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Mililani Uka Elementary School

August 2007

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Welcome to all of our new families! We also welcome new staff this year! We have three Special Education teachers from New York, Ms. Ferry, Ms. Stringer, and Ms. Maehr. Ms. Fukada is in grade 1, Ms. Low in grade 4 and Mrs. Garmin and Ms. Ito in grade 5. We welcome back, Mrs. Bradley in Kindergarten. In addition to our new teachers, we have two new counselors, Mrs. DeRego and Mr. Maedo and a new Vice Principal, Mrs. Tao. Mrs. Tao is an experienced Vice Principal and was formerly at Mauka Lani Elementary.

Great news! We received our Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) results and we made our Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)! We could not have accomplished this without your help. We appreciate all the support you give your child by making sure that all their homework is completed and that your child has enough sleep before coming to school. We will be asking for your help again this year in not scheduling vacations and/or doctors appointments during school time. It is especially important that you child not miss their math instruction. Homework for our math program, Math Investigations (MI), will be difficult if your child was not present for the initial classroom lesson. The reason is that MI is taught differently from how many of us learned math. Your children will not only be learning basic math facts but also the corresponding math concepts with the use of hands on activities with manipulative materials we have in each classroom.

We also have a brand new parking lot! Thank you for your patience last year as we had to change our traffic patterns in the school lot during the last few weeks of school. This year to make traffic run more smoothly, we have a few traffic pattern changes. The first is that drop off and pick up begins in front of the office front doors. The reason for this is that the first turn is narrow and if cars stop and drop off children near the turn, it stops the rest of the cars from making the turn and cars begin to back up outside the parking lot. The second change is that drop off and pick up along the curb leading out of our parking lot will be for buses only. This will keep the buses from blocking cars along the rest of the curb.

Our school continues its positive growth with all of your help.
Please join us for our Parent Orientation next Friday, August 10th!

Much Aloha!

Heather Wilhelm, Principal

New Staff at Mililani Uka Elementary School

We welcome our new vice principal, Kawai Tao from Mauka Lani Elementary, as well as, our two counselors, Dana De Rego from Mililani Middle and Ranan Maedo from Moanalua EI.



Counselors Ms. DeRego & Mr. Maedo

In addition, we welcome our new teachers:



Ms. Fukada- 1st Grade & Ms. Low – 4th Grade



Mrs. Tao - VP



Ms. Garman & Ms. Ito – 5th Grade



And
our new Sped Teachers from NY: Ms. Ferry, Ms. Maehr and Ms. String

**Who's Who at Mililani Uka Elementary School
Administration**

Heather Wilhelm – Principal

Kawai Tao- Vice Principal

Teachers

<p>Kindergarten Lisa Bradley Daryl Fujino Reina Loughlin Kristie Metivier Jill Nobu Kathi Uyemura</p>	<p>1st Grade Jana Fukada Kathlyn Ishii Pauline Kishimoto Gail Urabe Debbie Watanabe</p>	<p>2nd Grade Pia Rocha Elaine Sunahara Edna Takaki Arleen Tanaka Fay Tsurumaki</p>
<p>3rd Grade Shauna Ihu Clarice Kamiya Lynn Mills Mari Neely</p>	<p>4th Grade Heather Dwyer Raejean Gamiao Denise Low Coreen Shiosaki</p>	<p>5th Grade Chantelle Garman Julia Ito Johnna Jacobsen Carrie Laforteza Lori Nishikawa</p>
<p>IRA Myrna Daguio – Fine Arts Lance Fujioka – Physical Ed Ann Imamura – Quest Jo-Ann Kawachi – SIS Coord. Jan Matsuura – Computer Tec Ann Saruwatari – Curriculum</p> <p>Librarian Ginger Enomoto</p>	<p>Special Education Mona Andrade Colleen Ferry Lani Hirata Lynette Hyrmer Joanna Maehr Charlynn Okimoto-Shinjo Sarah Strining Crystal Shiroma – Speech Linda Kimoto – Speech Gwen Nakamura- Aide</p>	<p>Educational Assistants Frances Ancheta Sampaga Darlene Ching Frena Cockett Debbie Flores Katherine Jerviss Cheryl Lum Frieda Mueller Jill Muranaka Yolanda Nanpei Anita Sojot</p>
<p>Counselors Dana DeRego (PS, K, 1, 2) Ranan Maedo (3,4,5)</p> <p>Student Services Lorene Park, SSSC Janice Koki, clerk</p> <p>Health Aide Leatrice Miyashiro</p>	<p>Office Staff Phyllis Ishikawa, SASA Jo-Ann Chang – Registrar Robyn Goya – Purchasing Wendy Kagawa (a.m. clerk) Lynne Uchida (p.m. clerk) Carol Kalani – Meal Count Claudia Gachet – Meal Count Eva Mocz – Meal Count</p>	<p>PTT Yoko Kaminaga – World Lang. Phyllis Muranaka - ESLL Joy Lo – Hawaiian Kumu Norma Tansey- PCNC</p> <p>Custodians Craig Shiira – Head Custodian Ernie Fukumoto Darryl Leong Melvin Yoshida</p>

School Meal Prices for School Year 2007-2008

Chapter 8-37 of Hawaii Administrative Rules, provides that the lunch price be established at the beginning of each fiscal biennium at 1/3 the cost of the lunch, rounded to the nearest \$0.25 as averaged from the preceding three full school years. This formula results in a lunch price of \$1.25 beginning July 1, 2007. The cost of providing lunch will be approximately \$4.00.

