



Egret Talk Story

October 22, 2009

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We believe that our students deserve the best education that we can provide. Please be assured that our teachers are working diligently to minimize the impact of furlough days.

To increase instructional time, the teachers have given up their two professional collaboration days. In addition, we have decided to modify as well as cancel several school activities and field trips. We appreciate your support of these decisions and welcome your participation at the events we are able to continue.

We are looking to expand our support services. We are fortunate to have several volunteer reading tutors who supplement our staff tutors. This way we are able to reach more students. We will continue with our KidBiz for Grades 2-5 and will be purchasing enough Math Whizz licenses so that all of our upper grade students will be able to use the program at home, this will be especially important during the long weekends.

We will be continuing our student supports with opportunities for our Grade 3-5 students without access to computers by opening up our computer labs after school on Monday and Tuesday. Our teachers are volunteering to keep these labs open for students.

All teachers are currently re-visiting their curriculum maps to adjust the pacing of the lessons to the shortened calendar.

Lastly, a very special thank you to our Hui O Mililani Uka, who provided funding to hire support to help the teachers and students in classrooms with larger class sizes. In addition they will provide incentives for our students to encourage them to keep up with their reading and math lessons during the long weekends.

In spite of the state of our economy and its impact at our school, the strength and positive nature of our school community will help us weather these difficult times.

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm
Principal

September 2009
Recognition Assembly Honorees
Mililani Uka Elementary School

	Ha'aheo	Na Hoku
Teacher	(Best effort in all areas)	(Most improved in one area)
Kinder		
Loughlin	Kira Tobita	Autumn Livers
Uyemura	Kaylee Osbun	Michael Wilson
Le	Keli Frigillana	Anthony Burrell
Roybal	Brayden Benicta	Vincent Unpingco
Fairbanks	Mairi Travis	Dylan Ogasawara
First		
Kishimoto	Portia Oshiro	Jacob Dowdel
Fukada	Kelly Quon	Kaya Paulsen
Ishii	Madison Abrazado	Erin Livas
Urabe	Lana Patlingrao	Jasmine Jicha
Watanabe	Peyton Reynolds	Matthew Schaefer
Second		
Makimoto	Kennedy Javier	Tatem Foster
Kawachi	Canaan Brown	Kianna Martinez & Jayden Morimoto
Tanaka	Maya Hirano	Noah Remigio
Sunahara	Maysa Segovia	Maila Philipp
Hirota	Jaylen Lum	Taylor Oyadomari-Ortogero
Third		
Ihu	Jewel Amrich & Angel Moiha	Everet Agbanlog
Mills	Cameron Hirota	Taylor Hermosura
Shiosaki	Caitlin Barbour	Heaven Takara
Fourth		
Iwasaki	Breiden Tyrell	Ethyn Muller
Saruawatari	Travis Afuso	Tanner Dacuag
Low	Bradley Kai	Caitlyn Pregana
Gamiao	Jada McClellan	Broux Foote
Fifth		
Nishikawa	Micah Andrade	Jessicalyn Kaai
Ibonia	Janine Olidan	Jayme Daszek Jr.
Ikuma	Rejh Caguiat	Alec Miller
Tsurumaki	Ashley Lohmann	Thomas Nakatsukasa
McGeady	Joshua Talon	Kobi Badillo

**Parent Teacher Conference Dismissal Reminder:
Wednesday dismissal remains at 12:30 p.m.
Student dismissal is at 1 p.m.
All other days during Parent Teacher Conferences
(October 22 - November 5)**



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

October 21, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On October 20, 2009, the Hawaii Government Employees Association ratified a two-year contract (school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011) with the State of Hawaii. This means that HGEA employees along with our teachers and students will not report to work/school on furlough Fridays. The first furlough Friday is scheduled on October 23, 2009. The United Public Workers contract has not been settled, so UPW employees will continue to report to work on furlough days.

Furloughs will require us to pull together in the best interest of Hawaii's keiki. We know you have many questions about furloughs. Please visit HawaiiDOE.org for additional information, answers to frequently asked questions, and the 2009-2010 DOE Official School Calendar.

Furlough dates for school year 2010-2011 are being finalized. School year 2009-2010 furlough dates are scheduled on:

Students and 10-month teachers (17 days school year 2009-10 and 2010-11):

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 5, 12; Mar. 5, 12; Apr. 23, 30; and May 7, 14.

12-month teachers (21 days school year 2009-10 and 2010-11):

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 5, 12; Mar. 5, 12, **19**; Apr. 23, 30; May 7, 14; and **June 4, 18, 25**.

10-month HGEA employees (17 days school year 2009-10 and 2010-11):

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 5, 12; Mar. 5, 12; Apr. 23, 30; and May 7, 14.

12-month HGEA employees (18 days school year 2009-10 and 24 days 2010-11):

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20, **27**; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 5, 12; Mar. 5, 12; Apr. 23, 30; and May 7, 14.

Superintendent's Leadership Team (21 days school year 2009-10 and 2010-11):

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20, **27**; Dec. 4, 11, 18, **24**; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 5, 12; Mar. 5, 12, **19**; Apr. 23, 30; May 7, 14; and **June 4**.

