



Egrets Talk Story

December 2006

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our three winners in the "Future of Filipinos in Hawaii" Art competition. Jacob Lavarias and Isabela Melendez are third place winners in their age category and Jordin Villanueva is the first place winner in his age category. Each will win a U.S. Savings Bond and their pictures will be featured in the 2007 "The Sakada Legacy" Centennial calendar. They will be recognized at the Hawaii Convention Center this Saturday, December 16th.

Our craft fair is also coming up this Saturday, December 16th. Come down and pick up last minute gifts! Kamuela Productions donates a portion of the proceeds to our school. We are fortunate to have this wonderful shopping opportunity in our "back yard"

Mililani Uka Elementary is blessed with caring and supportive faculty, students and families. However, there are others who are not as fortunate as we are. Our Salvation Army canned food drive is tomorrow morning, December 15. Our student council students will be in the front of the school helping with the collection. Please consider a donation of a canned food.

In this season of gift giving, I would like to thank you for your participation in our many fundraisers and the many gifts and donations you have made to our school and staff. They are well appreciated and provide for our students extra opportunities beyond what our school budgets can provide.

Lastly, our school has experienced and will continue to experience many changes in personnel this year due to the personal circumstance of our teachers. Fortunately, we have been able to hire wonderful substitute teachers. We appreciate your understanding and support of these new staff who are working hard to provide a safe nurturing learning environment for your children.

Have a Great New Year!

Heather Wilhelm
Principal

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 in December 2006, and will complete the next surveillance in June 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.

Assembly Recognition Guidelines

At the Recognition Assembly held two times each quarter students from each class have the chance to be recognized for three awards. Each Assembly focuses on one of the traits from the Complex wide **Character Counts! sm** program. All students have the ability to earn this award and the goal is to have 100% recognition.

The **Ha'aheo** and **Na Hoku** awards are given out in each classroom. The student selected for Ha'aheo has shown the best effort in all areas including behavior and academics. The student selected for Na Hoku shows the most improvement in any one area. Students can receive Ha'aheo and Na Hoku only once each school year.

Yahoos are given out for positive classroom cafeteria behavior. The behaviors are:

1. Cafeteria behavior is polite.
2. The floor and tabletops are clean when students leave.
3. While sitting and waiting for the teacher to arrive, the students are quiet.
4. Keep hands to self at all times.
5. Stay in a single file line to enter, exit and movement between classrooms.
6. Line up right away. Do not wait for classmates or friends.

Two classrooms, one from K-2, one from 3-5, earning the most Yahoos between assemblies are given ice pops and one more class from each grouping can have their name drawn for additional ice pops.

MILILANI UKA SAFETY DRILLS

The students and adults at Mililani Uka practice a monthly fire evacuation drill, and several annual safety drills: Lockdown, Shelter-in-Place, Earthquake "duck & cover," Off-Campus Evacuation, and Bomb Threat Evacuation.

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, call the office and one will be sent home with your child or review the information on our web site at www.mililaniuka.com under Parent Handbook.**

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.**

The following procedures were practiced at the Earthquake Drill:

People inside a building should follow the basic "duck and cover" response as soon as an earthquake is felt. All students and adults should try and duck under a desk or table, and cover their heads to protect themselves from falling objects, such as books, TV sets, boxes, shattering glass, etc. (Disregard procedures that have been described in Internet forwards as they pertain to third world structures where wall often collapse.) If we were to experience an earthquake strong enough to cause damage, we would then evacuate to Kuahelani Park. However, to practice the response, we will only "duck and cover."

Keep in mind that the "duck and cover" position is more important than being under a table. As soon as you sense the earthquake, look for a table or desk to go under, but if you cannot get under a table quickly, you should still "duck and cover."

Bomb Evacuation Drill

This evacuation is just like a fire evacuation except that no bells ring. The warning is sent through the telephone pager system. It is crucial that everyone cease the use of all Radio Frequency (RF) transmitting devices, such as walkie talkies, cell phones, remote controls, car security units, etc. These devices can detonate a bomb.

Health Notice for Parents of Grade 5 Students

As of July 2002, Hawaii State Law requires that all 7th grade students, whom attend public or private schools, to have the following immunizations:

1. 3 Hepatitis B
2. 2 MMR (measles, mumps, & rubella)
3. 1 or 2 varicella (chickenpox) or a documented history of chickenpox disease signed by your child's doctor.