It has been a common practice for the schools to charge students for a second meal at the regular student price, however, the Department of Education is no reimbursed by the US Department of Agriculture for second meals served to students. **Beginning July 1, 2007 students will be charged the full cost of the entrée for second entrée. Therefore, students desiring a second entrée will be charged the additional \$1.25 for the second entrée : \$2.50 for the day's lunch.**

	Breakfast	Lunch
Regular student meal	\$0.35	\$1.25
Reduced student meal	\$0.20	\$0.20
Adult meal	\$1.50	\$4.00
Second entrée		\$1.25

School Safety:

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 on 6/8/07, and will complete the next surveillance in December, 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 the Vice Principal for additional information 627-7303 X229.

Mililani Uka Elementary School T-shirt Order Form



-----Return bottom portion with payment to the PCNC office-----

SCHOOL T-SHIRT ORDER

Name _____ Grade _____ Room # _____

Size	Quantity/Color			Price	Total Amount
	Red	Ash	Blue		
Youth S (6-8)				x \$7.00	
Youth M (10-12)				x \$7.00	
Youth L (14-16)				x \$7.00	
Adult S				x \$8.00	
Adult M				x \$8.00	
Adult L				x \$8.00	
Adult XL				x \$8.00	
Adult XXL				x \$9.00	
Total Order				Total:	

Please make checks payable to: ***Mililani Uka Elementary School***

Important Reminders

Start of School Year Handouts

The following handouts are given out to **all Mililani Uka students** during the first week of each school year. If you have not received one or more of these forms, please notify the child's teacher or call the school office. **Please return all completed forms by August 10, 2007.**

Emergency Card

Designated Child Form*

Release Forms:

Permission to Videotape/Record

Internet Access Permission

Permission to Reproduce work

Uka Parent Handbook – Grade Level – Classroom Rules Acknowledgement

*(If applicable)

Emergency Release of Student Form

Free/Reduced School Meal Program*

The following publications are for your use and reference, please review:

Mililani Uka Elementary School Parent & Student Handbook

Grade level/ Classroom Rules

Chapter 19

Equal Educational Opportunity

Equal Educational Opportunity for Student who are Disabled

Privacy Notice to Parent, Guardians, and Eligible Students

Standards-Based Education: Info for Parents

Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Our weighted Student Formula funding depends partly on the number of Free & Reduced meal applications. Please consider submitting an application if you need assistance with meal payments. One application per family needs to be submitted to the school as soon as possible. If your child received Free/Reduced last year, you **must** turn in a new application each school year. Applications are available from the school office.

Identification Badges:

All visitors and volunteers of Mililani Uka need to have an identification badge on them at all times. Please make your first stop the office each time you come on campus to receive your badge. This procedure is for the safety and well being of all our students and yourself. Please lock your car and make sure your belongings are secured while on campus.

Uka Volunteer Training: August 8th at 8 a.m. or August 10th at 6 p.m.

Parents, grandparents, and community member are valued members of the Uka ohana. As volunteers they help to complete the tasks to support our students. Each year training is held by the PCNC facilitator (times above) or by calling 627-7303 ext 233 to schedule a time.

Waiting For Student Dismissal:

Prior to school dismissal, parents should not be waiting by classrooms for their children. Parents may wait at the front of the library or next to the cafeteria no earlier than 15 minutes before the end of school until the end of school bell rings.

After School Pick Up Safety:

Please remind your children to wait safely and quietly after school for pick up. Review the need for them to wait until your car comes to a complete stop beside the curb before approaching your vehicle. Students who wait along the school parking lot, bus stop benches, or in front of the library and office are to SIT and wait. Please explain to your children that they are to report to the office for help and assistance if pick up does not go as planned.

Uka Calendar of Events:

August

- 3 HI 5 Recycling/ Blue Spirit Day
- 4 K Class list posted
- 6 **SCC Meeting** 5 p.m. Library
- 8 First day for all K students
Volunteer Coffee in PCNC 8 a.m.
- 10 Welcome Back Assembly
Volunteer Training 6 p.m. café
Hui Meeting 6:15 Cafe
Parent Orientation 6:30 Café
- 13 **School Fundraiser: Trojan Card sales begin**
- 15 Papa John's Night
- 17 **No School – Statehood Day**
- 21 **Hui O Mililani** Uka Meeting 5 p.m.
- 24 Student Council Leadership Training- MMS
- 29 Student Council Meeting
- 31 **No school – Teacher Workshop**

