



Mililani Uka Egrets “Talk Story”

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Dear Parents,

Principal’s Message

Mrs. Susan Nekoba, one of our 2nd grade teachers, was our school’s representative at the HSTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. We celebrate and thank her for many years of dedicated service to our school. She has taught hundreds of students and given them a great educational foundation.

Thank you for your recent donations of cans, glass and plastic. While we were not the top winner in the State, your efforts earned \$1200 for our student activities. Our food drive for the Food Bank collected close to 600 lbs of food in one day! Yesterday we collected 387 pairs of shoes! These shoes will be recycled as the padding for playground equipment in low-income areas.

Each year we have many opportunities for our families to support our school. Our Hui works hard to provide funds to support the needs of our school. They have various fundraisers throughout the year. This is so that you have a choice of what you would like to participate in. You need not participate in them all.

These fundraisers support staff development, student activities, parent workshops like Read Aloud, and to upgrade our school facilities. In addition, some of this year’s funds will be used to pay for a campus PA system and to air condition our computer lab. The air conditioning in our computer lab extends the life of our computers, as well as, provides a better learning environment for our students.

Recently, I was asked to remind everyone of the policy of not bringing “guns” to school. The Department of Education has a zero tolerance gun policy. All guns that shoot projectiles (bullets, pellets, paintballs) are considered guns that result in students being suspended for one year. There has been a rise of students (including elementary school students) being suspended for one year because they brought a pellet or paintball gun to school. To be safe our students should not bring any type of gun to school.

Let’s keep everyone safe.

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm
Principal



During **Spring Fling**, held on April 13, Hui O'Mililani Uka President, Joreen Murayama, recognized the volunteer groups that have contributed to the success of this year's programs. The groups recognized were: Mililani High School Interact Club, Hawaii Ballroom Dancers, Schofield Army Wolfhounds, and the Freshman Jump Rope Team. Also recognized were Uka parents: Teresa Sanchez, library helper and sound technician for the past 3 years; and Uka's Yearbook Committee: Lianne Yoneda, Paulette Inouye, and Susan Tomei. We extend a big thank you to all the parents and community members who contribute their talents and time to the students of Mililani Uka. Pictured here is Brennan Anzai, the lucky recipient of the Spring Fundraiser cash drawing of \$500.00.

Safety First: Evacuation Drill



On April 20, Mililani Uka students and staff practiced the full school evacuation with an orderly walk to Mililani District Park. Should the school need to remove students from a dangerous situation, the possible locations are: Mililani District Park, Kealohi Neighborhood Park, and Noholoa Neighborhood Park.

A special thanks to Lii Furuta for the evacuation banners that are ready to post on the gates to let parents know our location.

Safety Reminders:

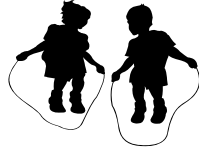
- For the safety and protection of your child, be sure the school has your most current contact information. Immediately notify the office of new phone numbers and emergency contact information. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.
- All Hawaii Schools maintain a zero gun tolerance. Bringing a gun on campus results in a one-year suspension. Don't bring a gun to school!
- Supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. and parents are asked to refrain from dropping the student(s) off on campus any earlier. Parents who drop off their children prior to 7:30 a.m. will be responsible for your children's health and safety.
- Students should never give information about other students to strangers.

Upcoming Uka Events:

Freedom Musical Production:

Monday, May 1st at 7 p.m. Cafeteria

Join the talented students from Fourth Grade (D5 & D7) along with their kindergarten partners (from H1 and H3) for a 45-minute musical about freedom and choices in America.



Support the American Heart Association and Mililani Uka's Jump Rope for Heart

- Thursday, **May 4** Grades 4/5
- Friday, **May 5** Grades 2/3
- Monday, **May 8** Pre-K, K and Grade 1

On the day of your event please remember to:

1. Dress for your event with sneakers and shorts.
2. Wear sunscreen
3. Bring a water bottle

Safety Reminders:

1. Never whip the rope around!
2. When turning the rope, never let go of it!
3. While jumping, keep enough distance between yourself and the next jumper.
4. All jumpers should face the speaker.
5. Follow the tribes agreement at all times.

Donations will be accepted until May 8.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation May 8-12

Show your support of the great team at Mililani Uka! Contact Joreen Murayama, Hui O' Mililani President with your donations or ideas. Call 627-7303, ext 233.

Red Cross Shelter Training at Uka's Library on May 16 from 7-9 p.m.

Join Mililani Uka's shelter team by taking the 2-hour training course from 7-9 p.m. RSVP to PCNC, Norma Tansey at 627-7303, ext 233 by May 10 to reserve your spot on the team. Team members are asked to watch a 40-minute "Introduction to Disaster" at www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer.

