



Mililani Uka Egrets “Talk Story”

February 2, 2006

Dear Parents,

Principal’s Message:

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the many new students and their families that registered during the break.

The first semester has flown by. We have many upcoming events scheduled for second semester and we hope to see you at them. Our PTA helps the school sponsor many of these events. PTA's next fundraising kickoff will begin on February 13th through March 3rd. The pickup of fundraising products will be on April 5th. More information from our PTA will be coming.

Thank you to our Mililani Lions Club who painted the front of our cafeteria stage this past weekend just in time for the visit of the Asian Lion Dance Team. The Lion Dance team did a wonderful performance for our students to celebrate Chinese New Year! The Dance Team also has free classes on Saturdays at our Mililani Town Center for anyone interested!

We need your help in keeping our students safe. First, please drop off and pick up your child “only” next to the curb. We have been having students weaving their way through the traffic in the parking lot when they have been dropped off in the second lane. Also be cautious when exiting our parking lot as we have been having some cars entering our parking lot using the exit driveway. Secondly, please remember to pick up any “requested” homework from our office. Our teachers work hard to fill your requests for homework (homework can be requested the second day your child is absent from school), but we are having a problem of the homework not being picked up.

And lastly, congratulations to our counselor, Mr. Hosoda and teacher, Mrs. Hyrmer who have completed their probation and are now tenured teachers, and congratulations to teacher, Ms. Gamiao who recently earned her National Board Certification!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm
Principal

No School for Students: Friday, February 17: Teacher Waiver Day
Monday, February 20: Holiday, Presidents Day
Spring Break: Saturday, March 20 thru Sunday, April 2, 2006

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; 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, and trustworthy
No education requirement, High School students
welcome to apply

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

Yearbook Buddy Pictures will be taken during recess on
February 22-24. Students must bring in a signed permission
form and money to cover the cost of photographing. Cost is
\$2.00 per person per photo with a maximum of 5 people per
photo. Permission forms will be sent home the week prior.





Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures for the Lanikuhana Place Cul-de-Sac

The cul-de-sac is a **no parking/waiting area**. According to Hawaii Revised Statutes; Article 14; Section 15-14.1: “Stopping, or parking is prohibited in certain specified areas - No signs required. No person shall stop, or park a vehicle in any of the following places: 1) on a side walk; 2) in front of a driveway or within 4 feet of a drive way; ... 27) within the turnaround area of any dead-end street.” This law is enforced by **the Honolulu Police Department**.

The cul-de-sac can be used for drop-off and pick-up of students. During drop-off and pick-up, a large number of vehicles move through a small area in a short period of time. For the safety of the children and in an effort to prevent traffic congestion, we have assigned a traffic safety monitor to the cul-de-sac. Our traffic safety monitor might give you instructions, reminding you of the guidelines listed below. **Please do not take this personally**, but rather understand that these guidelines are to ensure a safe and courteous drop-off and pick-up for your child.

Guidelines

- 1. Follow the law: Do not park or wait in the cul-de-sac, nor block the driveway of the condominiums.** Parked cars can be ticketed or towed.
- 2. Pull up to the curb and stop fully before dropping off or picking up your child.**
- 3. No “jaywalking,” even if you are escorting your child.** Use the sidewalk that circles the cul-de-sac or cross with the crossing guard. Jaywalking in this busy traffic area is unsafe. Remember, you are a role model for your child.
- 4. You may pick up or drop off your child anywhere along the curb of the cul-de-sac.** You don’t have to be right in front of the school entrance.
- 5. Have your child exit/enter the vehicle on the same side as the sidewalk, if at all possible.**
- 6. People are waiting, so please have your child prepared to exit the vehicle as you enter the cul-de-sac.** Avoid long good-byes, dispersing of lunch money, brushing of hair, etc. Instruct your child to exit the vehicle, **close the door, carry the backpack to the sidewalk, and then put on the backpack.**
- 7. Do not park in cafeteria lot.** Cars backing out of the lot run the risk of hitting pedestrians on the sidewalk. These cars also interfere with the flow of traffic in the cul de sac. After school, the lot is used by A+ workers.

If you are late for pickup and your child is not in the cul-de-sac, please drive around to the front office, as the safety person will not allow children to be left unattended. Sometimes there is no safety monitor, so tell your children that if you are late they should go to the office on their own.

