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May 24, 2007

## Mililani Uka Elementary School

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We make a rainbow... a wonderful rainbow made up of students, parents and staff working together. This year our students continued to excel in academics, sports and the arts. We hope you all enjoyed our recent May Day program. Our students had a fun time dancing and singing for all of you.

Our fourth and fifth grade track team participated in the Annual Complex Track meet at Mililani High School. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made us all proud as they excelled in the competition. Our JPOs scored a perfect 100% in their drill competition as well as won both of their tug of war competitions at the Annual JPO picnic!

A very special thank you to all of our parents and community friends. No matter what the event, you have always come through for us. From bringing plants and flowers for our May Day, to bringing athletic shoes for the Nike Recycling (Which we won again this year!) to being chaperones on our field trips. We could not provide as many educational opportunities for your children without your help!

We are so fortunate to have wonderful community partnerships as well as the support of our elected officials. Representative Ryan Yamane worked to help us find the funds to be able to air condition our PCNC room so that our volunteers can work in comfort as well as finish the air conditioning of our health room so that our students will feel better as they wait for their parents. And with Councilman Nestor Garcia efforts, this summer the resurfacing of our basketball court will take place!

Both Senator Ron Menor and Representative Ryan Yamane worked to get the funds approved for a much needed electrical upgrade. We would have been waiting many more years for this to occur without their help! We now need to wait for our Governor to release the funds for our use.

I want to especially thank our outgoing SCC Council and Hui 'O Mililani Board members for all their hard work this past year. A very special mahalo to Joreen Murayama, our outgoing President. Throughout her years she has worked tirelessly and always put the needs of our students, teachers and school first.

A fond aloha to all the families and staff that will be leaving us this summer and to our wonderfully dedicated teachers who begin a new chapter, retirement; Anita Choi, Susan Nekoba, Patricia Tochiki, Audrey Yoneshige, and Vice Principal, Diana Bonsignore. We hope everyone of you will take with you great memories of Mililani Uka Elementary School.

I look back to my second year here as Principal and wonder where did the year go? We had a great year together and I look forward to a great 2007-08 school year! Together, we make Mililani Uka a very special place!

Much Aloha, Heather Wilhelm, Principal

## **School Reminders:**

### **Summer Office Hours:**

Main Office will be open 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Phone Numbers: 627-7303 Fax: 627:7387

### **Release/Transfer from School**

Please inform the office if your child(ren) will not be returning to Mililani Uka for the 2007-08 school year. Notify the office at least seven days prior to pick up of your child's release documents by completing the "Request for Student's Permanent Release Form."

### **Meal Account balances:**

Meal account balances at the end of the school year will be carried over to the 2007-08 school year for students now enrolled in Pre- K through Fourth Grade. Fifth grade students with a balance as of June 7<sup>th</sup> may transfer funds to another Uka student, donate the balance to the school, or request a refund. Refunds will be available for pick up in the school office as of June 12, 2007.

### **A+ Program Registration**

Registration for SY 2007-08 will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 10-11, 2007 from 5-7 p.m. in the library. Registration forms will be distributed on these days. Payment must accompany A+ registration forms. Payments will be for the month of August. If costs remain the same, payment will be \$55 for 1 student, \$50 each for 2 in a family, \$45 each for 3 or more in a family. Applications for staff positions are being accepted. To apply, pick up the forms from the school office or contact Shirley Ragasa, A+ coordinator, at 627-7303, ext. 297.

### **Items Unclaimed At The End of the School Year**

Report cards and other school documents will be retained in the office for parents to pick up. Any personal items left behind after June 15, 2007 will be discarded or donated to charitable organizations. If you know that your child will not be in school during the last days of school, please make prior arrangements with the teacher to take home your student's belongings.

### **School Community Council**

Thank you to our School Community Council for their commitment and support of Mililani Uka Elementary School's standards of excellence. Thank to those who took the time to complete the SCC election ballot for SY 2006-07. The SCC representatives for SY 2007-08 are:  
Community Representatives: Eric Matsumoto and Cynthia Nichols with Flo Farnbach as alternate.  
Parent Representatives are: Jan Fukada, Eileen Nims, Christine Wormack, and Jackson Ma with Nasrin Segovia as alternate. Parent and community involvement is vital to our success and these people are role models for citizenship and accountability. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month with minutes posted in the office and online at [www.mililaniuka.com](http://www.mililaniuka.com).  
Anyone with items for the agenda, please contact Norma Tansey at 627-7303 ext.233 at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting.

