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August 2006

Mililani Uka Elementary School

Phone: 627-7303

Attendance Line *400

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back to school! We are fortunate to welcome Ms. Heather Dwyer a new fourth grade teacher. She comes to us from Kihei Elementary on Maui. We also send congratulations to Mrs. Gerri Nakasone, our previous fourth grade teacher, as she becomes a district resource teacher for Waialua Complex. We will miss her. This year we will partner with the University of Hawaii, College of Education, to provide a training site for new teachers. We will welcome these new individuals to our campus as they enter into one of the greatest professions – teaching!

I also want to welcome all of our new students and their families to our school. We have updated our Parent/Student handbook this summer. Please take the time to read through the handbook, especially the areas on contraband and dress code; keep the handbook as a handy reference.

Our Hui `O Mililani Uka is already planning fun events to support our school. Due to their fundraising, they have been able to provide our school with a funding for educational programs, as well as provide funds to help our classroom teachers. This past year, they funded the upgrade to our PA system so that we will be able to broadcast messages outside the buildings and air-conditioned our new computer lab.

We welcome our School Community Council members to the first meeting that will be held August 7th at 5pm in our library.

The teachers have been planning together during the summer to create meaningful learning experiences for your child. In addition to school day activities for your children, there will be other events that we hope you will be able to attend as a family.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our Parent Orientation on August 15th!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm, Principal

Who's Who at Mililani Uka Elementary School

Administration

Heather Wilhelm - Principal

Diana Bonsignore- Vice Principal

Teachers

Kindergarten

H1 Anita Choi
H4 Daryl Fujino
H2 Reina Loughlin
J2 Arleen Tanaka
H3 Kathi Uyemura

First Grade

P10 Kathlyn Ishii
P6 Pauline Kishimoto
P9 Jill Nobu
P12 Patricia Tochiki
P11 Gail Urabe

Second Grade

F2 Susan Nekoba
F3 Elaine Sunahara
F4 Edna Takaki
F1 Debbie Watanabe
C104 Audrey Yoneshige

Third Grade

F6 Darci Asato-Garcia
C202 Shauna Ihu
F7 Clarice Kamiya
C203 Lynn Mills
F5 Mari Nishida

Fourth Grade

D6 Heather Dwyer
D8 Raejean Gamiao
D7 Kristie Metivier
D4 Ann Saruwatari
D5 Coreen Shiosaki

Fifth Grade

E5 Cheryl Fujimoto
E6 Johnna Jacobsen
E8 Carrie Laforteza
E7 Lori Nishikawa
E4 Fay Tsurumaki

IRA

J4 Myrna Daguio
E3 Lance Fujioka
C201 Ann Imamura
C101 Jo-Ann Kawachi
C205 Jan Matsuura

Special Education

J1 Mona Andrade
E1 Lani Hirata
P7 Lynette Hyrmer
E2 Sandy Neill
D2 Charlynn Okimoto Shinjo
P3 Amy Suits (PS)
P5 Rebecca Turner (PS)
P4 Taffy Underwood (PS)
D3 PSAP (vacant)

Educational Assistants

J1 Rosa (Pia) Rocha
E1 Darlene Ching
P7 Frena Cockett
E2 Frances Ancheta Sampaga
D2 Anita Sojot
P3 Katherine Jerviss
P5 Catherine Kim
P4 Jill Muranaka
D3 Debbie Flores

Librarian

Ginger Enomoto

Counselors

PS/K/2/4 Tim Hosoda
1/3/5 Scott Miyagi

Student Service

Lorene Park, coord.
Janice Koki, clerk

Office Staff

Phyllis Ishikawa, SASA
Jo-Ann Chang
Robyn Goya
Wendy Kagawa (a.m.)
Lynne Uchida (p.m.)

Speech/Language

P1 Linda Kimoto
P1 Crystal Shiroma
P1 Gwen Nakamura, Aide

Health Aid

Leatrice Miyashiro

PTT

Yuko Kaminaga, World Lang.
Phyllis Muranaka, ESLL
Joy Lo, Hawaiian Kumu
Elsie Ryder, Hawaiian Kumu
Norma Tansey, PCNC

Meal Program

Carol Kalani
Claudia Gachet
Eva Mocz

Custodians

Craig Shiira
Melvin Yoshida
Darryl Leong

HSA and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)

What does this mean for our school?

