



Egrets Talk Story

April 25, 2007

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Principal's message:

Dear Parents,

We are fortunate that we have excellent teachers at our school. This past Sunday we honored Mrs. Tochiki, a grade one teacher. She was selected by our school for our Teacher of the Year and honored at the HSTA Appreciation Luncheon. Mrs. Tochiki has been a teacher for over 37 years and has made a positive difference in the lives of many children. It was a fun day at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We cheered her on as she received her recognition on stage!

This week we recognize all of the hard work of our office staff. As you all know when you visit our office, how wonderful and helpful our office staff are. A very special mahalo to our dedicated SASA, Phyllis Ishikawa, who has supported our staff these many years with a ready smile and good humor.

Senator Menor and Representative Yamane have requested that \$570,000 be put into the State budget to support campus-wide electrical upgrade. Please contact them and let them know that you are in support of this request in the budget bill. Both of them have been very supportive of our school.

May Day is approaching on May 4th. Our theme this year is, "We Make a Rainbow." Our students have been practicing everyday and are looking forward to our May Day Celebration. Further information is inside this newsletter. Please join us!

We will be re-paving our parking lot very soon. Because of the length of the project we may have to begin before school ends this year. If that happens, our parking lot will be closed for drop off and pick up of students. We anticipate that traffic will be especially busy on the streets bordering our school. We will be asking for your help in keeping our students safe as they are dropped off and picked up at our school. As we get more details we will let you know what will be happening.

And lastly, congratulations to another talented artist, Collin Nishimura from Mr. Mezin's fourth grade class, he won the Posters for Peace Contest this year and his poster will be featured on our city buses during the Month of May!

Much Aloha!

Heather Wilhelm, Principal



Department of Education

JOIN OUR DOE TEAM!!

Substitute School Health Aide

Requires high school diploma; one year work experience involving children, youth and adults; and current American Red Cross certification* in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or equivalent.

Applications are available at all public schools or may be downloaded from

<http://doe.k12.hi.us/personnel/ssha>

Complete application packets include:

- Copy of social security card
- Tuberculosis test clearance with expiration date within one (1) year of your initial application date
- Current American Red Cross certification* in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or equivalent, if currently possess the certification

Please mail your application packet to:

Department of Education
Attention: Dee Helber
641 18th Avenue, Bldg V, Rm 201
Honolulu, HI 96816

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

* If selected as a Substitute School Health Aide and do not hold current certificates, DOE will provide training. Dates and times will be announced later.

Lost & Found...

Many items have filled the office and cafeteria collection of Lost items.

Please stop by and "FIND" your missing jacket, sweater and more this week!

May Day Program "We Make a Rainbow" Friday, May 4, 2007

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Kuahelani Park

Join the students and staff as we celebrate May Day with Music, Song, and Dance

Please consider walking or parking at the lots near District Park as the Uka lot will be blocked off for VIP parking.

We are collecting donations of flowers and greenery to decorate the dance area.

Flower Donations must be dropped off on Wednesday, May 2nd to Classroom C101 from 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Order now your keepsake
Video By Jen

Available as:

VHS in hard case \$25.00
DVD in jewel case \$25.00
DVD in hard case \$35.00

Return the form below and attach Cash or check payable to: Mililani Uka Elementary School
Return to PCNC by May 2, 2007

	Qty	Total
VHS in hard case \$25.00	___	___
DVD in jewel case \$25.00	___	___
DVD in hard case \$35.00	___	___
Student Name: _____		
Teacher/Room _____		
Phone# _____		

Counseling Corner:

The Character Counts! sm program this month teaches our students about CITIZENSHIP. You can encourage good citizens by taking part in our community recycle programs with the monthly HI 5 collection scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd and this week's Reuse-A-Shoe collection.

Keep Your Child Focused Until the School Year Comes to an End!

By this time of the year, even kids who used to do their homework without any complaints may be griping. And children who hated homework? It may be all but impossible to get them to study.

Still, homework helps kids keep learning right up until the end of the school year. If you're having trouble keeping your child focused, here are some tips that may help:

1. Talk honestly about frustration.

Let your child know that we all have to do things we don't like. Then try to find some ways to make homework a little easier. For example, have him do five math problems and then take a little break.