REGISTER NOW!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SY 2006-07: Students born in 2001

Registration dates are from February 1 to February 17, 2006. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parents are to provide the following:

1. Verification of birth date (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, etc.)
2. Verification of residence (current rental/purchase agreement and/or current utility bill (electric, water, cable, or telephone).
3. Verification of negative TB test (Mantoux/PPD or chest x-ray) given within 12 months before first entry into any school in Hawaii. Registration cannot be completed without this verification. Students who have not attended a pre-school in Hawaii also need a physical examination within one year before July 31, 2006 and all required immunizations. If your child is attending pre-school in Hawaii, bring your child's Health Record, Form 14.

Community Announcements:

A+ Registration for SY 2006-07 will be held July 10 and July 11, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., in the Mililani Uka Elementary School Library.

The **Amateur Softball Association** is recruiting girls ages 10-12. If your daughter is interested please contact Carrie or Jerry Fowler at 623-4830 or 392-9342.

Mililani Basketball Association will hold spring season registrations on Sunday, February 12, 2006 from 1-5 p.m. at Mililani District Park Gym for the following age divisions: **Space is limited.** Boys and Girls combined leagues 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18, Girls only League 12-18. Divisions will remain 3 vs. 3. Birth Certificates are required at registration; cost is \$45.00. The season runs from approximately April 4, 2006 to May 27, 2006. Interested coaches please call Mililani District Park at 623-5258. Further questions; please contact Penny Ontai at 625-2769.

Foodland's Shop for Better Education now **Shop for Higher Education** runs from February 22 through April 4, 2006. This year Foodland will award one hundred \$2,000 college scholarships to deserving high school seniors across the state. By selecting a participating High School, you can help one or more deserving student earn a scholarship. We hope you will select Mililani High School each time you shop at our local Foodland stores.

Fun Factory Honor Roll Program

To encourage young people to do well at school, Fun Factory continues to reward students for academic excellence. Students simply bring in their report card to Fun Factory to receive free tokens to play Fun Factory games. All ME's will receive 10 tokens, all MP's or mixed ME & MP's will receive 5 tokens. More details can be found at www.funfactorygames.com



Congratulations to Uka's Geography Bee Competitors! On January 12, eight students fought for the honor to represent Mililani Uka Elementary School. Our top three students are: First Place from E8: Alex Park, Second Place from E8 Shannon Stinefelt, and Third Place from D8 Viola Mocz.

Counseling Corner:

Helping Your Child To Focus”

By Dr. Marta Garrett
Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii
Department of Counseling & Guidance

Where: Mililani Uka Library
When: February 16 (Thursday), 2006
6:30 –8:00pm



Learn techniques and strategies to help your child focus at home and in school.

Sponsored by the Mililani Complex Quality Assurance Team and the Primary School Adjustment Project (PSAP).

If you are interested in attending, please return the bottom portion of this form to Mililani Uka Elementary (94-380 Kuahelani Avenue, Mililani, HI 96789) by February 9, 2006.

I will be attending the “Helping Your Child To Focus” presentation at Mililani Uka Elementary.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Phone number: _____

Calendar of Events:

February 2006

- 1 Meal Tracker System begins
- 2/3 Grade 4 to Haleiwa Loi
- 3 Kindergarten to China Town
Grade One to Zoo
- 6-10 Book Fair in Library
- 8 Hui Coffee Hour- PCNC
- 9 Hui By-law review 6 pm
Author Night in Library
- 10 Recognition Assembly
- 13 Hui Fundraiser begins
- 15 Hui Meeting 5 pm
- 16 Parent Evening 6:30-8 p.m.
“Helping Your Child to Focus”
- 17 **No School:**
Teacher Waiver day
- 20 **No School:** Presidents Day
- 22 Begin **Buddy Pictures**
Grade 3 to Waipahu C. Park
- 23 Grade 4 Iolani Palace
(D6/7)
- 24 Final day for Buddy
Pictures
- 25 **Wellness Fair** at Mililani
Town Center

March 2006

- 1 Hawaii State Testing begins
- 3 Hui Fundraiser Ends
- 6 SCC Meeting 5 pm Library
- 7 Grade 4 to Iolani Palace
(D4/5/8)
Mililani Complex Music
Festival 6:30 MHS
- 13 Recognition Assembly
- 15 Hui Meeting

Spring Break
March 20-April 2

Community Awareness: How you can help your family, your school, and your community

Mililani Uka Elementary School has been identified by the State Civil Defense as a designated shelter. Should a severe weather event, such as a hurricane, threaten our neighborhood, selected areas of the school would provide a safe place for residents to ride out the storm, and also provide for a short-term place of residence in the event homes are damaged or destroyed.