Our school is dedicated to helping students succeed. We have high expectations for our students in line with federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) standards.

Recently, the Hawaii Department of Education (Department) released a report on the “adequate yearly progress” (AYP) that schools are making toward achieving proficiency for all students under NCLB. The Department places schools in a specific “NCLB status” category depending on how many years each school has made or not made progress. Based on the most recent report from the Department, our school is in the **In Good Standing, Pending** NCLB status category for School Year 2006-07.

This past year our grade 3, 4 and 5th grade students, overall, met proficiency objectives in Reading at 66% and Math at 30%. This year’s proficiency objective for our State is 44% in reading and 28% in Math.

However, in order to meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), a school needs to not only meet overall proficiency percentages but also proficiency in qualifying subgroups. Our school met proficiency in all sub-groups but one and that is our disadvantaged group. While 47% of our disadvantaged students were proficient in Reading, we had only 23% of our students meeting proficiency in Math. If three more of our students had made proficiency, we would have met our AYP goal vs. the Not Met and our school would have been **In Good Standing, Unconditional**.

We are committed to achieving our goal of success for every student. Our teachers planned this summer to create additional supports for our students. While we will be targeting those students who are not meeting proficiency, our school’s goal is to have all of our students not only meet but exceed proficiency.

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Calendar of Events:

August Spirit Week

- 2 **Wear Red: Be Drug Free**
Kindergarten Group C
- 3 **Wear White / Gray: Be A Buddy Day**
Kindergarten Group D
- 4 **Wear Blue: Show Uka Pride**
Kindergarten Group E
- 5 Kindergarten class lists posted at library
- 7 Kindergarten ½ Class
SCC Meeting 5 p.m. Library
- 8 Kindergarten ½ Class
- 9 **All Kindergarten Full day**
Papa John's Pizza Night
- 10 PCNC Volunteer Training- Coffee 8 a.m.
- 15 **Parent Orientation-**
6:15 Volunteer Training- Cafeteria
6:30 Hui General Meeting
7:00- 8:00 Classrooms open
- 16 Hui Magazine Sales Begin
- 17 Welcome Assembly
RAP Returns- Cafeteria 5:45 p.m.
- 18 **NO School- Statehood Day**
- 21 Magazine sales collection day
- 23 Magazine sales collection day
- 25 Magazine sales collection day
- 28 Hui -Magazine sales FINAL collection
- 29 **Grade 5 Math Talk Story**
- 31 **RAP #2- Cafeteria 5:45-7:30 p.m.**

September

- 1 **No School- Teacher waiver day**
- 4 **No School- Labor Day**
- 5 **Grade 4 Math Talk Story**
- 8 Hui- Sally Foster Sales begin
- 11-15 **SAFETY WEEK**
- 12 **Grade 3 Math Talk Story**
- 14 **RAP #3**
Nike5/go form deadline to Uka
- 19 **Kindergarten Math Talk Story**
- 20 **Grade 1 Math Talk Story**
Papa John's Pizza Night
- 21 **Grade 2 Math Talk Story**
- 25 **Hui- Sally Foster Order Deadline**

October

- 1 **Niketown Races**

Calendar Event Details:

Read Aloud Program (RAP) is a six-session literacy program that will spark you and your student's interest in reading! Different handouts will be distributed at registration for each session so plan to attend all six. Bring the whole family; RAP has something for every age group from toddlers to grandparents with chances to win prizes! Agenda: Registration 5:45- 6:00 p.m.
Session Theme: 6:00- 6:25
Reading Break Outs: 6:30-7:10
Pizza & Drinks: 7:15- 7:30

Don't miss the fun, themes include:

- How to motivate your child to read
- Parents as role models
- Choosing books your child will love

Math Talk Story by Grade Level

One night has been selected for each grade to showcase grade level math standards and materials. Watch for a flyer to come home with your student for more details on these events.

Papa John's Pizza Nights

A Hui fundraiser, one Wednesday night each month we ask for your support by eating Papa John's pizza for dinner. Fliers are sent home with each student for use when ordering to tally which classroom buys the most pizza to earn a free pizza party!

Papa John's supports Mililani Uka Elementary School with Perfect Attendance Certificates at the end of each quarter.



“Harassment” is Unacceptable Behavior We need your help...