2. Help your child understand the kind of homework he likes.

A written report? A hands-on-project? When he has some choice in the kind of project to do, he can choose something he enjoys.

3. Find fun and easy ways to help your child review for tests.

"Drive time" in the car is a good time to quiz your child on spelling or math facts. He can also study flash cards while waiting in the doctor's office or standing in line at the store.

Source: "Teaching Study Skills," National Association of School Psychologists, www.teacherandfamilies.com/open/parent/homework2.cfm. Copyright© 2007, The Parent Institute, a division of NIS, Inc.

Safety Concerns:

No Playing in Park After School

Please remind your children that **the park is off limits after school**. Students should go straight home and check-in with parents before coming back to play in the park.

This guideline is for your children's safety. There is no supervision in the park after school. Children are attracted to the area when they see other kids playing there, and the crowd can become quite large and disorderly. Some children have been injured in the past.

Thanks for you help with this safety concern.

Community Corner:

Department of Education Summer Schools

Alu Like and Kamehameha Schools have formed a collaborative partnership to provide scholarship opportunities for students attending Department of Education Summer Schools for this upcoming summer (Summer 2007 session). Documented financial need, preference to students of Hawaiian ancestry, and a short application form are required. If you are interested in seeking this scholarship opportunity, handouts and the application can be picked up at the Mililani Uka front office during normal office hours. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2007.

Mahalo to the staff at Mililani McDonald's!

Mililani McDonald's donated yummy chocolate chip cookies (one per student= 735 cookies) that were distributed to the students on April 20, 2007 to celebrate to end of the HSA testing period! The cookies brought big smiles to all the students, what a great way to celebrate the end of the week and end of testing!

Additionally, McDonald's McTeacher Night was a very successful fundraiser bringing in over \$1600.00 for the 4th Grade Big Island Trip! This money will assist with entry fees to the various events the students attend during their trip!

Mahalo, McDonald's for your contributions to our school!

Hawaiian Island Skippers

On April 13, 2007, the Uka students were treated to a special Jump Rope demonstration put on by the **Hawaiian Island Skippers**, based at Mililani Rec Center 3. Students saw individual jump skills as well as a program mixing individual and team jumping put to music. The audience was awed!

After school the Hawaiian Island Skippers stayed and worked with the students who were part of this year's Jump Rope Teams. Jump team member were shown some of the fancy trick skills and allowed to practice with double dutch ropes. A HUGE MAHALO to the Hawaiian Island Skippers for making time in their busy schedule to promote American Heart's Jump Rope for Heart and reward the students of Mililani Uka.

Tips for Kids on Eating Well and Feeling Good about Yourself

- Eat when you are hungry. Stop eating when you are full.
- When having a snack try to eat different types. Sometimes raisins might be good, sometimes cheese, sometimes a cookie, sometimes carrot sticks or celery dipped in peanut butter.
- Try to find a sport or an activity that you like and do it! Join a team, join the YMCA, join in with a friend or practice by yourself- Just do it!

Source: © 2005 National Eating Disorders Association. www.NationalEatingDisorders.org Information and Referral Line: 800-931-2237



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FALL Season 2007
(tentative as of 4/1/07)

THE AYSO VIP SOCCER PROGRAM

The AYSO VIP program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities prevent them from successful participation on mainstream teams! VIP teams include individuals with Down Syndrome or mental retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, emotional disturbances, visual impairments or other conditions that impair mobility, strength, and/or comprehension.

Mililani Region VIP Registration on dates shown below. Come and play soccer with us!!!

Call Desi McKenzie @ 623-2411 our Mililani VIP Coordinator for more information!

PARENTS(s) of VIP PLAYERS must be in attendance at all AYSO VIP Events

At **REGISTRATION** every AYSO VIP Player must complete:

- 1) AYSO Player Registration Form (*please be sure to bring player's Birth Certificate!*)
- 2) VIP Player Profile Form (please mail Profile Form only to AYSO VIP Region Coordinator with an attached addressed envelope as soon as you are able to complete form.)

