



Egrets Talk Story

September 2006

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Attendance Line *400

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Recycling has always been important to our school. However, our cans and bottles have attracted the attention of unwanted strangers to our campus. Other schools in our complex are also experiencing similar problems. As a result, we have decided to explore different ways to continue our recycling but collect in a different way. Our Student Council will be discussing what will be the best way to safely collect our cans and bottles.

We are also looking for parent volunteers willing to help us take the cans and bottles to the redemption center each month. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Norma Tansey, our PCNC.

Recently in the newspaper, there was an article on the need for textbooks. Because the allocation to each complex area is limited, Mililani complex prioritized the needs of our schools and decided to send the funds to Mililani Middle and Mililani High Schools first.

The need for updated instructional materials continues at all of our schools. In October, we will be having a school fundraiser for this purpose. Our first priority will be in the area of science. Look for more information on the Headshot fundraiser to come home after the break. We hope that you will be able to use these as gifts for Christmas.

Your participation at our Read Aloud has been fabulous with 400–500 participants attending the first three sessions. We have three more to go and we hope to see you there!

Lastly, we would like to welcome our new fourth grade teacher, Tyler Mezin to our Mililani Uka Ohana. Tyler's last school was Sunset Elementary. He will be taking over for Mrs. Saruwatari beginning September 18. We want to thank Mrs. Saruwatari for her hard work; she will be missed by her students and families. The good news is that she will still be with us as she returns to her position as our Curriculum Coordinator!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm

UKA EVENT CALENDAR

September

- 18-22 4th Grade Bike Education
18 Kind.- J2 & H4 to Waimea Valley
19 5th Grade-E4 to Art Academy
Kindergarten Math Talk Story 6-7 p.m. in Library
20 Papa John Pizza Night
1st Grade Math Talk Story in Library 6:30-7:30
21 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
2nd Grade Math Talk Story in Library 6-7 p.m.
22 Sally Foster Order Collection
25 Deadline for Sally Foster Order Collection
Kind. -H1 to Waimea Valley
1st Grade - P6/P10/P11 to Makaha Farms
26 3rd Grade to Honolulu Zoo
5th Grade-E5/E7 to Art Academy
27 All 2nd Grade to HTY
28 5th Grade -E4 to Art Academy
RAP #4 in Cafeteria 5:45 p.m.
Recognition Assembly
29 K-2 Grade at 8:30
3-5 Grade at 9:15

September 30-October 9: No School October

- 1 Niketown Races
9 No School - Teacher Institute
11 **Wear RED-** Spirit Day
12 **Wear White/Gray** for
Be A Buddy Day
Campus Evacuation Drill
RAP #5 in Cafeteria 5:45 p.m.
13 **Wear Blue-** Uka Spirit Day
HI 5 Recycle Collection Day
Kindergarten to Aloun Farms
16 **SCC Meeting 5 p.m.** Library
6 p.m. Parent Meeting Library
Academic & Financial Plan
17 4th Grade Kalaupoko Tour
18 Change of Student Dismissal to 2:05
Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
Papa John's Pizza Night
20 Change of Student Dismissal to 1:10
Fall Fest 5 to 8 p.m.
23-27 Borders Book Fair in Library
26 Author Night in Library

Student Dismissal at 1 p. m. for Parent Teacher Conferences Oct. 23-Nov. 3

Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 23 - Nov. 3

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 23 - November 3. Students will be *dismissed at 1:00 PM daily* during our 10-day conference period. Your child's report card will be given to you at this conference.

Be sure to make arrangements with your children for an earlier pick-up. A+, Kamaaina Kids, Hongwanji, YMCA, and MTA childcare programs will accommodate the students enrolled in their programs.

Confirmation notices for your conference date and time go out Monday, September 18. If you do not receive a conference confirmation form from your "designated" child, call the school and leave a message for your child's teacher: 627-7303.

School Community Council Academic & Financial Plan Review

Monday, October 16, 2006

6-7 p.m.

Uka Library

Parents and Community members are invited to attend and comment on the school year 2007-08 Academic & Financial Plan. Parents play a key role in the school decision-making process and their ideas and input are valued. Please join us and be part of the process.

Author Night in the Library

Thursday, October 26

6- 8 p.m.

Join us for Author/Illustrator Talk Story and book signing with:

6:15-6:35 Illustrator, Kristi Petosa-Sigel

6:35-7:00 Author Illustrator, Tammy Yee

7:00-7:20 Author, Ellie Crowe

7:20-7:45 Book Signing

School Safety Issues

Where are the JPO's?

JPOs will no longer have street duty with the crossing guard on the corner of Kuahelani Ave. and Hokulewa St.

In the past, the Honolulu Police Department crossing guard supervised the JPOs on the street. This year the school was informed by HPD that a school employee must also accompany the JPOs on the street. Since no school personnel is available for this daily responsibility, the JPOs will no longer be able to assist the crossing guard on the street.