Uka Calendar:

May

- 5/1 **Freedom Musical** 7 pm
- 5/2 Grade 4 Student Council Elections
- 5/4 Jump Rope For Heart Grades **4/5** from 1-2
- 5/5 Jump Rope For Heart Grades **2/3** from 1-2
- 5/8 Jump Rope For Heart Grades **K/1** from 1-2
- Grade 5 Transition conference:
SCC Meeting 5 p.m. Library
- 5/8-12 **Staff Appreciation Week**
- 5/11 Faculty Luncheon
- 5/12 JPO Field Day
- 5/13 Letter Carrier Food Drive
- 5/16 Red Cross Shelter Training:
7-9 p.m. Library
- 5/17 Hui O' Mililani Meeting
MMS Music Dept Silent Auction 6-8 p.m.
- 5/18 Papa John's Pizza Night
- 5/19 SC/Peer Mentor/Peer Mediator Activity
- 5/20 Red Cross Mock Shelter Display at
Kahuku High School
- 5/23 Grade 5 Dare Program
- 5/24-6 **Curriculum Fair**
- 5/26 End of Year Recognition Assembly
- 5/29 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

June

- 6/2 Grade 5 Banquet
- 6/5 Aloha Assembly
Last day of school for students

- 6/13-6/30 Summer School
- 7/10-11 A+ Registration 5-7 p.m. Library
- 7/31 SY 2006-07 First Day for Students.

Community News:

Free Orthopedic Care for Children provided by Shriners Hospital. Screening exams for new patients on Friday, May 12, 2006 from 1-4 p.m. at the Kaiser Permanente Mililani clinic. The screening clinic is at no cost and appointments can be made by calling 941-4466.

University of Hawaii Baseball

camps will be held July 7-9 and July 14-16. Applications are available in Uka's office. Cost of camp is \$120.

Mililani AYSO VIP program is taking applications for the fall season. Looking for an activity for your special needs child, contact Desi McKenzie at 623-2411 for more information.

More Community News:

- **Mililani Middle School PTSO:**

Parents, do you want to know more about what is going on when your child's goes to Mililani Middle School? Why not join the PTSO Executive Board and know the information!

The Mililani Middle School PTSO is seeking nominations for the 2006-2007 school year in the following position: **President**. The nominee must be a parent or guardian of a student who will be enrolled at MMS during the 2006-2007 school year.

The President presides at all meetings, exercising general supervision and direction of the PTSO. The President also oversees all committees and is an *ex officio* member of those committees.

Please feel free to call Lori Wright, PCNC and current PTSO President, if you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, for the position of the President at 626-7360 ext. 520.

- **Support the Mililani Middle School Music Department!**

Come to the **Silent Auction** on Wednesday, **May 17** from 6-8 p.m.

- **Participate in the Parent to Parent Workshop at Mililani Middle School**

Parent Educator, Janet Puanani Eblen, will address how parents can help protect your children, how times have changed since we were children, what our children are being exposed to, and how we can enable our children to develop a positive self-awareness.

This workshop is geared to parents of all K-12 students. See attached flyer to reserve your space to the May 31st 7 p.m. workshop at MMS cafeteria.

- **The UH Institute for Astronomy is having an Open House**

When: Sunday, April 30, 2006

Time: 11: 00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: UH Institute for Astronomy

2680 Woodlawn Drive, Manoa

There will be activities for all ages, with lectures on the latest discoveries and sun and planet viewing. You can ask an astronomer your questions about the stars and learn traditional Hawaiian astronomy. There will also be lab tours and demonstrations, Keiki Star Lab planetarium shows, and hands on activities.

Admission and parking are free. For more info check out: www.ifa.hawaii.edu

- **Central District Summer School** programs will be held at the following schools:

Mililani Uka Elementary	Contact 627-7303	Director: Scott Miyagi
Mililani Ike Elementary	Contact 626-2958	Director: Steve Nakaguma
Mililani Mauka Elementary	Contact 626-3022	Director: Kerry Tom
Salt Lake Elementary	Contact 831-7870	Director: Duwayne Abe
Waialua Elementary	Contact 637-8228	Director: Aimee Kumura
Waimalu Elementary	Contact 483-7210	Director: Ernest Muh
Moanalua Middle School	Contact 831-7854	Director: JoAnn Fu
Mililani High School	Contact 627-7747	Director: Jamie Oshiro
Leilehua High School	Contact 622-6550	Director: Terri Kodama

Local Clubs Support Uka Students:

Mililani Lions Club Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest Winners:
At the April Recognition Assembly the following students received monetary awards in the amount of twenty dollars for First place, fifteen dollars for Second place, and ten dollars for Third Place recognition:



Kindergarten:

First Place: Jarred Holmes
Second Place: Noelle Balagtas
Third Place: Kobee Ledward

Grade One:

First Place: Martina Segura
Second Place: Erika Neill
Third Place: Jonathan Shima

Grade Two:

First Place: Kayla Watabu
Second Place: Karli Shidaki
Third Place: Quentin Tapaoan

Grade Three:

First Place: Sarah LeGalley
Second Place: Minh Thompson
Third Place: Luc Lavatai

Grade Four:

First Place: Lindsey Choo
Second Place: Sean Kaya
Third Place: Megan Takemoto

Mililani Rotary Club

In April, each student in Third Grade was given an American Flag compliments of the Rotary Club at a special presentation. We extend a special thanks to the Rotary Club for their generosity.

Hui O' Mililani

Thank you for your attendance and participation at Spring Fling 2006!

The Hui O' Mililani executive board for the 2006-2007 School Year is as follows:

President: Joreen Murayama, Vice President: Lii Furuta

Corresponding Secretary: Louise Smith, Recording Secretary: Shelly Dinh

Treasurer: Angela White

