



Mililani Uka Egrets “Talk Story”

December 14, 2005

Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents,

Our Hawaii State Assessments for Science are over! Our students worked very hard and we are very proud of their efforts. Thank you for your support at home in helping our children do their very best on the test. In March, our HSA begins for Reading and Math for our Grades 3-5. More information will be sent home after our winter break.

Mililani Uka students get involved! During the Thanksgiving break a curb was added in front of our bus stop. We are very proud of our former JPO Captain, Matthew Ambrosecchio, who suggested this improvement for the safety of the students that use the bus stop. A special thank you goes to our State 3Rs project that provided the funds for this project. We all have a responsibility to work together to keep our children safe from harm.

Ninety students are participating in our school chorus. Mrs. Kawachi and Kumu Ryder are teaching them after school. Our chorus will be performing at our Complex Wellness Fair in February and at our complex Music Festival at Mililani High School in March. We also had a fantastic turn out of close to 100 students for our new jump rope team!

Many of these activities are the result of the commitment of our teachers and our Hui. Working together with all of you, we were able to fund a PE teacher this year. We want to thank, Mr. Fujioka, our PE teacher, for not only teaching all 800 students, but also coaching our cross-country team, our jump rope team, and next semester our cup stacking team and track team. He also has an exercise segment on our new MUES student broadcast.

This year our Hui continues their commitment to funding healthy initiatives for our students. Some of their fundraising proceeds, like those from our Winter Fun Run, will be earmarked for these initiatives. We appreciate your support of this fundraising.

Lastly, a special thank you to our Mililani Lions Club for donating a beautiful tree that is in our cafeteria. It was picked up by Hope Chapel, put up by our custodians and decorated by our A+ students for everyone to enjoy.

I am glad that our school is a part of such a great community that is committed to working towards a better tomorrow for all.

Have a wonderful holiday season!
Much aloha,

Heather Wilhelm, Principal

NEW MEAL PAYMENT SYSTEM COMING FEBRUARY 1, 2006

Our School will implement the Meal Tracker system for meal payments beginning February 1, 2006. This system is similar to our current system, with the following advantages:

- * You only need to make one payment: breakfast and lunch are in the same account.
- * Ala carte milk can be prepaid and taken from the same account.
- * Second meals can be taken from the same account (with the usual morning notification to the cafeteria)

Transition Dates & Guidelines: The transition to this new system will begin in January. Since we need to reduce funds in our current system, we will be asking you to reduce current prepayments so that your child's meal funds are pretty much depleted by January 31. Large prepayments made after January 13 will be applied to the new system, and can be used beginning February 1.

Loans: As always, there will be no loans for breakfast or second meals. Beginning February 1 there will no longer be loans for ala carte milk. Lunch loans are provided as a courtesy by Hui O' Mililani Uka, and are limited to two loans. If your child receives a lunch loan, please repay it the next day. If your child exceeds the two lunch loan limit, please provide a home lunch until you have re-paid the loan and deposited money into your child's meal account.

Meal Sales to Non-Uka People: Children not registered at Mililani Uka will be required to pay the "adult" price for a meal (Breakfast = \$1.25, Lunch = \$3.00). This price is applicable to toddlers, middle school and high school students, parents and any one else who is not a student at Mililani Uka. This has been a Federal regulation for many years. The Hawaii Food Service program is now requiring all schools to be accountable for following this regulation.

More detailed information regarding the Meal Tracker system will be distributed in January, including information regarding your child's current breakfast and lunch account balances.

Until then remember:

- * **Keep prepayments low for January.** You may want to pay daily with cash, or prepay the exact amount required to see your child through with the old system until January 31.
- * **Breakfast will need to be paid to a separate account until January 31.**
- * **Starting February 1, breakfast, lunch, ala carte milk and second meals can all be prepaid into the same account.**

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN:

Beginning with school year 2006-07 DOE will implement a Junior Kindergarten. Children who are five years of age on or before August 1 of the school year will be enrolled in kindergarten. Children who are five years of age on or after August 2 and on or before December 31 of the school year will be enrolled in junior kindergarten. Individual schools are defining and planning programs to support the learning needs of all students. We will continue our past practice of dividing students equally and fairly among classrooms after an orientation period. Classes will have a mix of kindergarten and junior kindergarten students. Our school goal is the same as the goal of our Department of Education, which is to provide all students with positive early experiences that promote life long learners.

Parent Workshop

**“Understanding your Tween”
Thursday, January 26, 2006**

6:30 to 8 p.m.