JPOs will continue to monitor safety on the school campus.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, call me at 627-7303 X229.

Jaywalking = \$70 Fine

Jaywalking is not only against the law it is extremely unsafe.

There have been traffic injuries and many "near misses" with children running out between cars on Kuahelani Ave. and Lanikuhana Ave.

Jaywalking is also a consistent problem at Lanikuhana Pl. (cul-de-sac behind Mililani Uka). Pedestrians should cross with the crossing guard or walk on the sidewalk around the base of the cul-de-sac.

Parents, help your child map out a safe route to school that includes crosswalks. Also, please be a good role model by always using crosswalks yourself, especially when you are with your child.

Pedestrian Safety begins with Parents!

- * Do not cross between cars. To do so risks a life. There have been traffic injuries with children running out between cars on Kuahelani Avenue and Lanikuhana Place.
- * If children see parents do this, they will do it, too. Parents, please be a good role model.
- * Tell your children to use the cross walks at all times, and show them how to do this.
- * Always use crosswalks yourself when you are with your children.
- * "Jaywalking" has been a particularly serious problem at Lanikuhana Pl. (cul-de-sac road).
- * All pedestrians should cross with the crossing guard or walk on the sidewalk completely around the base of the cul-de-sac.

HELP NEEDED FOR A+ PROGRAM

Aides 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: \$30.40 per day **Leader:** \$53.20 per day

Requirements:

Aide: 16 years old or older

Aide & 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

Or complete "Application for Exempt Positions," return it to school office

Community Corner:

Basketball Registration

Mililani Basketball Association fall season registration will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 1-4 p.m. at Mililani District Park Gym for the following age divisions: 7-8, *9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18 & Girls League 13 & 18. (Space is limited) * Division will remain 3 vs 3. Birth Certificates are required. Cost is \$50.00. Season begins January 6, 2007. Any questions, contact Penny Ontai at 625-2769.

Hawaii State Federal Credit Union is coming to Mililani!

As a new community neighbor, HSFCU have offered to the Mililani schools an opportunity to earn funds for our schools. Uka will be a participating school for this fundraiser. If you are considering opening up a new account, please consider naming Mililani Uka as your recipient. The membership drive will be from October 1, 2006 to December 31st, 2006. Our school will receive \$15 for every new member who signs up within this period of time.

Special Education Workshops sponsored by the Military/ AWARE

Free workshop series on Special Education, State and Federal Laws and Requirements. Learn how to become an advocate for your special needs child. **Registration is required: Call 536-9684 ext. 26, or 655-4777 to reserve your space.**

WHERE: Schofield Barracks Army Community Service Bldg 2091

WHEN: September 19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
September 21, 26, & 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. OR

WHERE: Fort Shafter Army Community Service Bldg S330

WHEN: October 4 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
October 5, 10, & 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Children & Youth Day: Sunday, October 1, 2006

Where: State Capitol, Iolani Palace, Hawaii State Art Museum, Washington Place, & Honolulu Hale. What: Over 100 free interactive activities for children and teens, including live entertainment, teen zone, and food for purchase. Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join "All Pro Dad's Day"

Join a team of dads and their kids once a month for food, fun activities and guest speakers and give mom the morning off. All Pro Dad's is sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Fleet Command and is held at the Pearlridge Sizzler's Restaurant on the second Saturday of each month: **October 14, 2006** from 9:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP by calling 473-4222 x 272 or 561-6438.



HUI NEWS:

Mahalo to our Parents & Community supporters that shop at SAFEWAY and have returned Back to School certificates! Over \$100 came back in the first two days of this program. Don't stop now, JOIN ESCRIP and continue to give money to Uka each time you shop at SAFEWAY / MACY'S / OR USE YOUR REGISTERED CREDIT CARDS.

Thank you for the your support of the early Hui fundraisers. Donations of over \$2,500, the sale of 51 Entertainment books, and Magazine orders have raised almost \$7,000 for this school year.

Currently, the **Sally Foster Giftwrap** catalogs are out and we urge you to stock up on quality wrap for the year. Deadline to turn in Sally Foster orders is Monday, September 25, 2006.

HEADSHOTS School Fundraiser

Heads Up! Mililani Uka will be selling Headshot coupons to raise money for needed instructional supplies. A flier will be sent home in early October. Here are a few details:

Sale dates: October 10- 25, 2006

What: Special Invitation Photo Session Coupons with complimentary 3.5 X 5 print.

Where: Headshots Pearlridge – in Macy's

Cost: \$10.00 per coupon **Value:** \$55.00 **School receives \$5.00**

Sale flier to be sent home in October, contact the Norma Tansey in the PCNC office at 627-7303 ext 233 if you have any questions.

Notice of Dismissal Change for Fall Fest

Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, October 18 dismissal at 2:05

Friday, October 20 dismissal at 1:10