



# Egrets Talk Story

## November 2006

### Mililani Uka Elementary School

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#### **Principal's Message:**

Our Christmas boxes are off to the Wolfhounds! Thank you everyone for your contributions. Our staff donated coffee, our children wrote letters and created cards and all of you donated the treats for the Wolfhounds. They should get it in time for Christmas!

Congratulations to Toby Frigillana and Alyssa Demello. Toby won a second place in her age category and Alyssa was selected as an honorable mention in the Castle and Cooke "Make a Difference" poster contest. They will be recognized at the state capitol on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all for returning the flu immunization surveys. Almost every class was able to get more than 50% of their surveys returned and will each receive \$250 for use in the classroom. Over 200 students were given the FluMist. If the pilot project works well, the intent will be to provide free vaccine each year to all the students in the State. Our students were very poised as they were interviewed for the various TV stations and newspaper articles.

A safety reminder for those of you who drop off your children in our front parking lot, the lane closest to the curb is only for unloading and picking up. Please do not park your car in this lane. If you need to come to the office please find a parking space in a stall or on the street. Also do not use that lane to bypass the through lane on the left. Several parents have stopped to let someone cross or let a car out of a stall and had cars cut around them on the right using the drop off lane. This creates a dangerous situation for everyone.

You may have read in the newspaper or seen Lucia and Philip Mocz on the television. Both are former Uka students who are working together to create a formulation that would provide an accurate timely method of identifying cancer! They are finalists in the national Siemens competition and will be off to Washington, DC. This is a great example of how all the schools in Mililani work together to provide our students the best education we can. Mrs. Mocz works at our school and their younger sister, Viola is here in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lastly, thank you all for your support of our school in so many ways. Have a safe, fun filled holiday season!

Much Aloha

Heather Wilhelm  
Principal

## Mililani Uka Cross Country Team

On November 2, Mililani Uka students from Grades 3, 4, and 5 competed in the Complex Cross Country Meet at Mililani Mauka Elementary School. Uka students came back with three first place trophies in the Third Grade Boys Run by Kainalu Paikai; Third Grade Girls Run by Isabella Melendez; and Fourth Grade Boys Run by Luca Melendez; two second place trophies in the Girls Fourth Grade Run by Cierra Ramires and Girls Fifth Grade run by Alyssa Stiles; and one third place trophy by Keoni Gibson for Fourth Grade Boys. Many other students finished just behind the trophy winners! Thank you to Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Balaraman, and Mrs. Melendez and the other parents who volunteered their time to assist the Cross Country team at practice. Congratulations to Mr. Fujioka, Mr. Miyagi, and Ms. Metivier for organizing and coaching Team Uka.

Team Uka members:

**Third Grade Girls:** Mariko Bebb, Natalie Benson, Tristan Cozo, Tia Furuta, Natalie Koch, Isabella Melendez, Kylee Toijo, Darby Tomei, and Megan Usui.

**Third Grade Boys:** Brennen Anzai, Robert Baker, Alaric Dihn, Kyle McDowell, Austin Hosino, Rylen Iwasaki, Kainalu Paikai, and Dustin Yamaguchi.

**Fourth Grade Girls:** Cobi Desilva, Toby Frigillana, Nanea I, Caitlin Miarecki, Kehau Pakani, Cierra Ramires, Jasmine Towner, and Jocelyn Visitacion

**Fourth Grade Boys:** Joshua Allen, Armani Cheong, Samuel Dixon, Keoni Gibson, Jordan Lum, Dalton Mayeshiro, Luca Melendez, Miguel Morales, and Ryan Titcomb

**Fifth Grade Girls:** Kelsey Coito, Alyssa Demello, Jennifer Doi, Monique Duplessis, Kaua Fabella, Elizabeth Graves, Kelsey Lacuesta, Brittney McClay, and Alyssa Stiles

**Fifth Grade Boys:** Larry Baquiran, Troy Endo, Dayton Furuta, Tyler Hill, Lawrence Kimura, Leland Pea, Dakota Stech, Solomon Souki, and Pikai Winchester1



## SCHOOL SAFETY

### Crossing Guard Absent

**The crossing guard at the light at Kuahelani Ave. and Lanikuhana Ave. will be absent indefinitely.** From time to time, other crossing guards may be absent without notice. Crossing guards are employed by the Honolulu Police Department. There are no substitutes for crossing guards.

Please be especially careful driving through school intersections, and remind your children about pedestrian safety:

- \* Stay on the sidewalk at all times
- \* Cross streets only at crosswalks
- \* Look both ways for cars before crossing
- \* Stay on the curb until you are sure the cars have fully stopped
- \* Look out for right and left turning cars before you step off the curb

### Community Corner

#### **MHS Boys Basketball fundraiser carnival**

Saturday, November 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Pre-sale Price \$10.00 / 15.00 at the door

Includes all x-treme Fun Rides, games and bouncers.

Free Admission for children age 3 and under.

Adults accompanying children can enjoy Free Entertainment while your child enjoys unlimited rides and games in a safe and fun environment! Food, drinks, baked good and Jamba Juice will be sold during the event.

For more information contact: Debbie Herrera at 623-0080

Pre-sale contact Coach Akina at 293-2726

#### **Mililani-Waipio Bobby Sox Registration**

Season Registration for girls ages 5-14 years will be held on Saturday, November 18, December 2, January 6, and January 13, 2007 from 10-2 p.m. at Mililani Town Center Florist. Birth Certificates are required. Season begins April 1, 2007. MWBS 14u and 8u are the National Champions for 2006. For more information contact Loryn Wofford at 368-4826.

