Have you heard of a BrushBot? How about a Vex? These are just a few examples of the many different types of robotics that students around the world are creating. In fact, Hawai‘i is quickly becoming known as a leader in this field.

This year, our kula ha‘aha’a is very privileged to bring to you a night to explore, learn, and build robotics of your own! We are honored to have Mr. Dale Olive, science teacher from Waiākea High School, and his Robotics Team joining us on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. They will bring along samples of various types of robotics that they have built for state, national, and world competitions. Mr. Olive and his students will also share the important role that math, science and technology play in the building and programming of these robots.

‘Ohana will be able to build their own BrushBot and race them among their peers. You won’t want to miss this opportunity for a fun-filled evening! Oh, and as usual, we’ll have our ‘ono chili bowl for dinner! So remember:

- ‘Ohana Night with Robotics
- 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. Hā‘aeamahi Dining Hall
- Wednesday, February 27, 2013
**Security Appreciation Day**

Our kula honored our security uncles and auntsies recently at morning oli. Second and third graders were asked to bring in donations of goodies and snacks in order to make two huge goodie baskets for our honorees.

ʻAha ʻŌpio officers, president Kyra Gomes, Vice President Raynn Dangaran, Secretary Kayla Enanoria and Treasurer Carlos Masuko were on hand to formally thank our security ‘ohana and present them with the goodies baskets, letters of appreciation and so much more.

Uncle Tom Poy (Sgt.) spoke to everyone and thanked us all for the generous gifts. He shared with us that their main concern is to make sure that students and staff are safe at all times. He also asked us to make sure to wave and say “hi!” whenever we see security staff on campus.

**Papa ʻEkolu Goes to the Hilo Farmers Market**

In preparation for Market Day on February 14th, papa ʻekolu traveled to the Hilo Farmers Market as consumers and producers in the making. Their tasks included listing goods and services found at and around the Hilo Farmers Market area, comparing benefits and costs of one product being sold at multiple vendors, purchasing a product for their “Pilina Party” and observing how local vendors advertise and sell their products.

What’s next? Planning and preparing to make and sell their very own handmade products in just a few weeks!
Valentine’s Day Wear!

Kula ha’a ha’a students, faculty and staff are invited to wear pink, red or white (or combinations of those colors), on Valentine’s Day, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

Our ‘Aha Ōpio (student council) unanimously voted to have this day pegged to wear “Valentine’s Day” colors (pink, red or white).

A flyer will be sent home as the day draws near with further details on dress guidelines.
100 Days of School

How do you measure your time at work or school? By the day, month, year? Well, our kindergarteners have been preparing for their hundredth day of school which will be on Wed. January 30th. We all remember how the number 100 seemed so big. Students in kindergarten have been working and learning more about this number by counting objects up to 100. They have, as a class, read 100 books. “Zero the Hero” comes to visit their classes every 10 days as they count in multiples of 10 to reach one hundred.

The culminating activity for our kindergarteners is to create an object or scene with 100 popsicle sticks! The photos below are a few examples of the creativity that our keiki demonstrate as they “piece” together their 100 popsicle sticks.