In order to give every student an opportunity to complete the new immunization requirements before 7th grade, our school health aide will review each student's School Health Record. Students who do not meet the 7th grade immunization requirements will receive a notice and are asked to follow up with their family doctor. The signed notice from your family doctor must be returned to our school health aide as soon as possible. Mahalo.

Uka Calendar

December 2006

12/15 Student Council Food Drive
Grade 4 Kamananui Hike
Grade 3 Lucoral Museum
Kindergarten Gingerbread house

12/16 CRAFT FAIR

12/20 Recognition Assembly
Student dismissal at 11 a.m.
No A+ program

12/21- 1/10 Winter Recess

January 2007

1/11 Teacher workday – No School for students

1/15 Martin Luther King – No School

1/17-19 Spirit Week- Wear Red/White/Blue

1/17 Grade 5 Middle School visit
Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
Papa John's Pizza Night
Grade 4 Parent Meeting – Trip
Grade 5 Parent Meeting at MMS

1/18 Flu Booster Immunization

1/19 Recycle Day
Grade 4 Haleiwa Farms

1/22 Report Cards Home

2/5 SCC Meeting

2/5-2/8 Book Fair in Library

2/8 Recognition Assembly- split k-2/3-5

2/13 Spring Fundraiser Begins

2/16 PC Day- NO school

2/19 President's Day- no school

2/26-3/1&2 Jump Rope For Heart

3/3 Wellness Fair

5/4 May Day Celebration

The Filipino community is preparing for the **Closing Centennial Celebration**.

One of them is "Handog Sa Pasko" (Christmas Celebration).

Date Saturday, Dec. 16th

Time 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

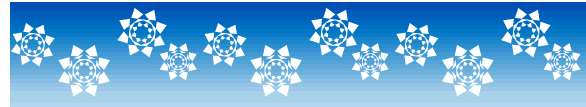
Place Kapiolani Park
Events Entertainment
(songs/dances)
Filipino Food
Arts/Crafts

This is a good cultural experience for the whole family.

Parenting Support:

The January 2007 edition of "Helping Children Learn" has been posted on the Family Support Website: <http://familysupport.k12.hi.us/>

Click on "What's New!" and download the appropriate grade level.



REMINDER:

**Winter Break begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 20
NO A+ program on 12/20**

Students RETURN to School on Friday, January 12, 2007

No School, Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King Day

MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL PREP

FOR GRADE 5 FAMILIES

Registration for the 6th Grade year is coming soon! Three important dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007	Registration Information Night Mililani Middle School Cafeteria – 7:00 pm
Friday, January 19, 2007	Registration packets go home with your 5 th grader
Friday, January 26, 2007	Deadline to turn in registration back to your 5 th grade teacher

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Miyagi, Grade 5 Counselor, at 627-7303, x239.

Mililani Uka Fourth Graders Plan for Big Island Trip

New for 2007, a trip for Grade Four! Please help the Fourth Grade to off set the cost of this educational excursion by purchasing Smencils and a Trojan Gold Card. An informational parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. Location to be determined. Watch for a separate bulletin.

Smencils

Here's another opportunity to support our 4th graders. The 4th grade team will be selling Smencils at the Mililani Uka Craft Fair on Saturday, December 16th (9a.m.-3p.m.). Smencils are scented pencils made of recycled newspaper. They sell for \$1.00, and the 4th graders will make 50% of the profit. These funds will also go towards the costs for the 4th grade trip to the Big Island.



Community Corner:

Bigger & Better Craft Fair: Saturday, December 16, 2006

Support the crafters who support Mililani Uka Elementary School and finish your holiday shopping at the same time. Over 300 crafters will be spread out across the Park and Uka grounds.

Jump Rope for Heart Returns to Mililani Uka

Donations will be collected in January 2007.

Jump Events will be held Feb. 26, March 1 and March 2.



2007 PCNC Parenting Workshops

Parents share in a process of partnership by sharing views, solving problems, and taking action toward shared goals with the school. One or more Parent Talk Story's will be held in the second quarter. Below are some ideas for possible workshops, please mark any you would be interested in attending or feel free to make another suggestion.