### **Standards-Based Report Cards**

Information for parents is available on the DOE website: [www.doe.k12.hi.us](http://www.doe.k12.hi.us). Go to "Parents & Community", then "Standards", and then "Report Cards".

\*\*\*\*\***Thursday, June 7: Last Day for Students- Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.**\*\*\*\*\*

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation 2007**  
**Made possible by**  
**Hui O Mililani Uka with the support of parent volunteers**

"Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch and showers of hospitality. I felt very special and wonderfully food-filled. The food was beautifully displayed and so delicious!!!!!! Thank you so much!!! "

*"Thanks to all involved for treating us so special! "*

"THANK-YOU!!!" to Kumon for their most generous Jamba Juice gift card! (My daughter has been eyeing it since I brought it home!) The Hui and parent volunteers have once again out done themselves!!! The food was great (and so overwhelming! - better than any buffet I've been to!) and the service was outstanding - personal delivery of our drink "orders"!! Thank you so very much for organizing this every year for our teachers and staff - as they say, it takes a 'village' to raise a child and you and all our parents are doing a wonderful job making our job that much more enjoyable!

"Thank you" cannot begin to express our feelings for the delicious food, the wonderful gifts and sense of ohana that the Uka staff experienced at the Appreciation Luncheon. Mahalo to everyone who assisted in this event!

"Thanks for all you do for us...not only today but throughout the school year."



Please give a big Mahalo Nui Loa to the Hui for the lunch we had...everything was Maika`i...

Please convey my heartfelt thank you to all the parents who worked together in so many different ways to make "Staff Appreciation Week" such a success. The abundance of gifts, food and good cheer reminded us that we, the staff at Mililani Uka, do make a difference in the lives of children. Mahalo nui loa for such a generous show of appreciation. Diana Bonsignore



**Thank you to Local Supporters of Mililani Uka Elementary School**

Mililani Lions Club  
Hope Central  
Safeway Escrip  
Rotary Club

Kumon  
Papa Johns  
Hawaii Ballroom Dancers  
Cub Scout Pack 364

Army Wolfhounds  
Mililani McDonald's  
& Girl Scout Troop 819 & 1069

# Health & Safety

## Children's Meth

There is a very scary thing going on in the mainland schools right now that all need to be aware of. There is a type of crystal meth going around that looks like strawberry pop rocks. It smells like strawberry also and it is being handed out to kids in school yards in AR. I'm sure it will make its way around the country if it hasn't already. Kids are ingesting this thinking that it is candy and being rushed off to the E.R. in dire condition.

*It also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cola, cherry, grape and orange ~ it looks just like pop rocks.*

Please instruct your children to not accept candy that looks like this even from a friend and to take any that they may have to a teacher, principal, etc.

[http://www.snopes.com/horrors/drugs/candy\\_meth.asp](http://www.snopes.com/horrors/drugs/candy_meth.asp).

## 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/ssh>  
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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.

## Screening Exams For New Patients

**Friday, July 27, 2007 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Kaiser Permanente Koolau, 45-602 Kamehameha Highway**

A no-cost screening clinic will be held to identify children in your area who can benefit from the expert orthopedic and burn care provided at Shriners Hospitals.

If you know of any children under 18 who have problems of the bones, joints or muscles, or problems associated with healed burns, bring them to the free clinic for an evaluation to find out if they are eligible for free, expert medical treatment.

Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcome.  
For more information or an appointment. call 808-941-4466

## Mililani Uka in the News

The **American Heart Association** through a grant from the Jean & William Mau Foundation, James Haruji Tamura & Fumiko Tamura Foundation and the **Honolulu Fire Department** sponsored free **CPR** training for the **5th Grade students** at Mililani Uka Elementary School.

Local Mililani firefighters worked with the students to teach them the skills of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The enthusiasm and eagerness of the students to learn was noticeable and many parents have since commented on what a great program it was for their students allowing them the potential to save someone's life.

Thank you American Heart and Mililani Fireman for making this program possible.

