



# Mililani Uka Egrets “Talk Story”

## March 15, 2006

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### **Principal’s Message:**

Dear Parents,

Recently the Board of Education highlighted one of their priority issues which is the prevention of bullying and harassment of students. We agree that all students should enjoy coming to school and feel safe at our school.

We are fortunate to have a mediation program organized by our school counselors. Our student mediators help their fellow students resolve disputes. During recess they are out on the playground. When they see a dispute between students, they help the students come to an agreement that both of the students can live with. Our mediation program provides opportunities for your child to have positive relationships by teaching them how to work out their problems with others.

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to all of us. We encourage you to report any problems your child might have immediately to your child’s teacher. Our teachers care about the welfare of your child and, once they are alerted to a concern, immediately work to resolve the situation.

Our Mililani complex of schools has a variety of excellent schoolwide character education programs. In the near future, all of our schools will be implementing the same character education program called Character Counts. This program will emphasize “six pillars” of character. They are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. As Mililani complex principals, we feel that consistency among our schools will help your child as they move to the middle school and join with students from the other schools.

It’s hard to believe that we will soon be entering the last quarter of our school year. We have many fun family activities planned for the months of April and May. Have a great Spring Break!

Much Aloha,

**SPRING BREAK: MARCH 20-31/ SCHOOL RESUMES APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- **SAVE YOUR HI 5 CANS AND BOTTLES FOR UKA  
RECYCLE COLLECTION: APRIL 3-7, 2006**

Look for April Lunch Menu & Uka Calendar Inside!

**HELP WANTED AT MILILANI UKA ELEMENTARY**

**Contact:** Diana Bonsignore, Vice Principal, 627-7303 ext 229, or complete "Application for Exempt Positions", and return the application to the school office.

**All applicants must have their own childcare while working, must pass criminal history check and have a negative TB test result.**

**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 required.

**2) Substitute for Educational Assistant**

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

**3) Substitute for Classroom Cleaner**

**Duties:** Clean classrooms after school  
**Salary:** \$6.00 per hour, up to 3 hours per day (2:30 - 5:30)  
**Requirements:** Reliable, committed, and trustworthy  
No educational requirement, High school students  
Are welcome to apply

**4) Substitute for Custodian**

**Duties:** Clean classrooms, restrooms, and perform other custodial tasks such as yard work.  
**Salary:** \$13.16 per hour for 4-8 hours  
**Requirements:** Reliable, committed, trustworthy

**Safety Reminder - Action Required**

For the safety and protection of your child, be sure the school has your most current contact information. Immediately notify the office of new phone numbers and emergency contact information. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

**No "Wheels" on Campus**

We have a rule that there should be no wheel riding on campus (bikes, skateboards, scooter, heelys, etc.). Students and parents must walk bikes and scooters once they are on campus. Students have been forgetting about heelys (the shoe with the wheels imbedded in the heel). Please remind your child to remove the heely wheels before coming to school. Thank you for your help with these safety concerns.

## HEALTH NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF 4<sup>th</sup> AND 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

As of July 1, 2002, Hawaii Law requires all 7<sup>TH</sup> graders who attend public or private school to have the following immunizations:

- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR (measles, mumps & rubella)
- 1 or 2 Varicella (chicken pox) **OR** a documented history of chickenpox disease signed by your child's doctor.

In order to give every student an opportunity to complete the new immunizations requirements before 7<sup>th</sup> grade, our school health aide has reviewed each student's School Health Record. Students who do not meet the 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunization requirements will receive notices and be asked to follow up with their family doctor.

## Spring Gifted and Talented Testing

Testing for **Mililani Middle Schools' Gifted and Talented** (G.T.) program is slated for Saturday, April 8, 2006. The testing is open to incoming 6th graders and current 6th and 7th graders at Mililani Middle for SY 2006-2007. Applications for incoming 6th graders are available through their Gifted and Talented Coordinator, **Ann Imamura**, or applications may be secured from the Mililani Middle School front office. **Deadline** to turn in applications to the Middle School is **March 24, 2006**.

## Quest nominations

Quest is Mililani Uka's G. T. program for students who **excel** in verbal/linguistic intelligence. Characteristics of a gifted child will be provided with the Parent Nomination Form. Students applying for the Quest program must meet specific criteria, which consists of five different testing instruments. A screening committee composed of teachers from various grade levels, an administrator, a parent, and a counselor will conduct the final screening.

Please pick up a **Parent Nomination** Form for Quest testing in the office from **April 17th** through **April 21st**. Read through the packet and, if you feel your child meets the characteristics of a gifted child/potentially gifted child, please complete the form and return it to the office.

**All nomination forms need to be returned by April 21st. NO LATE NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED** so testing can be completed before the end of the school year.

For this testing period, Quest nominations are opened to any students in **Grades K through 4**. **Students identified and selected will begin the program in August 2006. If you have any questions, please call Ann Imamura at 627-7303.**

## 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.

**E Scrip** funds continue to arrive thanks to the parents who have selected Hui O Mililani Uka as their group. Families can select up to three organizations to support by shopping at Safeway or Macy's. For more information or to sign up for E Scrip, log onto [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and have your Safeway and Macy's cards handy. Mahalo for your support!

**Foodland's Shop for Higher Education** runs 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 (Code 7573) 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](http://www.funfactorygames.com)

**Hawai'i , the American Red Cross, & Mililani Uka** need your help to prepare, prevent, and respond to emergencies. Hurricane season is quickly approaching! Are you ready? If you would like to be part of Mililani Uka's school shelter team, please contact Norma Tansey, PCNC at 627-7303 ext. 233.

## Wellness Fair Poster Contest

Thank you students and teachers for participation in the Wellness Fair poster contest!

