



# Mililani Uka Egrets “Talk Story”

## November 4, 2005

### **Principal’s Message:** Dear Parents:

This November our school has much to be thankful for as we have many caring parents and friends in the community!

Our cafeteria has new security screens and can now be used as a hurricane shelter due to the efforts of our Wolfhounds. Recently we had a 3Rs project at our school, with volunteers coordinated by alumnus, Nicholas Ogata, as an Eagle Scout Project. Students from Mililani Interact Club and the Boy Scouts painted our curbs, F building columns and benches and helped plant hibiscus bushes.

Our Fall Fest was one of the best ever! Thank you all for coming out even in the rain. I would like to thank the many volunteers (Wolfhounds, Interact Club from MHS, Cub Scouts, Ballroom Dancers, Kumon, parents) and our hardworking teachers and staff for putting on a fun event for all. Special thanks to our Hui Officers led by Hui President, Mrs. Murayama, and our PCNC Facilitator, Mrs. Tansey, for coordinating this event. After Fall Fest, Mrs. Tansey went to City Mill to buy supplies to build a storage platform for our new donated lights and stands. Instead of just selling us the supplies, Joe and Kapa, at City Mill, built the platform for us!

Mililani Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students came to read Halloween stories to our Kindergarten students who enjoyed their “treat”!

Castle and Cooke Hawaii recently donated a total of \$30,000 to our Mililani complex schools!!!

A special thank you to parents who have called to alert us of different situations involving our school. The latest was to let us know that they saw three men taking cans from our recycling bin. We appreciate your calls so that we can keep our campus safe.

Much Aloha, Heather Wilhelm

### **Calendar of Events:**

#### **November 2005**

- 4** Complex Cross Country Meet at Mauka El.
- 9** **Recognition Assembly: Split**  
Grades K-2 at 8:30, Grades 3-5 at 9:15
- 9** **Grades K-2 Interactive Reading** with  
Miss Mimi 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Cafeteria
- 10/11** No School: waiver/Veterans Day
- 14** **SCC Meeting** 5 p.m. Library followed by  
Let’s Talk Story Academic Plan 6:30-7:30
- 16** **HUI O’Mililani** meeting 5 p.m.
- 16-18** **Grade 5 Overnight at Erdman**
- 17** **Sally Foster Pick up: Library 2-7 p.m.**
- 24-25** No School: **Thanksgiving**

**December 17-January 10 Winter Recess**

#### **December 2005**

- 5** **SCC Meeting** 5 p.m. Library
- 5/7/8** HSA testing Grade 5: Science
- 8** Kindergarten to Honolulu Hale  
H2, H3, H4
- 9** Kindergarten to Honolulu Hale  
H1, J4, J1, P8
- 12** Grade 4 Kamananui Hike
- 13** Grade 4 Kamananui Hike
- 14** **HUI O’ Mililani** meeting 5 p.m.
- 15** Kindergarten Gingerbread Activities
- 16** **Recognition Assembly: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Half Day: Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.**
- 17** **Last Chance Craft Fair**  
Kuahelani Park

## Counseling Corner:

Tips for parents:

- 1) To help your child be more successful in school, set up daily routines at home. By having morning routines (eating breakfast, brushing teeth, combing hair, putting on school clothes, getting to school about the same time each day) and after school routines (doing homework, eating dinner, brushing teeth, reading bedtime story etc.) this will help your child become more comfortable and confident with what to expect each day.
- 2) Children that come to school after a good night's sleep, have a tendency to function better in class. To help your child get a good night's sleep (8 hours or more), have a set bedtime every night. Once your child knows you will enforce this bedtime consistently, eventually you will have less complaints and arguments at night, and a more alert child during the day.

If you have any questions, comments, or have a suggestion for a future topic, please contact one of the counselors at 627-7303.



## Health Room Reminders:

### MEDICATION

Medication will be stored in the health room or administered by the health aide only under limited conditions. Please make every effort to modify the time intervals and give your child his/her medication before or after school. Antibiotics and over the counter medications will not be administered unless the physician provides reasons why it must be administered during the school day. Policies and guidelines for Request For Administration/Storage of Medication (PHN/SHS 36 form) and general instructions are available at the website address: [www.hawaii.gov/doh/publichealthnursing](http://www.hawaii.gov/doh/publichealthnursing), or contact the school health aide 627-7303 ex.2 or Diane Takamune P.H.N. 622-6445

**NO MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN SCHOOL WITHOUT THE COMPLETED MEDICATION FORM.**

### HEAD LICE

Throughout the years, head lice or ukus have been identified in schools not only in Hawaii, but throughout the country. The school health aide does conduct in-school screening as necessary. However, in order to keep this potential problem under control, the Department of Health & the Department of Education request that parents regularly check their child(ren) so that early identification and treatment can be made.