While the harassment “bullying” of students is unfortunately a common experience for many children as they grow up, our teachers and staff are committed to preventing incidents of harassment. We have been talking about teasing and bullying in our classrooms. We want your child to feel comfortable talking about this topic openly in the classroom. We hope you will encourage your child to talk about teasing and bullying behavior at home, too.

Here are some approaches that you can take to help your child if he/she is being bullied.

1. Encourage your child to ask for help and talk to you, a teacher, school counselor or administrator.
2. Teach your child to walk in a confident manner. Bullies are less likely to intimidate children who are confident and resourceful.
3. With your child, practice using a strong voice to express their feelings clearly, to say no when they feel pressured or uncomfortable.
4. Encourage your child to walk away and tell an adult if he or she feels someone is about to hurt him/her.
5. Talk about safe ways to act in situations that might be dangerous. For example, identify a safe house or walk with an adult or older child.
6. Encourage your child to stand up for themselves verbally without fighting.

Here are some thoughts as to how to help your child if you discover he/she is doing the bullying.

1. Make it clear that bullying will not be tolerated. If the problem occurs at school, tell your child that you will respect the school's right to determine an appropriate consequence for the behavior.
2. Discuss with your child, how it would feel if it happened to him/her?
3. Help your child feel successful. Emphasize his good points and give lots of positive feedback when he/she does well.
4. Find opportunities for your child to help others. Helping others increases a child's sense of their self worth.

And if your child observes a bullying situation, please have him/her go to an adult and get help immediately. This supports the victim by not allowing the bullying to continue. Your child getting help lets the victim know that he is not alone in this situation and also sends a message to the bully that his behavior is not acceptable. Encourage your child to report bullying incidents. Harassment “bullying” is a serious offense and will not be tolerated at our school.

If you are aware of an incident, inform the school immediately. If you have records of when the instances occurred, you can submit them also. Once we are alerted to an incident, we will resolve the problem as quickly as we can.

With your help we can continue our tradition of having our campus be a safe place for our children to learn.

******Important Reminders******

Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Our Weighted Student Formula funding depends partly on the number of our Free/Reduced Meal applications. Please consider submitting an application if you qualify or are not sure you do qualify, but think that you might. One application per family needs to be submitted to the school by Tuesday, August 8. **The number of qualified applications that we receive by Tuesday, 8/8 will be the number used to provide additional funding for our school.**

If your child received Free/ Reduced last year, they will remain on the status for only ten (10) days. To renew your Free/ Reduced status you **must** turn in a new application. Applications are available from the school office.

After School Pick Up Safety:

Please remind your children to wait safely and quietly after school for pick up. Discuss the need for them to wait until your car comes to a complete stop beside the curb before approaching your car. Students who wait along the school parking lot, bus stop benches, or in front of the library and office are to SIT and wait. Please explain to your children that they are to report to the office for help and assistance if pick-up does not go as planned. Having your child wait in front of the library, instead of the office eases parking lot traffic congestion.

Traffic Safety Alert

To maintain a safe environment for all students we are asking ALL Uka parents to adhere to the following safety rules:

- * Pick up and drop off students at the curb only. Students are not allowed to walk through the front parking lot or into the back cul de sac road. Pedestrians should always use the sidewalk.
- * Do not park in the cul de sac. Violators are subject to a citation from Honolulu Police Department (H.R.S. Sec. 15-14).
- * Cars should not wait at the curb. The lane closest to the curb will be for the loading and unloading of students. If your child is not ready to exit or enter your vehicle, you will be asked to circle around and come back for your child so that you will not hold up the cars behind you. The second lane is a through lane.
- * Cross the street only at crosswalks. To do otherwise risks a life. Parents, remember you are a role model for your child, so only walk your child in a cross walk. Teach children to:
 - Cross streets only at crosswalks.
 - Look and listen in both directions for cars before crossing.
 - Stay on the curb until you are sure the cars have fully stopped.
 - When driving on or near campus, please be patient, courteous, and exercise caution.

Remember children sometimes forget to look before crossing the street and driveway.

Identification Badges:

All visitors and volunteers of Mililani Uka need to have an identification badge on them at all times. You need to sign in and out at the office each time you come on campus to receive your badge. This procedure is for the safety and well being of all our students and yourself. Please lock your car and make sure your belongings are secured while on campus.