During these challenging times, thank you for your continued support of Hawaii's public schools and students.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Hamamoto".

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent

Mililani Uka Student Council

Congratulations to the this year's Student Council officers and class representatives. These students have been selected by their classmates to act as leaders for Mililani Uka. Officers were selected by election in the spring:

President: Julieann Patarini
Vice President: Destiny- Brooke Tamayo
Treasurer: Mark Yi
Secretary: Jacob Wessling
Historian: Allyson Huh

Class Room Representatives

Fourth Grade
Trey Camello
Kayla Matsumura
Travis Afuso
Kaelyn-Ann Grace
Noah Kochi
Katherine Markovich
Bryson Arakaki
Ludmilla Grounina

Fifth Grade
Martina Segura
Jessicalyn Kaai
Janine Olidan
Noah Sylva
Wendy Bede
Isabella Pe
Alyssa Harada
Thomas Nakatsukasa

Support Student Council with HI 5 collections

Mahalo for the generous contributions of HI 5 containers

Student Council has redeemed \$ 398.00 this year!

Promote the Environmental 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



Remember these pointers for HI 5 Collections:

1. Remove all caps, and empty the contents.
2. Sort and separate the into separate bags: Glass, Plastic, and Aluminum
3. 2 Liter bottles ARE part of HI 5.
4. Milk, wine and alcohol are not part of the school HI 5.
5. Please consider donating large quantities of glass HI 5 bottles to the Mililani High School collections.
6. Uka's Community white bin is located behind the cafeteria for all other plastic, glass, paper and cardboard recycling.

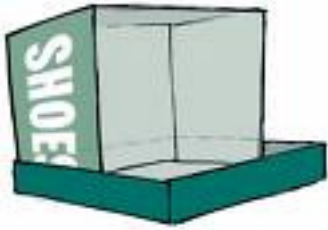
To learn more about how you can reduce your environmental impact log onto:
http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/curbside.htm

Uka Monthly HI5 Collection Dates:

November 4
February 4

December 9
March 3
May 5

January 8
April 9



Shoe Box Collection for Homeless November 9-13, 2009

Please join the Mililani Uka Student Council and other Mililani schools to collect shoeboxes for the homeless. Your family's participation will help your child contribute in a community service project. Your donations will support the growing number of homeless on our island.

Suggested items to contribute to this collection:

Toiletries	First aid supplies	Flashlights
Batteries	Stationery	Toddler safe toys
slippers	school supplies	personal hygiene items

Please bring your filled shoebox or items to contribute to the shoeboxes by Friday, November 13. Student Council members will be in front of the library to collect during school drop off: 7:20- 7:50 a.m.

Sponsored by Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group, Inc.

This projects address GLO's of community contributor, effective communicator, and encourages community spirit and pride by working together to help those less fortunate in our area. Please join us!

Support Our Troops Welcome Back the 84th Engineers

The 84th Engineers, our military partners from Schofield, are very important to Mililani Uka Elementary. Some of the ways the Engineers have helped us out in the past include: fixing buildings and grounds, painting sidewalk trim, donating money, volunteering at various events, and reading to our students. Since they always help us out when we are in times of need, let's show them our support by providing for them as they return from fighting for our country overseas. The bulk of the unit will arrive back on Oahu on Friday, November 6. As PCNC, I would like to request finger food donations that can be dropped off to the school on Thursday, November 5 and delivered to the waiting families on November 6th. Let's show our military supporters that we support them and their families. Student Council and JPOs have been making welcome back banners to put up at their offices. Mahalo for supporting our military sponsors.

-----RSVP to PCNC office by 11/2/09-----

___ Yes, I will donate refreshments to support our returning troops.

_____	_____	_____
Name	Phone	Item(s) to contribute



Hui O Mililani Uka News

Fall Fest is CANCELLED

Sadly, the tradition of Fall Fest is cancelled for 2009 due to the change in curriculum needed to compensate for furlough days.

Waiver Day Family Fun Event at Mililani Uka Cafeteria

Hui O Mililani Uka is sponsoring their first Parent and Child Family Fun Event!
November 30, 2009 Waiver day.
Space is limited. Sign up early.

November 30 Family Fun Agenda
Cafeteria doors open at 9 a.m.

9:15- 9:45 Jeffery Ling - Educational Funding
& Miss Hawaii 2009- Raeceen Woolford

9:45 Refreshments
10:00- 11:30 Activity Session 1
11:30- 12:00 Lunch
12:00- 1:30 Activity- Session 2

Please watch for a registration flier to be sent home with more details. There will be a nominal fee charged for the ornament craft activity. Refreshments and lunch will be provided by the Hui.

Furlough Fridays

Hui O Mililani Uka presents the Furlough Friday Incentive Program to reward students for completing their math and reading assignments at home on furlough days. Your children will redeem tickets for prizes from the Hui during recesses and after school. Parents, please help by encouraging our children to continue their learning at home!