Parents should check the hair, especially at the nape of the neck and around the ears for a pearly, teardrop-shaped egg attached to the hair shaft. The live louse is difficult to detect and may not be seen. An initial signal to parents that a louse infestation may be present is intense itching of the head. Parents suspecting louse infestation should call their physician or ask the pharmacist for appropriate treatment. A call to the school health aide would be appreciated so that school contacts can be screened and referred for appropriate care.

## Library Corner:

A huge mahalo to the students and parents for supporting the Fall Book Fair. Special thanks go out to the volunteers who donated their time for the event. The next book fair is scheduled for February 6-10 with Border's Books with a special Author night planned for February 9, 2006.

### Notice of a Bad Fad: Stretchy Book Covers

Don't get caught at the bargain table, stretchy book covers are destructive to books. The tight fit bends the corners and hurts the bindings making new books look old in under a year. No need to make changes this year, but beware that starting next year stretchy book covers are out!

Don't forget: The Library continues to collect your Campbell's and Box Tops for Education labels!

**Pedestrian Safety**

Several "near misses" have been reported by our crossing guards regarding pedestrian safety. Please review these pedestrian safety guidelines with your child:

**Stop, Look, Listen and Think when crossing a street**

- \* STOP one step back from the curb or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath.
- \* LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic.
- \* LISTEN in all directions for approaching traffic.
- \* THINK about whether it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.
- \* When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep LOOKING and LISTENING for traffic while crossing.

**Special Reminders Near Mililani Uka:**

- \* Cross streets only at crosswalks.
- \* If possible, cross with the light or crossing guard. Obey the crossing guard.

Parents set an example for students, so please follow the pedestrian safety guidelines yourself. Children will do what you do.

**3 R's Project/Campus Beautification**

In the early hours of October 15, former Uka alumni and Eagle Scout candidate, Nick Ogata, members of Troop 264, and 10 Army Wolfhounds met at Uka to volunteer their time and efforts to improve the school campus. The first team converged on the front parking lot to freshen the painted curb and directions arrows. Another team made up of the MHS Interact club finished painting of the curbs and F building. With the arrival of the Hurricane grill screens the Wolfhounds shifted their work to the cafeteria. Each screen installed took the efforts of 4-6 men to position and install the screen to bring this building up to code. Forty-nine volunteers combined for over 189 man-hours. Our thanks go out to everyone who made this day a success!

**We need your help!** People have been using our school dumpsters for their household bulky items. Recently, someone filled our bins with mattresses, lamps and rugs. If you see anyone doing this please let us know. Our rubbish pick up will not accept bulky items. If they see them in our dumpsters, they will not empty them. This causes a sanitation problem when our lunch rubbish is not picked up daily. In addition, the city does not accept bulky pick up items from schools. We have to pay to have the bulky items taken away

**Speed Stacking comes to Mililani Uka**

Cup stacking was introduced to Uka at Student Council elections in 2003. This activity promotes hand to eye coordination, left and right brain connections, dexterity, and improved concentration. Mr. Fujioka's goal is to teach the basics of cup stacking so that intramural competitions can be held in April. We are considering offering the sale of Speed Cups to Uka students. If you would be interested in purchasing a set of Stacking cups, please return the form below. Should there be enough interest in the individual practice cups, an order may be placed in December. Individual sets are not needed to be part of the intramural program. The estimated cost is under \$20.00 per set, with many colors for your selection. If you'd like to know more about Speed Stacking, please contact Norma Tansey, PCNC at 627-7303 ext 233 or Mr. Fujioka at 627-7303.

Please return to PCNC office by 11/18/05

\_\_\_ Yes, we are interested in purchasing a set of Stacking Cups.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number

## Student Council Recycling:

Thank you for the continued support of Uka's Recycle Programs. Please continue to donate your HI 5 beverage containers by depositing them at the three green curbside bins located in the front parking lot or the three located alongside the large white community recycle bin behind the cafeteria. Please follow these **Recycle Reminders**:

1. Remove all lids or covers from HI 5 beverage containers
2. Please sort and separate into bins for glass, plastic, or aluminum.
3. Only beverage containers 64 oz or less qualifies for HI 5 redemption.  
(Gallon milk, juice, liter soda and all soap jugs should be placed in the community bin)
4. The white community bin is a great place to donate your non- HI 5 plastic jugs with the numbers 1 or 2 inside the recycle triangle, along with any glass or aluminum containers.
5. Newspapers, old phone books, and flattened boxes fill the second side of the community bin on a weekly basis.
6. Please do not leave any non recyclable items! If caught you can be fined for littering!

To learn more about recycling consider stopping at the Blaisdell Arena for **Discover Recycling: November 4-6. That's this weekend!**

## HUI O Mililani News:

Uka Ohana have



and it showed at  
Fall Fest 2005.