Anna Boothe demonstrates her skills.



### Lions Club Flag Presentation

On May 9th, Lions John Newton and Mark Despault (Serving on Citizenship and Patriotism Committee) had the honor of presenting Flag Program to 3rd grade students at Mililani Uka Elementary School - Ms Heather Wilhelm - Principal.

The International Lions Flag Program was established in 1978 to promote patriotism and respect for the American Flag to elementary school students throughout America. The Mililani Lions Club "Flag Program" is presented to 3rd grade students and covers a 15 to 20 minute period. The program highlights: US Flag history, How to show respect to US Flag, Ways to display US Flag at home, Questions and Answer session, and Singing patriotic song. At conclusion each student is given a miniature US Flag and fact sheet. Thank you Lions Club for your continued support of Mililani Uka Elementary School.



## **Uka Track Stars shine!**

Central district elementary schools with their 5<sup>th</sup> grade cheering sections joined together for a morning of competition at the Mililani High School stadium to participate in a variety of track events. Mililani students showed their metal with first, second, third and fourth place finishes in many events. Congratulations to the team and Coach Fujioka!



Track team pictured left to right, back row: Mr. Fukioka, Joshua Hernandez, Devin Awai, Lawrence Kimura, Megan Takemoto, Alyssa Stiles, Arielle Gregory, Cierra Ramirez, Brenna Carey, Jasmine Towner, Brooke Otlowski. Middle Row: Larry Baquiran, Christian Hermosura, Roschel Dizon, Kaua Fabella, Alyssa Tobita, Geovahn Goya, Lindsey Choo, Tyler Hill, Sean Tuia. Front Row: Pikai Winchester, Luca Melendez, Martiza Segovia, Brittney McClay, Kassandra Green, William Silva, Soloman Souki, & Leland Pe'a

### *Niketown Re-use A Shoe Collection*

Congratulations to Mililani Uka for again taking first place in this recycling campaign held in April. Since our school won the prize last year and brought home \$2,000 in new Nike sports equipment, this year we will donate the money to Mililani Middle school so that Uka students can continue to benefit as they advance. Mahalo to our parents for their generous support!

## **May Day Mahalo**

Mahalo to all the parents who generously donated greenery and flowers for our May Day decorations. Mrs. Kawachi and family took the extra items to Mililani Cemetery to decorate graves. A second mahalo to the pom-pom ladies who worked to make the colorful rainbow. Thank you everyone!

May Day videos will arrive at the school after Memorial Day and be distributed to the classrooms. If you just decided you want a video, please contact Videos By Jen at [videobyjen@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:videobyjen@hawaii.rr.com).

# Community Connections

## RECREATIONAL TENNIS COACH WORKSHOP

JUNE 2, 2007 ~ SATURDAY 9:00AM TO 4:00PM

AT KEAWE GYM ON KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS KAPALAMA CAMPUS

**\$30 FEE INCLUDES LUNCH AND COACHES PACKET OF VALUABLE TEACHING MATERIALS**

For more information, log on to:

<http://www.hawaii.usta.com/NEWS/fullstory.sps?iNewsid=420489&itype=1613&icategoryid=305>

### Summer Learning Opportunities:

Forms are available in the school office for:

\* **Wiz Kids** Learning Centers have developed a successful method of teaching math, reading and writing for students in K-12. Located at the Pearl City Business Plaza, call 455-Kids (455-5437).

\* **Surf Camp Hawaii** powered by Kama'aina Kids is taking applications. Registration deadline is **May 31, 2007**.

Support the **Honolulu Theatre for Youth**- shop at Ala Moana Center Barnes and Noble Bookfair: July 27-29 and visit [www.htyweb.org](http://www.htyweb.org) after June 1 to download the flier.