Player Registration Saturday, April 7, 2007 9:00-3:00pm Mililani Waena Elem
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Player Meeting Sunday, August 26, 2007 2:00-3:15pm Mililani District Park
First Practice/Game! Sunday, September 9, 2007 2:00-4:00 pm Holanialii Field

*Miracles' VIP Season will run every Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Starting Sunday, September 9, 2007 through Sunday, October 28, 2007
at Holanialii Field.*

(Heading makai on Meheula St. take your first right after Safeway onto Holanialii St.)

RECRUITING BUDDIES TO ASSIST OUR VIP PLAYERS!

- BUDDIES who assist VIP Players on the field have a life-changing experience (as I know!)
- For the first time, perhaps, BUDDIES will interact with a special needs individual.
- BUDDIES witness the extraordinary effort and determination a VIP Player must have on the field as many players struggle with physical limitations but never give up! This helps buddies in their OWN GAMES!
- BUDDIES will learn to see and appreciate VIP Players as people, and form friendships (that are so needed by VIP Players and cherished so!) with them.
- BUDDIES attend a one-hour training class to be "certified" as VIP Buddies prior to official season.
- **BUDDIES can earn community service credits** that are now required by many schools and also aid in the admission portfolio compiled by students applying for private schools and college!

SCC (School Community Council) and Hui O Mililani Elections:

It's that time of year when we look forward to the next year. Nominations have been accepted for both the SCC and Hui parent positions. Watch for your family ballot to come home and please take a moment and select the representative that you feel will best strive for the school environment you expect for your child.

It's not too late to attend a board meeting: The next SCC meeting will be Monday, May 7th in the library at 5 p.m. and the Hui O Mililani Uka meets on Wed., May 16th in the office at 5 p.m.

Hui Celebrates Teacher and Staff Appreciation: May 7-11, 2007.

The teachers and staff at Mililani Uka work hard to make this school productive and fun. You can express your thanks by assisting the Hui with our Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 9th, or with a personal card to someone who makes a difference in your child's school experience.

Teachers and Staff Celebrated Pat Tochiki as Mililani Uka Elementary School Teacher of the Year at the State-wide Reception held on April 22, 2007 in Waikiki.



Family Fun Night: Thursday, May 24th

Join the fun; watch your talented student as we end the year with a special night of entertainment. Bento dinners will be available, pre-sold only. Come see the Uka chorus and other students perform their jump rope or cup stacking skills. The Hui will briefly review the year and officially vote on next year's budget and officers. You make a difference to your child's school, plan to join us and support the Hui O' Mililani Uka organization that made Read Aloud possible!

Mililani Uka Elementary School Activity Calendar

APRIL

4/28 **Uka Craft Fair** 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

4/30 May Day Dress rehearsal

MAY **Spirit Week 2nd –Wear Red,**

5/2 Drop off May Day Flowers & Greenery to C101 by 8:15

5/3 Wear **Gray or White** / HI 5 Recycling Collection

5/4 **Fri** **May Day Celebration 8:30 a.m.**

5/5 Sat **Red Cross Basic Shelter Training 9-11 a.m. Library**

5/7 **SCC Meeting**

5/7-11 **Teacher and Staff Appreciation**

5/9 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

5/10 Complex Track meet at MHS

5/11 Grade 4/5 Career Day

5/16 Hui Meeting/ Papa John's night

5/16-18 **Grade 4 Big Island Trip**

5/18 JPO Field Day

5/19 Sat **Red Cross Shelter Simulation 7-11 a.m.**

9-11 Shelter Open for Public viewing

5/22 DARE field trip Grade 5

5/24 Kanikapila Assembly

5/24 **Family Fun Night 6 p.m.**

5/25 **No School: Teacher Work day**

5/28 **No School: Memorial Day**

5/31 Kindergarten Cultural Food Day

JUNE

6/1 Peer Activity Day

6/4 HI 5 Recycling collection

SCC Meeting

6/5 Grade 5 Banquet

6/6 Recognition Assembly

6/7 Last Day for Students Early Dismissal

Aloha Assembly 8:30 a.m.

Hurricane Season Approaches: Are You Ready?

Prepare your 72-hour kit now! Don't wait for the storm to approach to prepare, to learn more and volunteer for Shelter Management join us at the Red Cross Basic Shelter training and Shelter Simulation on May 5 & 19. RSVP to: norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us