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Start of School Year Handouts

The following handouts are given out to **all Mililani Uka students** during the first week of each school year. If you have not received one or more of these forms, please notify the child's teacher or call the school office. **Please return these completed forms by August 8, 2006:**

Emergency Card

Emergency Release of Student Form

Designated Child Form (if applicable)

Release Forms:

Permission to Videotape/ Record

Internet Access Permission

Permission to Reproduce work

Free/ Reduced School Meal Program application (if applicable)

Uka Parent Handbook – Grade Level- Classroom Rules Acknowledgement

The following handouts are for your use and reference, please review:

Mililani Uka Parent and Student Handbook (note correction listed above)

Grade level/ Classroom Rules

Chapter 19

Equal Educational Opportunity

Equal Educational Opportunity for Students who are Disabled

Privacy Notice to Parent, Guardians, and Eligible Students

Standards-Based Education: Info for Parents

Meal Program

We recommend that all students participate in the Meal Program. The purchase of meal credits is done through the school office. **Checks are payable to Mililani Uka Elementary School** and must include your child's first and last name and room number. **Cash must be sent in a sealed envelope** with your child's first and last name, room number, grade and amount enclosed written on the envelope. Each student is issued a permanent bar coded meal card; replacement for lost or damaged cards is billed to the student at \$.50 per card. Reminders are sent home when the account has less than 5 lunches remaining on the account.

SURF: Silent Uninterrupted Readng For Fun

Held daily from 8:00- 8:15 a.m., SURF supports the strands in reading from the Language Arts Content Standards (HCPS II). During SURF, everyone reads silently, something of their own choosing. Please try to avoid phone calls to the office during SURF in order to provide a quiet reading environment.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Waiting for Student Dismissal:

Prior to school dismissal, parents should not be waiting by classrooms for their children. Parents may wait at the front of the library or next to the cafeteria no earlier than 15 minutes before the end of school until the end of school bell rings.

Community Corner

Pack 364 Ice Cream Social

Kick off the new school year and join us for some delicious ice cream along with your favorite toppings and learn about Cub Scouts. Leaders and scouts will share with you the fun and exciting program of scouting. Come join the Fun!!

When: Friday August 25, 2006 7pm-8pm

Where: Mililani Uka Elementary School Cafeteria

What to bring: An appetite for Ice Cream and the need to have fun!

If you have any questions, you can contact:
John Pasternak, Cub master 623-2393 or
Lisa Dau, Committee Chair 623-7326
Website: www.pack364.org
<http://www.pack364.org/>

Girl Scout Registration is open now!

If you are interested in doing fun crafts, community projects, or exciting camping trips, come join the Girl Scouts at Mililani Uka Elementary School. For information call the troop leader, Vida Pang at 626-6955.



Help Uka Raise \$\$\$\$

Do you shop at Safeway or Macy's ?

Sign up with **Escrip** and let the items you purchase earn money for our school!

Sign up or renew online. It's quick and easy.

- Get your Macy's and Safeway cards
- Log onto www.escrip.com
- Click on "sign-up"
- Follow the directions
Our Group Name is
Mililani Uka/Hui `O Mililani Uka
Our Group ID is **14181549**
- Ask your local and mainland grandparents & friends to sign up.

Qualified Macy's and Safeway purchases earn extra during August and September so sign up today! Mahalo!

NIKETOWN5/ NikeGo

Sunday, October 1 brings NIKETOWN races back to Waikiki. Join Team Uka – fill out the entry form and return it to the school by **September 14** to assure entry. Bring your family and friends! This is for everyone-walkers, joggers and runners, but space is limited, don't wait. Sign up today! Raise money for Uka's physical education programs and have fun too!

Volunteer Training: Thur. 8/10 at 8 a.m. or Tues. 8/15 at 6:15 p.m.

With RAP returning and the start of another new year, we need trained volunteers! Please join Norma Tansey, PCNC for coffee on Thursday, August 10 at 8 a.m. in the PCNC office in the Administration building or come early to Parent Orientation on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:15 p.m. and meet in the cafeteria. If these dates and times do not work with your schedule, please contact Norma at 627-7303 or via email at norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us to schedule training. Mahalo!