With Parent Consultant, Kathy Bentley

Last night your child kissed you goodnight, and lovingly said “I love you” and this morning he/she woke up shouting, “leave me alone.” What is happening to your wonderful child? He/She is not yet a teenager and all the books are about raising young children or teens. There is very little information about the “tween” years. This workshop will help you understand what developmental changes you can expect in your tween child and Kathy will give you ideas on how to maintain effective communication in your home. Parents of all ages will find Kathy informative and entertaining. Join us and see why Kathy was selected the 2004 Parenting Press Outstanding Parent Educator.

Counseling Corner:

Tips for parents:

- 1) As a parent, you are the most important asset of your child’s education. Besides being involved with your child’s education via checking homework, attending parent/teacher conferences, and communicating with the teacher, modeling your expectations is just as important. In other words, encouraging your child to read 15-20 minutes each night will make them better readers; however, if you also read each night, chances are your child will notice this and become even more enthusiastic about reading.

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

**Mililani Middle School
Registration & Information Night for
incoming 6th Graders & Parents is
Thursday- January 19
7:00 pm at MMS Cafeteria**

Information Packets will be distributed at Uka to Grade 5 students on Friday, January 20, 2006. Registration Materials are due back to Grade 5 Teachers by January 30, 2006 for submittal to MMS.

The Student Council has MILILANI UKA wristbands left for sale! Get them in the office - 2 for \$3, or \$2 each! Available in Blue and White

Library Corner:

Do your children ever have a last minute research paper due? You might find these sites helpful additions to your computer:

Library Websites

- Mililani Uka Library OPAC- <http://destiny.k12.hi.us/common/welcome.jsp?site=242>
- Hawaii Public Library- <http://www.librarieshawaii.org>

Online Encyclopedias

- Britannica Online- <http://www.new.school.eb.com>
- Worldbook Online- <http://www.worldbookonline.com>

Online Periodical Databases

- EBSCO- <http://search.epnet.com>
- Online Reader- <http://search.epnet.com>

Online Search Engines

- Ask Jeeves for Kids- <http://www.ajkids.com>
- Google- <http://www.google.com>
- Yahoooligans- <http://www.yahoooligans.com>

Other Useful Classroom Websites

- Geography Bee- <http://nationalgeographic.com/geobee>
- Marco Polo- <http://marcopolo-education.org>

Please use the following login and password when required.

Login: mililaniukaes

Password: mililaniukaes

Mark your calendar for the February Book Fair, Monday, February 6 through Friday February 10, 2006 in the library. A special **guest author night** is scheduled for **Thursday, February 9**, 2006 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Uka students are learning Japanese while watching Moshi Moshi. This program is broadcast on Channel 56 weekdays at 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. on Channel 56. Check your local TV listing and join the fun of learning a new language!

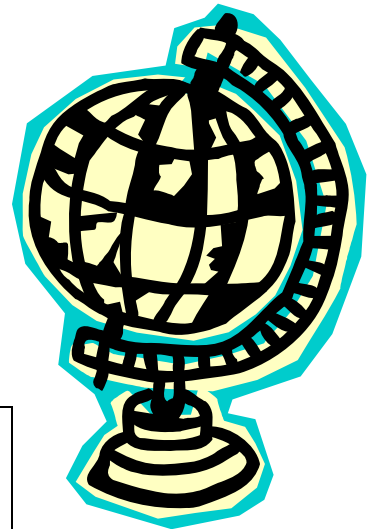
Hui O Mililani is in the process of revising their by-laws. Parents will have an opportunity for input at both the 1/26 Parent Workshop and 2/9 Author Night. Your opinion is valued. Please join us!

Uka's Geography Bee

Interested Fourth and Fifth Grade students took part in preliminary rounds of the state Geography Bee by completing a written test followed by an oral question and answer competition. Eight students earned the honor to compete on January 12, 2006 to select a victor who will represent Uka at the state competition.

The students competing in the final round are:

Jackie Araki
Alexander Brown
Jean-Carlo Gachet
Robert Longboy
Viola Mocz
Alex Park
Shannon Stinefelt
Bradley Yoshida



HELP WANTED AT MILILANI UKA ELEMENTARY

Contact: Diana Bonsignore, Vice Principal, 627-7303 X229
Or complete "Application for Exempt Positions," return it to school office. All applicants must have own childcare while working; and must pass criminal history check.

