



Egrets Talk Story

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Dear Parents,

Principal's Message:

Congratulations are in order for one of our talented 5th grade students, Alyssa Tobita! Young, Smart and Full of Heart, was her headline in a recent tennis article. She recently competed in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis National championship in Tucson, Arizona as one of the youngest competitors. She did a terrific job representing Hawaii.

Our MUES News closed circuit school broadcasts give our students the opportunity to learn about broadcasting and practice performing in front of an audience. In addition, recently two other of our students, Issac and Samuel Dixon had the wonderful opportunity to be performing in front of a huge audience; they were extras in a recent episode of "Lost."

Our Fall Fest was a resounding success, with several thousand attending. Thank you to our Hui President, Joreen Murayama and the Hui Board members as well as our PCNC, Norma Tansey for coordinating our annual event. We also want to thank all of our volunteers. We hope you all had a great time!

Our last Read Aloud, RAP, will be held next Thursday. Lt. Governor Duke Aiona will be our special guest. You are welcome to come even if this will be your first time. Our parents and students have been enjoying the readings, book swap, prizes, pizzas and snacks, but best of all the time to be together as a family.

For the holiday season, we will be sending care packages to our Wolfhounds in Iraq. If you would like to help us by donating a food item, our student council will be coordinating the collection. We have a mid November deadline to send off the packages so that our Wolfhounds will receive them at Christmas. This year we will be collecting only specific food items as requested by our troops. Look for the list of items in this newsletter.

We are so fortunate to have great staff here at our school. We say good bye and congratulations to one of our custodians, Robert Andrews. He was recently hired to be the Head Custodian of the new school at Ocean Pointe, Keoneula Elementary. What an honor to be part of the team to open a brand new school! We will miss him but wish him well; he did a great job while here at our school and will be able to use his experience here to guide him as he coordinates the custodial services at his new school.

Lastly, we just received notice that Uka will be one of the four elementary schools in the Mililani complex to be part of a flu immunization study sponsored by the department of health in November, watch for more details to be sent home next week.

Much Aloha!

Heather Wilhelm

Health & Safety

Smoke Free Hawaii Law effective November 16th.

Listed below is the BOE policy pertaining to the new Smoke Free Hawaii Law. For more information you can log onto:
<http://doe.k12.hi.us/periodicals/boe/boe0609.pdf>



What the Law says: All enclosed work and public places will become smoke-free on November 16, 2006, the day of the American Cancer Society's "[The Great American Smokeout](#)."

Smoking will be prohibited in enclosed or partially enclosed facilities owned by the State or the counties.

Smoking will be prohibited in enclosed or partially enclosed places that are open to the public. This includes private businesses.

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed or partially enclosed places of employment. Private homes used as childcare, adult care or health care facilities are considered places of employment. Private membership clubs are under jurisdiction of the law if they are places of employment.

Smoking is prohibited in the entirety of restaurants and bars, including outdoor patios and lanai. This includes luau and other events where food and drink are served.

The law has a reasonable distance provision to prevent secondhand smoke from drifting into enclosed areas. Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of doorways, windows and ventilation intakes. The Department of Health will consider exemptions to this rule on a case by case basis.

All airports will be smoke-free, from the cabin to curb.

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed, partially enclosed and seating areas of sports arenas, outdoor arenas, stadiums and amphitheatres.

Owners, operators and managers of public places and workplaces, including outdoor areas, not covered by this law have the right to designate the areas under their control as smoke-free. Smoking will be prohibited in those places where signs are posted.

Water Bottle Hygiene

Water bottles are a great way to keep your child hydrated at school. But please help your child follow water bottle hygiene. Remind your child to:

- write name on bottle
- do not share or touch another person's water bottle
- do not play with your water bottle

Playground Safety

No student should play on the playground equipment after school. Students on the playground equipment will be asked to leave.

Student Council News Recycling

During our last Student Council meeting, the students voted to recycle on a monthly basis instead of a weekly basis. Beginning in November, we will be having a recycle drive on the first Friday (Wear blue day) of each month. The green bins located in the front of the school will eventually be removed.

Reminders will be sent home monthly! The Student Council thanks you for your continued support to recycle and for your generous donations of your HI-5 items! We also appreciate your assistance in separating cans and plastic bottles (with their caps removed).

Support Our Troops

The Wolfhounds, our military partners from Schofield, are very important to Mililani Uka Elementary. Some of the ways the Wolfhounds have helped us out in the past include: fixing buildings, painting sidewalks, donating money, volunteering at various events, and reading to our students. Since they always help us out when we are in times of need, let's show them our support by providing for them while they are overseas fighting for our country.

We will be sending out care packages to our troops for this upcoming holiday season. These are the items we will be collecting for the care packages: beef jerky/slim jims, tuna fish in packets (not cans), chewing gum, instant drink mixes (Gatorade, Crystal Light etc), and breath mints. Supportive cards and letters are appreciated. If you would like to help us out by making a donation, please have your child bring item(s) to the front of the library on November 9th (Thursday), from 7:15-7:50am.

