On Founder's Day 2011, we celebrated the beginning of the 125th anniversary of the Kamehameha Schools. It was back in November 4, 1887, that opening ceremonies for the Kamehameha School for Boys took place on the campus in Kaiwiʻula, Oʻahu, where Bishop Museum is located.

Tomorrow's Founder's Day, December 19th, is an extra special one as we commemorate the birthday of our beloved Ke Aliʻi Bernice Pauahi Bishop and celebrate this special anniversary. We are grateful for her vision to bequeath her lands to form a school for children of Hawaiian ancestry. What started out as a campus with 37 students now extends to nearly 40,000 learners and caregivers state wide. Our founder, through her generosity, gave the gift of education through her ʻāina. We are forever indebted to her.

Bishop Hall (original campus)
‘Ohana Literacy Night a Hit!

With nearly 200 in attendance, our ‘Ohana Literacy Night was a hit! Mayor Billy Kenoi, our guest reader, captivated the audience as he read *Christmas in the White House* based on a true story about President Theodore Roosevelt and his family while they lived in the White House from 1901-1909.

Here are some pictures from the evening.

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**Charles Reed Bishop Day**

Just as we honor our Ke Ali‘i Pauahi at Founder’s Day on December 19th, we honor and celebrate her husband, Charles Reed Bishop, on January 25th.

Charles Reed Bishop was the driving force that brought Princess Pauahi’s wishes to fruition. He was a very important and well respected citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom in his own right.

Born January 25, 1822, in Glens Falls, New York, Bishop came to Hawai‘i in 1846 as a land surveyor. Along with his many business ventures, Bishop served Kings Kamehameha IV, Kamehameha V, Lunalilo and Kalākaua in a variety of positions such as: foreign minister (handling treaties with Austria, Germany, Denmark, France, Russia and the United States); president of the board of education; and chairman of the legislative finance committee. He also sat on the boards of many charities and donated generously to Hawai‘i’s schools, hospitals, churches and social welfare organizations.

Bishop met Pauahi while she was still a student at the Chiefs’ Children’s School. He courted and married her in 1850. His letters reveal a deep respect and affection for his wife and suggest she was a major source of his happiness throughout their 34-year marriage. Soon after her death in 1884 he wrote:

"I know you all loved her, for nobody could know her at all well and not love her. For myself I will only say that I am trying to bear my loss and my loneliness as reasonably as I can and look forward hopefully to the time when I shall find my loved one again."

Immediately after Pauahi’s death, Bishop, as one of five trustees she selected to manage her estate and co-executor of her will, set in motion the process that resulted in the establishment of the Kamehameha Schools in 1887.