The posters were all great which made the selection process even more difficult.

The top posters were:

### Grades K-1 Division

1st place: Destiny Laun

2nd place: Zayren Terukina

3rd place: Nicholas Garcia

### Grades 2-3 Division:

Camren Yoshimoto

Janette Kim

Kalena Mahiai

### Grades 4-5 Division:

Alexis Kishimoto

Caitlyn Yoshioka

Gabriella Andrade

These students were recognized at the February assembly and given cash prizes from the Hui O' Mililani Uka. First place earned a cash prize of \$20.00, second place earned a cash prize of \$10.00, and third place took home a \$5.00 cash prize. Congratulations to Mililani Uka's young artists.

Thank you to the students and staff who took time from their busy schedules to run Mililani Uka's booth at the Wellness Fair. Mahalo to the Nishikawa family for providing balloon twisting skills and the participation of our schools JPO's, chorus and student council.

## Volunteers Needed: Please Join "Team Uka"

Nominations are being accepted for both the **SCC** (School Community Council) and **Hui O Mililani Uka** (Parent/Teacher Organization) Boards for school year 2006-2007. Interested parents and community members need to provide a short personal history statement to publish with the ballot by April 7, 2006. Candidates will be introduced and public votes will be cast at the Spring Fling event on April 13, 2006 or by returning the ballot (one per family) by April 19, 2006 to the PCNC office.

Five parents and three community members are needed for the SCC.

**SCC** members attend monthly meetings, (usually Mondays) review and provide input on academic, financial, and operational plans, and act as advisory to the principal. The SCC ensures consistency with the educational accountability system and provides input and collaboration with the school community.

**Hui O' Mililani's** goal is to provide the highest quality learning environment for the Uka students. Monthly meetings (usually Wednesdays) organize activities and select and coordinate fundraisers to provide needed funds for school programs. Current Projects include:

### Spring Fundraiser:

Hui O' Mililani extends a big mahalo for the support of the Spring fundraiser. The delivery date is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution: Shifts are 12:30-2:30, 2:30-4:30 or 4:30-6:30. Please contact the PCNC, Norma Tansey, at 627-7303 ext. 233 if you are available to help.

### Spring Fling 2006

(formerly Family Fun Night) will be held Thursday, April 13 from 6-8 pm.

Bento orders and money are due by April 5, 2006. Join us for music, dance, jump rope and community fellowship. The order form is on last page of this bulletin.

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Volunteers are needed to assist with the organization of Staff Appreciation Week.

Staff Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 8-12, with a special luncheon on Thursday, May 11. Hui O' Mililani needs your ideas, gift donations, and cooking or baking talents to make this an event the faculty & staff will enjoy. Support the faculty and staff at Mililani by joining the committee for this event.

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### Sign UP to be part of TEAM UKA!

I'm available to assist with the Spring fundraiser distribution on Wednesday, April 5  
Shift time       12:30-2:30       2:30-4:30       4:30-6:30

I'm available to assist with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week  
 Organize       Donate       Bake Goods       Other

I would like to run for a position on Team Uka. Provide a short personal history.  
 SCC       Hui O' Mililani

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to PCNC office by Wed, April 5, 2006 or call (M/W/F) 627-7303 ext 233.**



## *"Inspiring Fathers"*

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Statewide Hawai`i Fatherhood Conference**

**Thursday, April 6, 2006; 8:00 – 4:00**

**Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio**

**Conference Fee: \$25.00**

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For details about the conference, Registration forms (deadline 3/24), and Outstanding Father nomination forms (deadline 3/17), visit the school office or school website:

[www.mililaniuka.com](http://www.mililaniuka.com)

### **Local Organizations give back to Mililani Uka Elementary School**

**The Rotary Club** has donated student dictionaries for every 3rd grade student at Uka. Rotary Club President Mike Kauloku, President Elect Yolette Nishimoto and, Uka parent Rotarian Elbert Yoshida (it was through his effort that we received the books) were on hand to present the dictionaries to the students. Additionally, two 3rd grade classes were selected for the Fire Fighter Safety Guide grand prize: Mrs. Mills and Ms. Nishida.



The **Mililani Lions Club** continues to aid with school projects. In February, they painted the school bus shelter in front of C building. Mahalo for your continued support and assistance!

#### **School Calendar of Upcoming Events**

##### **March 2006**

- 15 Hui Meeting 5 pm
- 3/18-4/2 Spring Recess

##### **April 2006**

- 3 **Recycle Challenge begins**
- 4 Grade 2 to Symphony
- 5 **Pick up** Spring Fundraiser 1:30-6:00
- SpEd Field Day at Ike
- 6 Grade 3 to Waimea Valley (F5, F6, F7)
- 7 Grade 3 Waimea Valley (C202, 203, 1/2 F7)
- Gr. 4 Bishop Museum Sleepover (D4, 5, 1/2 D7)
- Gr. K to Zoo

##### **Recycle Challenge Ends**

- 10 **SCC meeting 5 p.m.**
- 13 HSA testing ends
- Gr. 4 Bishop Museum Sleepover (D6, 8, 1/2 D7)

##### April continued

- 13 **Spring Fling 6-8 pm**
- 14 Good Friday: **No school**
- 19 Hui meeting 5 p.m.
- 20 Campus Evacuation drill
- 21 Food Drive: St. Council
- 27 Recognition Assembly
- 28 Complex Track meet

##### **May 2006**

- 1 Freedom Musical 9am & 7pm
- SCC Meeting 5 p.m.
- 4 Jump Rope for Heart G 4/5
- 5 Jump Rope for Heart G 2/3
- 8 Jump Rope for Heart K/G1
- Grade 5 Transition Conference at Okinawan Center