from home to school so they can obtain a temporary bus pass from the office if needed.

Temporary bus passes are used for one school day without charge and need to be returned to the office the following school day. If a student keeps the bus pass because they need to use the pass again the following day, a charge of \$10.00 will be assessed. Lost bus passes may be replaced for a charge of \$10.00.

Parents may punch a hole into the bus pass to secure it to their child's back pack if they wish, however, please keep in mind that the hole needs to be punched in clear area on the pass..



## Health and Safety News!!

Feeling the heat lately? Our Hawaiian Islands are famous for beaches and our great weather featuring an intense sub-tropical sun.

At KES, we recognize that everyday sun exposure matters and is cumulative for the life of your child. We are committed to providing your child a healthy environment. The time children spend with us outside of the classroom during recess, during PE classes on the field and at the pool, during field trips and in before and afterschool activities adds up, and it is only part of their busy lifestyle.

Current work in science, health and fitness is showing us we all need to be more aware of sun exposure. We ask for your support as we strive to make our school a sun-safe school.

Please help us reinforce sun safety measures by encouraging your child to do the following as appropriate:

- Limit time in the mid day sun
- Seek shade
- Always use sunscreen
- Wear a hat
- Have sunglasses

This year we are looking forward to sharing a special opportunity with you to keep your child safer at school—watch for more information to come home with your child. Good luck keeping your cool!

## No Spring Pictures Year

*This year we have decided not to schedule Spring Pictures with Lifetouch.*

*If you are interested in taking spring pictures please contact their Aiea Heights location at 455-6570 to schedule an appointment.*

## KES Assessment Update!!

We completed our beginning of the school year baseline assessments in August. Our K-6 baseline writing assessments were shared in your child's Compositifolio during our recent parent teacher conferences. Our writers will also complete mid and end of the year Writing assessments. This information, along with grade level writing expectations will continue to be communicated via schoolwide Compositifolios.

Students in grades 2-6 also participated in baseline GMADE (Group Math Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation). Grades 4-6 students also completed their beginning of the year GRADE (Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation). GMADE and GRADE information was mailed home to parents a week before parent teacher conferences. End of the year post assessment data will also be mailed home.

Although the aforementioned tools are used to check on growth in achievement, they are one assessment piece in the larger student achievement profile/picture. Results should be viewed alongside other evidence of your child's learning such as class work, homework, classroom assessments, report cards, portfolios, and performances.

## Golden Pencils Book Sale December 10<sup>th</sup>!!



*Deadline to submit books to Mrs. Anna Sumida is November 13, 2009.*

*Please contact her at 842-8861 or [ansumida@ksbe.edu](mailto:ansumida@ksbe.edu) for any questions. More information regarding the sale to come out later.*

## KSCC Fundraiser

*The Kamehameha Schools Children's Chorus is planning an exciting trip to Japan this June will have a number of items available for sale at the end of November. Among these items, we have cookbooks, t-shirts, polo shirts and an new CD – Just in time for Christmas!!*

*More information will be sent out to share sale date information with you.*



## Parking Reminders

*Please do not park in staff parking stalls before school hours. Stalls are intended for staff use only. If you are interested in finding a spot to wait with your child until 7:30 a.m. please park in the lower Kekelaokalani parking lots.*

## Grade 4 Garden Rules

*As some of you are aware, we have a beautiful teaching garden on the Diamond Head side of Room 20 that is a wonderfully serene place to come and enjoy.*

*It is the primary kuleana of our Grade 4 students, teachers and ATP parents to upkeep the garden but we would like to ask for your kokua in helping us maintain the beautiful surroundings by keeping to the following rules:*

1. Adult supervision is required at ALL times while in the garden.
2. Please clean up after yourself before leaving the garden.

*Mahalo for your assistance!!*