1) Substitute for Cafeteria Supervisor

Duties: Supervise children at lunch
Salary: \$9.38 per day, 1.25 hour per day (10:55-12:10)
Requirements: Patient, committed, reliable, enjoy working with children. High school diploma or GED

2) Substitute for Educational Assistant

Duties: Assist special education teacher
Salary: \$9.83 per hour, 7.5 hours per day (7:00 AM - 2:30 PM)
Requirements: Patient, committed, reliable, enjoy working with children. High school diploma or GED, two years college preferred.

3) Substitute for Classroom Cleaner

Duties: Sweep classrooms after school
Salary: \$6.00 per hour, 3 hours per day (2:30 - 5:30 PM)
Requirements: Reliable, committed, trustworthy
No education requirement, High School students welcome to apply.

4) 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: * Reliable, committed, trustworthy

HELP NEEDED FOR A+ PROGRAM

Aids and Group Leader Substitutes are needed to work 3.5 hours per day 2:00-5:30 (Weds. = 1:10-5:30)

Duties: Supervise children after school

Salary:

Aide: \$24.60 per day

Leader: \$45.60 per day

Requirements:

Aid: 16 years old or older

Aid & Leader: Patient, committed, reliable, enjoy working with children

Leader: Experience working with children; be able to plan activities and supervise program aid; must be one year out of High School or older; High School Diploma or GED required

Contact: Shirley Ragasa 627-7303 X297 2:00-5:30 PM

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Community Corner:

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” by Barbara Robinson, is the comic story of a mother who attempts to put on a church Christmas pageant with the neighborhood delinquents. The production is directed by Jamie Rolfsmeyer, and stars Jessica Cuifo as mother and Matt Walker as father. Uka’s talented fourth grade student, Alyssa Tobita is one of the elementary and middle school age students from Mililani area schools. This play will be put on by the Tri-school Theater Ensemble, at the Mililani High School cafeteria, on Dec.16th at 7:30 p.m. There will also be another performance on the 17th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and staff, and \$7 for adults. Children three and under are free.

University of Hawaii Baseball Camp

Winter camp 2005 brochures for youth 7-18 years of age are available from the school office, or by calling the UH Baseball office at 956-6247. Two sessions are open: December 21-23 or 28-30 for both pitcher/catcher and hitting. Cost is \$120 per camp or \$200 for both.

Learn why children should love their A.D.D (Attention Deficit Disorder); join Steve Plog, author and researcher, founder of the Results Project™ International. Wednesday, January 18, 2006 from 7-9 at Pearl Country Club, Aiea or Thursday, January 19, 2006 from 7-9 at the Gentry Pacific Design Center, across from Sam Choy’s Restaurant. To reserve your seat call 625-5680 or visit vsantia@gte.net. Cost is \$10 per person, couples \$15 by January 13, 06. Cost is higher at door, teacher discount, or \$7 for groups of five or more. Children 7-18 are free.

Kamehameha Schools is holding **Family Summit** on Saturday, **January 21, 2006**. Volunteers are needed to assist with the parent-child interaction activities (arts & crafts). \$50 awarded for supplies.

Posters for Peace Contest

Mililani Uka Elementary School students swept the Posters for Peace contest grade 3-4 division sponsored by the Mediation Center of the Pacific for 2005. Mililani Uka third grader Cyrus Noveloso took first place, with brother, Alex Noveloso taking second place, and Alexis Kishimoto (gr. 4) taking third place.

3rd Grader Luca Melendez took 1st place at the Complex Cross-country meet.

Calendar of Events:

December:

16 Full School Assembly 8:30
9:30 to 10:50 Winter Run
Begin Winter Break 11 a.m.
17 **Craft Fair** at Kuahelani Park
Dec 17- Jan 10 Winter Break

January:

1-10 Winter Break No School
9 SCC **Meeting** 5 p.m. Library
11 Students return to school
12 Geography Bee Finals 1-2 p.m.
16 **No school:** M. King Day
18 **Hui O Mililani Meeting** 5 p.m.
19 Grade 4 (1/2) to Iolani Palace
Grade 5 MMS Parent Orientation
20 Grade 5 Visit to MMS

26 Grade 4 (1/2) to Iolani Palace
Parent Workshop * 6:30 pm in
Library with Parent Educator, Kathy
Bentley-“Understanding Your
Tweens”
27 **No School:** Superintendent Day
31 Grade 5 E5 to Academy of Arts
February
1 **Begin Meal Tracker system***
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