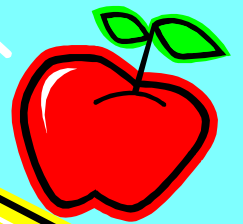


September 2013

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 9/2: **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
9/18: 'Ohana Activity: Hawaiian Values (8:30 - 10:30 am)
9/20: **NO SCHOOL**, Teacher Work Day

October

- 10/2 - 3: **NO SCHOOL**, 'Ohana Conferences
10/4: **NO SCHOOL**, Teacher In-Service
10/7 - 11: **NO SCHOOL**, Fall Break
10/24: **FIELD TRIP**: Aloun Farms
10/31: 'Ohana Activity

Curriculum Overview

During the month of September we will continue our unit called "All About Me". Students will also begin to learn about Kamehameha I. Our returning Fours will extend their learning from last year by studying their names and sharing their birth story with the class. This theme will help us to learn about and investigate who we are as individuals and as lifelong learners. Our learning focus will be on:

- * Kamehameha I * Who Am I?
- * Hawaiian Values

'Ohana Conferences

We will have our 'Ohana Conferences on October 2 & 3, 2013. This conference will be a time to talk story about your keiki and find out how he/she has adjusted to the program. We will post sign-up sheets on September 9, so please sign-up early!

This is a parent requirement so please plan ahead and reserve an appointment time. We ask that you leave keiki at home so that we can have the opportunity to meet without interruption!



Pu'u Kāhea Preschool
Room 3, Papa Lokelani
Ms. Dana & Ms. Maddy

Aloha mai kākou!

Our new year has gotten off to an amazing start. Your keiki have had an amazingly smooth transition to school. They practice showing **ALOHA, MĀLAMA, and KULEANA** throughout the day. It has been exciting to see this group of children start out the year with enthusiasm and excitement!

If you have not yet had the opportunity, please visit our class blog (<http://blogs.ksbe.edu/waianaepreschool/>). I will add posts throughout the year and welcome your comments, feedback, and new ideas! If you have given your approval, I will also post photos of your child so that you can see what we are doing throughout the year. If you have lost the photo gallery password, please check with Ms. Dana. **We ask that you keep the password confidential to ensure the cyber-safety of our keiki.**

We will open our outdoor centers this month (sensory and music) and introduce new literacy activities. Our four-year-olds will begin writing/journaling small groups and our threes will begin to participate in tracing activities as part of their morning work. I look forward to a fabulous month with all of you!

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ms. Dana

Hau'oli lā Hānau

We will celebrate two birthdays in September!

09/12: Jaceton Ha'o Magno
09/23: Diesel Kapahu

'Ohana Activity

On September 18 (Wed), from 8:30 am - 10:00 am, we will have an 'Ohana Activity. Please join us for a fun-filled morning! We will talk about our Hawaiian Values and our Kumulā'au Kukui display that we will work to create this school year. This display will visually represent our classroom 'ohana.

Note: Please make arrangements for child care if you have younger keiki.

Health Check

We conduct a health check every Monday morning (or the first day back to school after a holiday). At this time we check each child's hair for signs of head lice ('uku) and nails. Please be sure to clean your child's nails and cut them short. This is to minimize the potential for impetigo and other contagious skin diseases. This health check is an easy way to ensure that our classroom and preschool site provide a healthy environment for all our keiki!

Please wait until your child has been cleared before leaving on Monday mornings.

Kamehameha Schools Kindergarten Applications

KS Kindergarten Applications are available online or at the Community Learning Center at Nānākuli. The application deadline for the 2014 - 2015 school year is September 30. You may find more information by:

1. Calling Kamehameha Schools Admissions at 842-8800
2. Visiting the Kamehameha Schools Community Learning Center at Nānākuli (CLCN; next to Ka Waihona, 89-101 Farrington Hwy.) 668-1517
3. Online at <http://www.ksbe.edu/admissions/>
4. Attending an Informational Meeting.

Informational Meetings

Community Learning Center at Nānākuli
September 23 (Monday), 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT NOTE for Fours Parents!!

If your child is "late born" (born after July 31), the DOE Jr K program will end this school year. Please be sure to complete a Pauhi Keiki Scholars application for the next school year. This will ensure that you may take advantage of all options available for your keiki in the 2014 - 2015 school year. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Dana

Our Outreach Counselor, Auntie Patty, will be joining our class to talk with our keiki about Body Safety. This program is presented each year and teaches keiki about taking care of our bodies (e.g., wearing a helmet while bicycling, brushing teeth), good touch/bad touch (e.g., hitting, hugging), to identify their feelings, and to feel comfortable talking with adults about their feelings. Our new keiki will receive a copy of the book Kupono nā Keiki to share with you at home. This lesson is a broad overview and the book is a great way to spark conversations around the topic at home! Please talk with Ms. Dana if you have any questions.