Grade Level Math Talk Story

During August and September each grade level held Math nights. One strategy that the school is using is called TIPS.

T- Think

(What is the problem asking me to do?)

I- Information

(Underline, highlight, circle what you need to know to solve the problem.)

P- Plan

(What do I need to do; draw a picture, make a chart, add, multiply, divide?)

S- Solution

(Always go back to the problem, did you answer the question?)

Play math games! Ask your child to show you what he is doing, teaching another reinforces the concept for your child.

Parent Teacher Conferences Oct. 23 - Nov. 3

Student Dismissal 1:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 23 - November 3. Your child's report card will be given to you at this conference.

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM daily during our 10-day conference period.

Confirmation notices for your conference date have been sent home. 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.



OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL EVACUATION DRILL

In the event of a bomb threat, fire, or other unforeseen emergency, the school will follow an off-campus evacuation procedure.

The annual off-campus evacuation drill was held Thursday, 10/12/06, 9:30-10:30 AM. The students and adults evacuated from the cafeteria to Kuahelani Park. Once at Kuahelani Park, the school evacuated to District Park. The evacuation was completed in a safe and orderly manner.

If there were a real off-campus evacuation and the school was closed, parents (or an emergency designee) would pick up children from their teacher at Mililani District Park. There may also be situations where the school would be closed while students were on campus. Parents would then be notified to pick up students from the teacher at school.

See pages 29 & 30 of the Parent Handbook for more information regarding safety drills and evacuation procedures. **If you do not have a Parent & Student Handbook, please pick one up at the school office, or log onto the school website at:**

<http://www.mililaniuka.com/Handbook/Parent%20Handbook%202006-07.pdf>

It is also important to keep parent/designee emergency contact information up to date. **If your contact information has changed since August 2006, please notify the school immediately.**

Thank you for your support as we all work to keep your keiki safe.

Community Corner:

Aloha Aquatics

Parents and children interested in quality recreational or competitive swimming? Aloha Aquatics, a community-based nonprofit swim club, is offering a week of free swim lessons for children who can swim the length of a 25 meter pool. The swim lessons are held at Rec. 2. A bathing suit, goggles, and towel are required. Please call Sandy at 554-3617 to reserve your spot!

2006 University of Hawaii Winter Baseball Camps

Applications for UH Baseball camps are available in the school office. Dates are: December 21-21 or December 28-30 9 a.m.-noon for Pitcher/Catcher and 1-4 p.m. Hitting camp for ages 7-18. Cost is \$120 per camp or \$200 if you register for both camps.

Girl Scout Open Registration

Where: Mililani High School - Lanai Area **When:** October 29th 1pm - 4pm

Through Girl Scouts, girls can:

- *Develop themselves to achieve their full individual potential.
- *Relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect.
- *Develop values to guide their actions and provide a foundation for sound decision making.
- *Contribute to the improvement of society through their ability and leadership skills, working in cooperation with others.

For More Information please contact #626-6955

Big Kahuna's Golf 4 Good Grades

In an effort to stimulate better grades, Big Kahuna's introduces Golf 4 Good Grades.

Students who earn all ME and MP on their report cards receive a free 18-hole round of mini glow in the dark golf at Big Kahuna's 3D Glow Golf. Log onto the school website to print off the required coupon at www.mililaniuka.com

Hui `O Mililani Uka News

A huge mahalo to the parents, students, community and staff who turned out to support **Fall Fest**. The weather cooperated and the people flocked through the gates.

A special thank you to the Mililani High School Interact Club, Kumon, Cub Scout Pack 364 and Hawaiian Ballroom Dancers for turning out to man the games and concessions; to Inflatables Inc. com for the bouncer and Hope Central for the Fun Room. The final numbers are not in to let us know the true success, but many compliments have been heard.

Sally Foster orders have been processed and we are awaiting delivery on Thursday, November 16. Pick up will be in the Uka Library. A special thank you to C203, Mrs. Mills' class who purchased over \$2,000 in Sally Foster products and earned an ice cream sundae party for the students.

The final **RAP** night will be on Thursday, November 2 with guest speaker, **Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona** attending. Please RSVP on the attached flier to allow us to calculate how much pizza to order.

Next Hui meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 5 pm in the office. If you are interested in making a difference at Uka, please plan to attend.

Uka Event Calendar

October

10/23- 11/3 Parent Teacher Conference
18 Early Dismissal 1 p.m.