### *PPA Health Fair*

Free Health Screenings and information!  
Tuesday, **June 5, 2007** 10-2 at the Zoo  
Free and open to the public to learn about health care services offered in Hawaii.  
Sponsored by Pharmaceutical Research Companies (Aloha Meds & PPA)

### *Hiv/Aids, Hepatitis C 2007 Update*

June 7, 2007 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Pagoda Hotel  
1525 Rycroff Street, Honolulu  
Information displays, and guest speakers will discuss key issues. For more information contact:  
Charles Lyden 441-1591

## AmeriCorps Serve Your Country In Public Schools!

VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), an AmeriCorps program, seeks full time, one year coordinators committed to community service. They recruit, train and coordinate volunteers to tutor K-3 children in reading and math. You will be assigned to a Title I elementary school in your neighborhood, receive a monthly living allowance (approximately \$950 gross), receive health and life insurance and a stipend of \$1200 or an educational award of \$4,725 upon completion of satisfactory service of one year. No outside employment or schooling allowed during the VISTA service year. Minimum requirement: AA or CDA or 2 years F/T work or 2 years F/T equivalent volunteer experience with children and adults in education, community or family social services. Begins July 9, 2007. Call 733-4476 for information. Fax or mail resume by June 1, 2007.

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## Red Cross Shelter Exercise

On May 19 the American Red Cross, State and County Civil Defense, the Hawaii Humane Society, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Health, RSVP volunteers and local care home groups with special health needs turned out with Mililani Complex volunteers to learn the steps and possible crisis scenarios in running a sheltering. Over 170 individuals took part in this exercise helping the following schools train shelter volunteers: Mililani Middle School, Mililani High School, Mililani Ike, Kipapa Elementary, Mililani Uka and Soloman Elementary.



Right: Shelter volunteer Susie Clairmont takes a break from registration to point out the shelter rules.

Shelter Operations have been changed since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Today Red Cross is working with the Humane Society to plan space for pets at or near public shelters. Pet owners need to prepare to shelter their pets by

purchasing a pet cage, and knowing to bring all the needed supplies for the animal including food, water, medicine, and waste supplies.

Just like they have prepared the 72-hour kit for the rest of their family.

To learn more about how you can become involved in Hurricane Preparedness, contact the American Red Cross at [www.hawaiiredcross.org](http://www.hawaiiredcross.org) or your school PCNC, Norma Tansey.

# It's Hurricane Season: Are you prepared?

In the event you need to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you, you probably will not have the opportunity to shop or search for the supplies you and your family will need. Mass care shelters need time to provide basic care; therefore, each family is expected to provide their own needs for the first 72 hours. Every household should assemble a disaster supplies kit and keep it up to date.

A disaster supplies (72 hour) kit is a collection of basic items a family would probably need to stay safe and be more comfortable during and after a disaster. Disaster supplies kit items should be stored in a portable container(s) as close as possible to the exit door. Review your plan every six months or as your family needs change and quiz your family about what to do. Also, consider having emergency supplies in each vehicle and at your place of employment.

## **Your home kit should include:**

- Three-day supply of nonperishable **food** and manual can opener.
- Three-day supply of **water** (one gallon per person, per day).
- Portable, battery-powered **radio** or television and extra batteries.
- **Flashlight** and extra batteries.
- **First aid kit** and manual.
- Photocopies of identification and credit cards
- Cash (in small bills) and coins.
- Prescription medications, eyeglasses, contact lens supplies, hearing aid supplies.
- Sanitation items (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes).
- Matches in waterproof container
- Extra clothing, towels, and blankets
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine needs).
- Items for infants (formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers).
- Items for young children (stuffed animal, board game, puzzle, cards and books)
- Basic Tools (hammer, knife, duct tape, screwdrivers)
- Pet supplies (food, water, medicine, waste supplies).
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## **Supplies in your car include:**

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Maps
- First Aid kit and manual
- Tire repair kit, jumper cables, pump, and flares
- Bottled water and non-perishable foods such as granola bars
- Seasonal supplies: blanket, jackets, umbrella, hat, and sunscreen.

For more information log onto [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov) or refer to the disaster preparation section located in the front of your phone book.

# Uka Calendar

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  
Aloha Assembly 8:30 a.m.

## JULY

10/11 **A+ Registration in Library**  
5-7 p.m.

25 **Class Lists posted**

## August

1 First Day of School Year 07-08

Re-surfacing of Mililani Uka School Parking Lot

### **Public Notice:**

The front (main) parking lot will undergo re-surfacing in the coming weeks – beginning May 29, 2007. Your attention, caution, and assistance will be greatly appreciated and help us keep our students safe!

# **Have a Safe and Happy Summer Recess!**