RSVP: Full Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Student's Name _____

Yes, I will attend training on 8/10 _____ or 8/15 _____

I can help at the August 17-Session of RAP -----or other 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 11/2
__ Registration (5:30-6:15) __ Escorts (6:15-7:15) __ Servers/Clean-up (7-8:00)

Hui `O Mililani Uka

The Mililani Uka Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization is also known as the "Hui". The 2006-2007 Hui Board will be sworn in at the August 15 General meeting. They are:

Joreen Murayama	President
Lii Furuta,	Vice-President
Shelly Dinh	Recording Secretary and alternate to the SCC
Louise Smith	Corresponding Secretary
Angela White	Treasurer and SCC member

Fundraising was one hot topic at the July Board meeting with many wonderful new ideas on the table. The fund-raisers currently under contract for the 2006-07 School Year are:

Reader's Digest Magazine Sales	Begins: August 16	Ends: August 28
Entertainment Book Sales	Begins: August 1	Ends: December 15
Sally Foster Gifts and Wrap	Begins: September 8	Ends: September 25
Spring Shamrock Foods Sales	Begins: February 13	Ends: March 2, 2007

The **Fall Fest** committee is already planning for a fun evening on **Friday, October 20, 2006**. Please plan to volunteer for at least one game or food booth! We will be asking for donations of drinks (juice/water/soda), baked goods, crafts, videos and plants for the Country Store and use of pop-up canopies for shade/shelter. Watch for the Fall Fest Flier later this month.

READ ALOUD PROGRAM (RAP) is BACK!

RAP was a huge success two years ago with attendance near or over 300 at each event! Hui `O Mililani Uka is committed to supporting the importance of reading for our students. Each RAP session will spark your student's interest and love of reading, so please plan to attend and return your registration material so that we have enough materials ready for each family.

Unfortunately, RAP events require 20-30 VOLUNTEERS to run smoothly. Please contact the PCNC office if you are available to assist with registration, escorting, serving pizza, or clean up.

School Community Council (SCC)

The SCC is required by Act 51 to assist the school to meet the DOE Strategic Plan, the NCLB requirements, and other school initiatives, including the school's Academic and Financial Plans. The Council members are selected in the spring for the up-coming school year. Mililani Uka has a sixteen-member council with 8 school staff and 8 non-school members.

Non-School members are:

Eric Matsumoto, Community member- Chair
Flo Farnbach, community member
Jan Fukada, parent
Nasrin Segovia, parent
Gail Markovich, parent
Angela White, Hui representative, parent
Brandon White, Student Council president
Lawrence Kimura, Student Council VP

Alternates: Shelly Dinh, Parent/ Hui
Cindy Nichols, community

School Members are:

Heather Wilhelm, Principal
Kathi Uyemura, Teacher
Edna Takaki, Teacher
Raejean Gamiao, Teacher
Lani Hirata/Mona Andrade (2nd) Teacher
Myrna Daguio, Teacher
Wendy Kagawa, Classified
Kathy Jervis, Classified

Alternates: Anita Choi, Teacher
Darlene Ching Classified
Robyn Goya, Classified

ASBESTOS INSPECTION NOTIFICATION

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires our school to notify school employees and parents of the presence and status of asbestos containing materials in our school buildings. The law further requires a management plan based upon the findings of the initial inspection.

We have conducted the required six months surveillance on July 19, 2006, and will complete the next surveillance in January, 2007.

The results of the recently completed surveillance indicate there have been no changes in the condition of the asbestos containing materials in our school buildings and that the buildings are safe for students.

A copy of the inspection report and the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your review in our school office or at the Safety and Security Services Section of the Department of Education (DOE). Please contact Vice Principal Diana Bonsignore for additional information 627-7303 X229.

Help Wanted at Mililani Uka

Contact: Diana Bonsignore, Vice Principal, 627-7303 X229

1) Substitute for Cafeteria Supervisor

Duties: Supervise children at lunch
Salary: \$10.13 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

3) Substitute for Classroom Cleaner, High School students welcome to apply

Duties: Sweep classrooms after school
Salary: \$6.75 per hour, 3 hours per day (2:30 - 5:30 PM)
Requirements: Reliable, trustworthy
No education requirement

4) Traffic Supervisor, Daily, before and after school

Duties: Monitor Traffic in the cul de sac on Lanikuhana Pl.
Salary: \$11.52 per hour, 1 hour per day 7:25-8:00 AM & 2:00-2:25 PM
(Weds. 1:05-1:30)
Requirements: Patient, committed, reliable, enjoy working with children & adults