10/31-11/2 HSA testing week

November

11/2 RAP #6 With Lt. Gov. Aiona
5:45-7:30 p.m. Cafeteria
11/3 Complex Cross Country Meet
11/6 SCC Meeting
11/7 Election Day – No school
11/9 Recognition Assembly
11/10 Veteran's Day – No school
11/13-15 Grade 5 Camp
11/13 Grade 1 to Makaha Farms
11/15 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
Papa John's Pizza Night
11/16 Sally Foster Delivery 2-7pm
11/21 Yearbook Picture Make up
11/23-26 Thanksgiving – No School
11/27 Waiver day- No School

11/30 Grade 3 Waipahu Cultural Center

December

12/4 SCC Meeting
Parent AFP Plan Review 6 p.m.
12/13 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
12/14&15 Grade 4 Kamananui Hike
12/15 Kindergarten Gingerbread house
12/16 Last Chance Craft Fair
12/20 Recognition Assembly
Student dismissal at 11 a.m.
12/21- 1/10 Winter Recess

January 2007

1/11 Teacher workday – No School
1/15 Martin Luther King Day –
No School
1/17 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
Papa John's Pizza Night

Encourage your child to use respectful behavior at school

Ask most teachers ... and most parents ... and they'll tell you that rudeness in school is becoming a bigger problem each year. In fact, nine out of 10 parents think that kids need to practice better manners when they're in school.

Children today see example after example of bad manners in action. Adults yell at clerks in stores. They make rude gestures when they're driving. And athletes? There's a new story of poor behavior nearly every day.

The truth is that most parents want their children to learn and practice respectful behavior. Here are guidelines for promoting the "school manners" you should be teaching your child:

- Don't check your manners at the school door. If your child says "please" and "thank you" at home, remind her to use the same words at school.
- Pay attention. At home, help your child listen to instructions and focus on what you are saying.
- Do as the teacher says. Your child may not always want to follow the teacher's instructions. But she needs to know that the teacher is in charge.
- Put things away. Your child must take care of her belongings. This is a task she may work on at home, but it will also help the teacher at school.
- Come on time. Promptness is a skill your child will need for the rest of her life.

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**October 2006
Assembly Honorees**

Grade	Teacher	Ha'aheo	NaHoku
PS	Suits	Malia Fukushima	Briana Domanguera
	Underwood	Kyle Shifflett	Ethan Mistica
	Turner	Chazlyn Tolentino	Anne Wang
K	Choi	Lucia Mumma	Chad Gakiya
	Loughlin	Cairo Kahakua	Cheyse Amburgey
	Uyemura	Lien Thompson	Helena Blacker
	Fujino	Caitlin Barbour	Chae-Leigh Ramirez
	Tanaka	Tyler Marquina	Brody Nunes
	Kishimoto	Garrett Inouye	Ethyn Muller
1	Nobu	Bryson Arakaki	Cody Leciejewski
	Ishii	Travis Afuso	Jaycee Desaki
	Urabe	Jacob Thomas-Vieira	Kyla Taylor
	Tochiki	Aurora Naone	Starr Nishimura
	Watanabe	Karli Murakami	Keliko Gonsalves
	Nekoba	Micah Andrade	Kalei Rego
2	Sunahara	Nicholas Garcia	Ka'aha Maele
	Takaki	Kiralyn Kawachi-Ranion	Kulani Sylva
	Yoneshige	Alexandra Makaiau	Tyler Nanpei
	Nishida	Gavin Honke	Megan Usui
	Garcia	Ariana Hirata	Jazmin Balacy
	Kamiya	Quentin Tapaoan.	NS
3	Ihu	Kiana Caranto	Alton You
	Mills	Kalpana Balaraman	Ian Chargualaf
	Hyrmer	Justin Ikehara	NS
	Mezin	Alex Noveloso	Jayleen Radona
	Shiosaki	Aimee Gaza	Donovan Dau
	Dwyer	Meaghan Uson	Preston Freitas
4	Metivier	Jacie Fukada	Aric Tanaka
	Gamiao	Kehau Pakani Tells	CJ Bernades
	Tsurumaki	Roy Gonzalez	Lyka Alegado
	Fujimoto	Elizabeth Graves	Ryan Duncan
	Jacobsen	Kassandra Green	Mikayla Fisher
	Nishikawa	Viola Mocz	Isaiah Armbruster
5	Laforteza	Victoria Sondall	Sakurako Greer

NS= none selected

Come join the fun....

Last Chance to RAP!

RAP, The Read Aloud Program

Session 6

Guest Speaker: Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona

Thursday, November 2nd

Mililani Uka Elementary School Cafeteria

5:45 -7:30 p.m.

Great Stories, Food, and Prizes - and it's all free!

For more information, please call Norma Tansey at 627-7303 ext. 233

Please cut off the bottom and return to your child's teacher by Tues., 10/31/2006
One form per family, please. Noted by _____

____ Yes, we will be coming to RAP on Thursday, November 2nd .

FAMILY name: _____ Room # _____

Number of children: Toddler through Grade 2 attending: _____

Number of children: Grades 3 and above attending: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

____ First-time participants, children must come with an adult.

HELP! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Registration _____ 5:30-6:15

Pizza/Drink Servers _____ 7-7:30

Volunteer Name (s) _____