#### **Windward Community College & Starbucks Poetry Contest**

Poetry entry form is attached in the hard copy of this newsletter and is available from the PCNC office. Deadline for submission forms must be postmarked by January 12, 2007.

#### **MTA Christmas Craft Fair**

**Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Recreation Center 5**

55 Art and Craft tables and local entertainment throughout the day.

#### Donate gently used Halloween outfits!

The Mililani Uka Pre-K program is looking for donations of gently used Halloween and dress up costumes for their classrooms. Youth small sizes Toddler 2 to Size 7 preferred. Please drop off outfits in the office with a note attention: Mrs. Suits.



20 November 2006

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Mililani Uka Elementary started our chorus rehearsals the week of **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. I'd like to invite your child to be part of our group. Chorus will be open to children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Here is our rehearsal schedule:

Mondays	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	2:15 – 3:15	Room J4
Tuesdays	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2:15 – 3:15	Room J4
Thursdays	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2:15 – 3:15	Room J4

In addition, we will have **combined rehearsals** with all 3 grade levels on these days:

Monday, Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 – 3:15	Cafeteria
Tuesday, Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:15 – 3:15	Cafeteria
Tuesday, Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 – 3:15	Cafeteria
Thursday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 – 3:15	Cafeteria

Our performances so far this school year will include a Christmas Mini-Concert, Wellness Fair Songfest, and the Mililani Complex Choral Festival. More information about these performances will be sent home later.

Aloha,  
Myrna A. Daguio  
Fine Arts Teacher

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Permission form due to Mrs. Daguio by Wednesday, Nov. 29th.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, my child has permission to participate in this after school chorus program from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. I understand that it is my responsibility to make arrangements for the care of my child once rehearsals or performances are over.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**REMINDER:**

**Teacher Work Day: No School**

**Monday, November 27, 2006**

## School Community Council

School Year 2007-2008 Academic & Financial Plan Review

Parent & Community Input Needed

**Please join us on Monday, December 4, 2006**

6:00 p.m. in the Uka school Library

## Hui O' Mililani Uka News

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers that helped make Fall Fest 2006 a great success. A special thank you to Cub Scout Pack 364, Kumon, Hope Central, Mililani Uka Ballroom Dancers, Mililani High School Interact Club, and all the parent, grandparent, and student volunteers.

Additional thanks are extended to the staff, students and parents who volunteered to assist at the fall Read Aloud nights and to all the parents and students who attended. Don't stop reading and visiting the school and public library for more great books! Congratulations to all the students, parents, and volunteers who took home prizes.

Hui O' Mililani Uka is looking for parents to fill officer positions for 2007-08. If you would like to help direct the future of Uka students consider taking a position on the Hui Board. Nominations for all officer positions are being accepted.

Once again we ask parents who shop at Safeway and Macy's to take a moment and sign up for eScrip. eScrip returns money to Hui O Mililani Uka based on your everyday purchases at participating stores. It's possible to split your contribution between three groups. Follow these steps:

1. Log onto [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on welcome, then on sign up
3. Click Group ID button and enter 141815494
4. Click on Mililani Uka/Hui O Mililani Uka
5. Enter additional group names/codes or Click next
6. Enter your name, address. Click next
7. Enter your Safeway and Macy's card numbers
8. Continue to shop and earn money for Uka!

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## Entertainment Books 2007

It's not too late to pick up the 2007 Entertainment books! Copies are available in the school office for \$30.00 until December 15, or return this form:

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/ Classroom \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ X 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to Hui O' Mililani Uka

Counseling Corner: Character Education Update:

TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP

We are in the process of going over all 6 pillars of Character Counts. Each pillar is being emphasized during a designated assembly throughout the year. For the first assembly on August 21st, we focused on **Trustworthiness** (be honest, do what you say you'll do). At our September 29<sup>th</sup> assembly, we focused on **Respect** (use kind words, use good manners, respect school and personal property, keep hands and feet to self).

At our recent assembly on November 9<sup>th</sup>, we focused on **Responsibility** (follow directions, do my best, keep on task, be prepared and on time, apologize for my mistakes).

We will continue to work on Responsibility until the next assembly, which is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>. At this assembly, we will focus on Fairness. The final three pillars: **Fairness**, **Caring** and **Citizenship** will be covered in assemblies scheduled later in the spring of 2007.

Mililani Uka  
Elementary  
School  
Free Flu  
Immunization  
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### Uka Calendar of Events:

#### November 2006

11/21 Yearbook Picture Make up day  
11/23-24 Thanksgiving break - No School  
**11/27 Waiver day- No School**  
11/30 Grade 3 to Waipahu Cultural center

#### December 2006

12//4 Grade 4 to Polynesian Cultural center  
SCC Meeting  
**Parent Meeting AFP Review 6 p.m.**  
12/6-8 **Spirit Week- Wear Red/Gray/Blue**  
12/8 HI 5 Recycle Day  
12/11 Grade 4/5 **Geography Bee**  
Earthquake Drill  
12/13 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.  
12/15 Kindergarten Gingerbread house  
12/16 Kamuela Productions CRAFT FAIR

12/20 Recognition Assembly- Chorus  
Student dismissal at 11 a.m.

**12/21- 1/10 Winter Recess**

#### January 2007

1/11 No School - Teacher workday  
1/15 No School – Martin L. King day  
1/17-19 Spirit Week  
1/17 Grade 5 Middle School visit  
Hui Meeting 5 p.m.  
Papa John's Pizza night  
1/18 Flu Booster Immunization  
1/19 HI 5 Recycle Day  
2/5-2/8 Book Fair in Library  
2/17 Wellness Fair- Mil. Town Center