Sharing information about Character Counts! sm

Report Cards

How can parents help with HSA testing?

Math Game Night (Bingo, Cup Stacking)

Learning Styles

Other: _____

Return to PCNC office by Friday, January 19, 2007. Or email note to norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us Mahalo!

Uka Students in the News



Castle & Cooke Recognition

Congratulations to Alyssa Demello and Toby Frigillana pictured here at the awards ceremony with Mrs. Wilhelm, Principal, Ms. Laforetza and Ms. Metivier for selection of their Make a Difference Posters in the Castle & Cooke Poster contest on Civic Responsibility.



Toby & Jacelyn receive certificates from HPD.

HPD Christmas Ornament Contest

Aloha Mililani Uka A+. On behalf of the Wahiawa Police Station as well as the rest of our HPD ohana, I would like to extend a great big mahalo to all of you for participating in our HPD ornament contest. The response was tremendous and greatly appreciated. Only 36 ornaments statewide were chosen for the HPD tree at Honolulu Hale. All of the remaining ornaments that we received are currently on display in the main lobby of the Wahiawa Police Station.

These Uka A+ students had individual ornaments chosen to be placed on the HPD tree at Honolulu Hale: Toby Frigillana from D7, and Jacelyn Hamamoto from D8.

Mahalo to the area Elementary Schools for assisting the Honolulu Police Department, District 2, with the Christmas Tree Ornament Contest.

Sgt. Joe Whittaker
D-2 Community Policing Team

Lost & Found

If your child has lost articles such as sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles, ect., Please have him or her check both the office and A+ to claim their items. All unclaimed articles will be donated to a charitable organization during the winter break.

Geography Bee

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in our school's Geography Bee!

Mililani Uka's Geography Bee Champion is Brandon Fowler from E-5, Mrs. Fujimoto's 5th grade class. We will present his medal and certificate at the next assembly.



Second Place is 5th grader Clinton Wong from E-6 in Mrs. Jacobsen's class.

Third Place is 5th grader Viola Mocz from E-7 in Mrs. Nishikawa's class.

Brandon Fowler will be taking a written test after the winter break to qualify for the State Geography Bee held in March.

Library Reminders:

Do your children ever have a last minute research paper due?
You might find these sites helpful additions to your computer:

Library Websites

- Mililani Uka Library OPAC-
<http://destiny.k12.hi.us/common/welcome.jsp?site=242>
- Hawaii Public Library- <http://www.librarieshawaii.org>

Online Encyclopedias

- Britannica Online- <http://www.new.school.eb.com>
- Worldbook Online- <http://www.worldbookonline.com>

Online Periodical Databases

- EBSCO- <http://search.epnet.com>
- Online Reader- <http://search.epnet.com>

Online Search Engines

- Ask Jeeves for Kids- <http://www.ajkids.com>
- Google- <http://www.google.com>
- Yahoo!igans- <http://www.yahooligans.com>

Other Useful Classroom Websites

- Geography Bee- <http://nationalgeographic.com/geobee>
- Marco Polo- <http://marcopolo-education.org>

Please use the following login and password when required.

Login: mililaniukaes

Password: mililaniukaes

Mark your calendar for the February Book Fair, Monday, February 5 through Friday February 9, 2007 in the library.

Help Our School Get Free Stuff By Saving UPC Codes from Campbell's and General Mills products. Visit Campbell's www.labelsforeducation.com or www.boxtops4education.com for more information.

Deposit your labels in the drop box located in Uka's library.



A huge thank you to the two hundred students/families and staff who supported the Sally Foster fundraiser. This program raised \$11,500.00! Mahalo!

Reminder to come out and support the 300 crafters selling at this weekend's Bigger and Better Craft Fair on the grounds of Mililani Uka and in Kuahelani Park. Hours are 9-3.

The Spring Fundraiser tickets will come out in February. A flier with more information will go home in January. If you do not want your child or multiple children to participate, please send a note to the office to the attention of the Hui.

Nominations for all offices of the Hui for the 2007-08 school year are open. Please consider becoming an active member in the Hui. "Make a difference" and be a role model to the students and other parents. Contact any current officer or Norma Tansey at 627-7303 ext. 233 or norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us



**Happy Holidays
From the
Mililani Uka Elementary School
Faculty & Staff**

See you on January, 12, 2007