Mahalo to Kumon, MHS Interact Club, Cub scout Pack 364, the Ballroom Dancers, Wolfhounds, as well as the countless parents who volunteered their time, donated baked goods and craft and plant items. Each of you contributed to the tremendous success of this event!

**Sally Foster Delivery**  
**Thurs., November 17** from  
2-7 p.m. in the Library.



Entertainment Books are on sale now!

Return this or stop by the office:

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaii Entertainment Coupon Books @ \$30.00 each

Please make checks payable to Hui O Mililani Uka.

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Student's Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number

#### Fourth Grade News:

The 4th grade 'Ohana would like to extend a great big mahalo to everyone for their kokua of our teriburger, soybean, football throw and sponge toss booths. Our teriburgers were gone by 6:30 p.m.! This was an endeavor put on by many helping hands. We couldn't have done it without you! We wish to thank our 4th grade parents, Mililani High Cafeteria, Hui O Mililani Uka, Mrs. Tanga, the faculty and staff of our school. Through our combined efforts, we were able to raise over \$1,000 that will be used to purchase books and supplies for our students. We will also use a portion of this fund to subsidize our many fieldtrips and activities. Mahalo again! You all make learning happen here at Mililani Uka!



#### Army Wolfhounds Partner with Uka:

Have you noticed the mention of "Wolfhounds" throughout this newsletter? Uka has received tremendous support from our military partners, not only from the investment of their off duty time, but also through the purchase of school equipment and supplies. This year they have donated new white boards to our classrooms, custodial safety equipment, DVD players and digital cameras, and the needed support stands for the Fall Fest lighting. The Wolfhounds came out in force for our Get Moving; Get Fit event, the Campus 3R's project, Fall Fest, and they partner with our Kindergarten classrooms as reading partners. If you are willing to help Uka show these fine men our appreciation, bake them a pie or cookies for the holidays. Call Norma in the PCNC office if you are interested. 627-7303 ext 233.

#### Community Corner:

**Tuesday, 11/8 Parent Workshop**  
Mililani High School  
7-8 p.m. Library  
"Communicating with Your Teen"

**Saturday, 11/12 Trojan Band Fest**  
Mililani High School  
6 p.m. MHS Stadium

**Saturday, 11/19 ABC Craft Fair**  
Mililani High School

**Saturday, 12/17 Kuahelani Park**  
**Uka's Last Chance Craft Fair**  
Purchase Uka Hui items for the holiday gift giving! Now selling Uka umbrella, apron, and lanyards. Stop by the PCNC office:M/W/F.

## More News about School, Student, and Parent Needs

### **ESL: English as a Second Language:**

Mililani Complex Schools are in need of adults who can assist with written and spoken language interpretation. Do you have the ability to read/write and speak a foreign language? If you can volunteer some time to assist our families, please contact the PCNC office.

**SPIN: Special Parent Information Network** news is available on line at [www.spinhawaii.org](http://www.spinhawaii.org)  
Check out the new SPIN parent guide and up-dates to the IEP process.

#### **HELP WANTED AT MILILANI UKA ELEMENTARY**

##### **Substitute for Custodian**

**Duties:** \* Clean classrooms, restrooms; perform other custodial tasks such as yard work.

**Salary:** \* \$13.16 per hour for 4-8 hours

**Requirements:** \* Committed, reliable; Must have own childcare while you are working.

**Contact:** \* Diana Bonsignore, Vice Principal, 627-7303 X 229  
\* Or complete "Application for Exempt Positions," and return it to school office.

### **Hawaii State Department of Education Superintendent's Vision of 1-6-3**

**One Vision:** We pursue one vision of the public school graduate: A student who will realize their individual goals, possess the attitudes, knowledge and skill necessary to contribute positively and compete in a global society; who will exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and will pursue post-secondary education and/or careers without the need of remediation.

**Six GLO's:** General Learner Outcomes show evidence that our students have become:

1. effective communicators
2. critical thinkers
3. producers of quality work
4. ethical users of technology
5. team players
6. life-long learners.

**We hold fast to Three Student Priorities:**

1. academic achievement
2. safety and well-being
3. civic responsibility

Parents can browse DOE standards at: <http://standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us/sdb/database/index.jsp>

**To meet these goals, parent and family involvement is critical and sought through six components:**

1. Communication is two way and meaningful between home and school.
2. Parenting Skills are supported and promoted.
3. Student Learning: Parents assist with achievement of Hawaii Content & Standards.
4. Volunteering: Parents are welcome in the school.
5. Collaborating with the Community: Community resources strengthen school programs.
6. School Decision making: Parents are partners in the decisions....

**So, join us on Monday, November 14 at the Mililani Uka SCC (School Community Council) to Talk Story about the SY 2006-07 Academic Plan. Find us in the Library at 6:30 p.m.**