NĀ PŌKIʻI

Ke Kula Haʻahaʻa o Kamehameha ma Hawaiʻi

Kula haʻahaʻa students recently celebrated Youth Art Month (YAM) using sidewalk chalk and their own creativity to brighten up our campus.

Pictures ranging from the beautiful landscapes with waterfalls and flowers to crazy robots and phrases in ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi adorned the walkways.

Our entire student body (256), along with faculty and staff, were given a space to “get creative”, choosing to collaborate with their neighbors and others, taking full advantage of the opportunity to express their thoughts, feelings and aspirations.

“I am so blessed that our staff and administration value the education of the whole child and support the arts,” said art teacher and YAM coordinator Tana Rosehill. “I enjoyed seeing all of the smiles, encouraging comments, appreciation of others’ work and the joy that comes from creating art.” Artwork was left on the sidewalks for a couple of days providing an opportunity for the community to view.

Art teacher Tana Rosehill has been very busy with her stellar art students. She just returned from Honolulu as she escorted Hayden Konanui-Tucker, Kahiau Poe, Kayla Enanoria, Hiʻllani Perriera-Gaspar and Kalissa Leslie, whose art pieces were selected to hang in the State Capitol for a month (102 pieces of art were chosen by judges from a field of nearly 400 submissions).

Hoʻomaikaʻi!
2nd Trimester Awards Assembly

Hawaiian Values Award with Kumu Crabbe

Perfect Attendance Awardees Kinder - 2nd Grade

Perfect Attendance Awardees 3rd - 5th Grade

Po'o Kula Academic Award (Headmaster Award) with Mr. Peter Fuchs, Director of Campus Operations, on behalf of Dr. Holoua Stender, Po'o Kula

Po'o Kumu Academic Award (Principal Award) with Mrs. Nae'ole-Wong, Po'o Kula
Easter Convocation Sets the Tone for Easter Week

“Hosanna!”, a liturgical word in Judaism and Christianity, means to rejoice or shout out praise. This was the message at our kindergarten through eighth grade Easter Convocation. Kahu Ruth shared the story of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey during Holy week, showing humility. While on his ride through the city, townsfolk waved palm leaves and sang, “Hosanna”, which also means, “save us”.

Kula haʻahaʻa students Sarah Huston and Kyra Gomes each performed a musical number and our Praise and Worship Team performed “Hosanna Rock”. Our special service culminated with each student receiving a palm leaf as we sang, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.”

Bus Evacuation Drill

SAFETY is at the forefront of what we do here at our kula. We have fire, lockdown, and earthquake drills. Recently, our K-5 students, faculty and staff participated in a bus evacuation drill. All of our students ride the bus either to and from school or in transit for a field trip, thus making this drill imperative for their safety.

Led by campus Transportation Coordinator, Ray Iyo, and partnering with Akita Bus, students were briefed by the bus driver on how to respond in an emergency on the bus. Kindergarteners viewed a video and were guided by counselors, Tim Kudo and Tracy Kāneakua, regarding pono behavior and expectations should they need to evacuate a bus. Following the video, the students learned how to exit the rear door of a bus.
Afternoon Pick-Up Reminder

Children who are not enrolled in after school activities are required to leave campus by 3:10 p.m. To ensure punctuality and safety, please observe the following afternoon pick-up schedule:

- 2:40-3:10 p.m.  K-5 Elementary Bus Ramp

It is recommended that working parents enroll their keiki in the campus’ YMCA after-school program. Any child not picked up by designated pick up times will be automatically enrolled. **The daily drop in rate of $10 is due at the time of pick up.**

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Papa ‘Elima’s Huaka‘i - Hilo Hanakahi

Papa ‘elima is studying various aspects of Hilo for their capstone project. Kumu Lehua Veincent, Po’o Kumu for our high school, offered to take our haumāna on a “tour” of sorts as he shared mo’olelo about various wahi pana in Keaukaha. Keaukaha is part of Hilo Hanakahi. There are three sections of Hilo: Hilo One, Hilo Hanakahi, and Hilo Palikū. Mahalo e Kumu Lehua, for your time and mana’o.

Kapālama’s Children’s Choir Performs For Our Kula

Our haumāna were treated to a fabulous performance by the Kapālama Children’s Chorus last week. This world-renowned group (known for singing the theme song for “Lilo & Stitch”) under the direction of Lynell Bright, were on Hawai’i Island performing in Waimea and other venues. They performed for our kula ha’aha’a and other guests and were very well received.

The choir had quite the repertoire of musical gifts ranging from songs about being a child to Handel’s “Hallelujah”. In their final number, our keiki choir joined their “cousins” from Kapālama and sang, “E Inu I Ka Wai Ola”. Talk about chicken skin moments!

Former Po’o Kumu of Kapālama Elementary and our current Po’o Kula, Dr. Holoua Stender introduces the choir

Kapālama Children’s Chorus singing their final number with our kula ha’aha’a keiki choir