County and state governments have charged the Hawai'i Red Cross with the responsibility of managing shelters during times of disaster. Having trained Red Cross volunteers ready to staff a shelter is crucial, should Mililani Uka Elementary School need to be used during a disaster.

By becoming a part of Mililani Uka's shelter team, you will help to fulfill the mission of the Hawai'i and the American Red Cross to prepare, prevent, and respond to emergencies. Hopefully, we will not have to deal with a serious disaster, but if one does occur, we need to know our communities are ready.

The Red Cross will bring the basic three-hour shelter operations course to Mililani in the evening or on a weekend. If you would like to be part of your school's shelter team, please contact Norma Tansey, PCNC at 627-7303 ext.233.

Uka Students Show Civic Responsibility and Community Awareness

Mililani Uka Students were active participants in the Aloha United Way campaign this school year, joining 41 public and private schools to become "Everyday Heroes" in their contributions to the Student Aloha Program.

Thank you to the Uka students and staff for their support of the December Student Council collection of HI 5 recyclable containers. We collected containers totaling \$291.95 for the Lokahi Program. Mahalo for your support!

We have been notified of people stealing HI 5 containers from our bins; for this reason we urge you to drop off your containers during the week, and not on the weekends. Mahalo.

Hui O Mililani News:

Mahalo for the tremendous support of the Winter Fun Run! Over 300 T-shirts were purchased raising over \$5,000 for the Hui budget for SY 2006-07. The Mililani High School Interact Club members were wonderful course assistants for this event, and many enjoyed seeing their former teachers.

Hui By-law review

In order to complete the PTSO By-law revision process, parent and community input is required. Please join us at either our morning coffee hour on 2/8 at 8 am in the PCNC office, or at 6:00 pm before Author Night 2/9 in the Library. Your comments are valued.

Hui Spring Fundraiser

Students will bring home tickets for the Spring Fundraiser on 2/13 to sell Pizza, Sausage, and Banana Bread. Please support the Hui fundraiser by selling your tickets to friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors. Students should not sell to strangers or without parental supervision.

Spring Testing at Mililani Uka

Mililani Uka will be administering the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in March 2006. The Hawaii State Assessment is a state and federally mandated test which assesses student progress in school, and is one of the gauges used to monitor our school's progress in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Mililani Uka also administers the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), versions 9 and 10, to our first and second graders during the same period. Testing results will be available and sent home during August 2006.

We would appreciate your assistance to make sure all students are present during testing days. Testing provides teachers and families valuable information on how their students are performing – to highlight the areas of strength, as well as areas of growth.

Students can best prepare for these assessments by:

- Getting a good night's rest
- Eating a healthy breakfast
- Arriving at school on time in the morning.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Counselors at 627-7303.

Grades 2 and 4 – Mr. Hosoda, x240.

Grades 1, 3, and 5 – Mr. Miyagi, x239.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3
No Testing	No Testing	1-Word Study 2-Word Study 3-Reading 1 4-Reading 1 5-Reading 1	1-Word Rdg 2-Rdg Vocab 3-Reading 2 4-Reading 2 5-Reading 2	1-Sentence Rdg 2-Rdg Comp 3-Reading 3 4-Reading 3 5-Reading 3
3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10
1-Rdg Comp 2 No Testing 3 No Testing 4- Reading 4 5 No Testing	1-Math Prob 2-Math Prob 3 – Reading 4 4 No Testing 5 – Reading 4	1-Math Proc 2-Math Proc 3 – Math 1 4 – Math 1 5 – Math 1	1 – OE Rdg 2- OE Rdg 3 – Math 2 4 – Math 2 5 – Math 2	1 – OE Math 2 – OE Math 3 – Math 3 4 – Math 3 5 – Math 3
3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17
No Testing	1 – No Testing 2 - No Testing 3 – Math 4 4 – Math 4 5 – Math 4	1 - No Testing 2 - No Testing 3 – Math 5 4 – Math 5 5 – Math 5	1 – No Testing 2 – No Testing 3 – Reading 5 4 – Reading 5 5 – Reading 5	No Testing

WELLNESS 2006

Healthy Living!



WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, February 25, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Town Center of Mililani

Sponsored by Mililani Complex Schools

*Kipapa Elementary * Mililani 'Ike Elementary,
Mililani Mauka Elementary * Mililani-Uka Elementary,
Mililani Waena Elementary * Mililani Middle * Mililani High*

Games * Prizes,
Informational Booths
Violence & Drug Prevention Resources
Entertainment