Sally Foster Pick Up: November 12

Sally Foster orders have been processed and we are awaiting delivery on Thursday, November 12. Pick up will be in front of the Uka Library between 2:45 and 7 p.m. Please remember :No pick ups from 2:15- 2:45 dismissal for the safety of our students.

Volunteers are needed to assist with collection of items. Please return the form below to the PCNC office if you would like to assist with the Sally Foster pick up.

_____Set up: 12- 2 p.m. _____2:30-4:00 _____4:00 - 5:30 _____5:30 to 7 p.m.

Name_____ Phone _____

or email PCNC at norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us

Furlough Friday Options- Registration required

Performing Arts: Join Ed & Juliet Nix of **Nix Performing Arts Center** for a full day of performing arts education. The program includes dance, singing, acting, self-improvement (etiquette) and modeling. For more information call 699-7058, email: nixpac@nixpac.com or check out their website: NIXPAC.com.

Honolulu Zoo Society Day Camp will provide children with tours through the zoo, crafts, games, and other educational activities. Programs are available on furlough Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Leigh Ann Ford, Education Coordinator at 971-7195 or email Education@honzoosoc.org. Pre-registration is required.

Oahu Discovery Education Program, a non profit corporation, is providing a safe and stimulating environment for Oahu children. Through age appropriate activities, every child will learn about Oahu's cultural, geographical and historical diversity. To learn more about this program log onto www.oahudiscovery.org or info@oahudiscovery.org. Registration is required and space is limited.

Mililani YMCA Furlough Friday Program is an all day child care program for students in K-5th grade. Program components include homework time, curriculum focusing on friendship and cooperation, and activities. Program Hours: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Forms are available in the school office.

Kama'aina Kids is offering child care on Furlough Fridays. Register by the day or entire school year. Program Hours: 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Forms are available in the school office for registration.

Portrait Picture Taking

We have spoken to House of Photography about the recent allegations involving one of their photographers. They have reassured us that that photographer will not be assigned to our school. At our school, we have many trained parent volunteers in addition to our own staff that help with picture taking. Our teachers accompany their students to and from the picture taking. In addition, the photographers are always in plain sight when taking our students' pictures. Helping students pose for their pictures will be done by our own staff and volunteers. We appreciate your support and understanding as your child's safety is a priority at our school.

Return Check Charge: There is a charge of \$25.00 (cash, certified check, or money order) for any returned or dishonored check (ACT 240-35.5, SLH2007, HB1207 SD1). Returned checks will not be re-deposited. After two consecutive instances of a check returned by the bank for insufficient funds, collection of the dishonored check and service charges will be in accordance of Chapter 9.5.11.3, and, thereafter, the check writer will be placed on a cash basis of payment for all school activities. Reinstatement of check writing privileges will be with the principal's approval.

Uka Calendar

October

- 10/21- 11/5 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 21 Dismissal at 12:30 Papa John's Night
- 22 Dismissal at 1 pm PTC
- 23 NO SCHOOL- Furlough Day
- 24 Bigger & Better Craft Fair at Uka 9-2
- 26-29 Week B - JPO Platoon B Duty
- 26 Dismissal at 1 pm PTC
- 27 Picture Re-take day/ Dismissal at 1 pm
- 28 Seasonal Flu Vac Clinic at Uka 8-12 a.m.
Wednesday 12:30 dismissal
- 29 Dismissal at 1 pm PTC
- 30 NO SCHOOL - Furlough Day #2
Fall Fest CANCELLED

November

- 2-5 Parent Teacher Conferences continue
Week A - JPO Platoon A Duty
- 2 Dismissal at 1 pm PTC
- 3 Dismissal at 1 pm PTC
SCC Meeting 5 pm Library
- 4 Wear Red - Be Drug Free
HI 5 Recycling 7:15- 7:55 a.m.
Wed. 12:30 dismissal
- 5 Wear Purple - Purple Hand Pledge Day
Dismissal at 1 pm.
Hui Meeting at 5 p.m. PCNC
- 6 NO SCHOOL- Furlough #3
- 9-13 Week B- JPO Platoon B Duty
- 10 Campus Evacuation Drill
Third Grade Parent Night 6-7:30 p.m.
- 11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- 12 **Sally Foster Pick up** 2:35- 7 P.M.
- 13 **Shoobox collection for Homeless**
- 16-19 Week A - JPO Platoon A Duty
- 16 **Recognition Assembly-** Split
K-2 @ 8:45 or G 3-5 at 9:30
- 18-19 Grade 5 to Camp Erdman
- 19 Third Grade FT to Waipahu
Cultural Center
- 21 4th Grade Huli Huli Chicken sales
- 23 4th Grade McCookies sales begin
- 25 Papa John's Night
- 26/27 No School - Thanksgiving
- 30 No School Waiver Day
Hui Family Fun Event

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- Have your Safeway Club Card number available.
 - Visit www.escrip.com and
 - Click on "YES RENEW!"
- For uninterrupted contributions, renew annually by November 1.



**Don't Miss
Hawaii's
Bigger & Better
Craft Fair at Uka**

Saturday, October 24

9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Call 499-5566 for more information.