September

- 3 **No School – Labor Day**
- 5-7 **School Spirit Week** – Wear Red/Gray/Blue
- 7 HI 5 Recycling
Get Moving, Get Fit 8:30- 10 for K-2, 10-11:30 for G 3-5
Hui Sally Foster Sale Begins
- 10 SCC meeting 5 p.m.
- 13 Grandparents Breakfast at Uka
1 st Grade Math Night
- 14 School Picture Taking Day
Final Day to purchase Trojan Cards
- 18 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.
- 20 Kindergarten Math Night
- 23 Nike Town Races

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures for the Cul-de-Sac

The cul-de-sac is a **no parking/waiting area**. According to Hawaii Revised Statutes; Article 14; Section 15-14.1: “Stopping, or parking is prohibited in certain specified areas - No signs required. No person shall stop, or park a vehicle in any of the following places: 1) on a side walk; 2) in front of a driveway or within 4 feet of a drive way; ... 27) within the turnaround area of any dead-end street.” This law is enforced by **the Honolulu Police Department**.

The cul-de-sac can be used for drop-off and pick-up of students. During drop-off and pick-up, a large number of vehicles move through a small area in a short period of time. For the safety of the children and in an effort to prevent traffic congestion, we have assigned a traffic safety monitor to the cul-de-sac. Our traffic safety monitor might give you instructions, reminding you of the guidelines listed below. **Please do not take this personally**, but rather understand that these guidelines are to ensure a safe and courteous drop-off and pick-up for your child.

Guidelines

1. Follow the law: Do not park or wait in the cul-de-sac, nor block the driveway of the condominiums. Parked cars can be ticketed or towed.



2. Pull up to the curb and stop fully before dropping off or picking up your child.

3. No “jaywalking,” even if you are escorting your child. Use the sidewalk that circles the cul-de-sac or cross with the crossing guard. Jaywalking in this busy traffic area is unsafe. Remember, you are a role model for your child.

4. You may pick up or drop off your child anywhere along the curb of the cul-de-sac. You don't have to be right in front of the school entrance.

5. Have your child exit/enter the vehicle on the same side as the sidewalk, if at all possible.

6. People are waiting, so please have your child prepared to exit the vehicle as you enter the cul-de-sac. Avoid long good-byes, dispersing of lunch money, brushing of hair, etc. Instruct your child to exit the vehicle, **close the door, carry the backpack to the sidewalk, and then put on the backpack.**

7. Do not park in cafeteria lot. Cars backing out of the lot run the risk of hitting pedestrians on the sidewalk. These cars also interfere with the flow of traffic in the cul de sac. After school, the lot is used by A+ workers.

If you are late for pickup and your child is not in the cul-de-sac, please drive around to the front office, as the safety person will not allow children to be left unattended. Sometimes there is no safety monitor, so tell your children that if you are late they should go to the office on their own.

Parent Connections:

Hui O Mililani Uka

The Mililani Uka Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is also known as the "Hui". The 2007-2008 Hui Board will be sworn in at the August 10 General meeting. They are:

President	Eileen Nims
Vice President	Shelly Dinh
Recording Secretary	Veronica Tonaki
Corres. Secretary	Louise Smith
Treasurer	Nasrin Segovia

This year the Hui has committed to three programs to raise money to support the school. The first one is our yearly membership donation drive. The second and we hope the biggest fundraiser this year will be Sally Foster Gift Wrap and Gifts sale during the month of September, and the final fundraiser will be the Shamrock Food Sales held in January and February.

In addition, you can give back to Mililani Uka every time you purchase items at Safeway & Macy's through their Escrip program. This year the Safeway 10% Back to School promotion runs from *July 18 and runs through September 4th*. All you need to do is log onto www.escrip.com and select the Hui O Mililani/ Mililani Uka group as one of your organizations to sponsor. You need your Safeway & Macy's Card number to enter, but once you are entered every purchase gives back to Mililani Uka. Last year almost \$2,000 was donated back to Uka through the Escrip program. (See attached forms)

Fall Fest is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 2007. This yearly event is a fun evening for the entire family. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the organization and running of this year's Fall Fest. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact any Hui board member or the PCNC. We hope that everyone will plan to volunteer to assist at one game or booth. We will be asking for food and drink (water, soda, juice), baked goods, crafts, videos, and plant donations to sell at the Country Store. Watch for the Fall Fest flier for more details.

School Community Council (SCC)

The SCC is required by Act 51 to assist the school to meet the DOE's Strategic Plan, the NCLB, and other school initiatives, including the school's Academic and Financial Plans. The Council members are selected in the spring for the up-coming school year. Mililani Uka Elementary School has a sixteen-member council with 8 school staff and 8 non-school members.

Non-school members are:

Eric Matsumoto - Community Member & Chair
Cindy Nichols - Community Member
Jan Fukada - Parent Member
Christine Wormack - Parent Member
Jackson Ma - Parent Member
Eileen Nims - Hui President- Parent
Alex Novelos - Student Council President
Kylie Yamamoto- Student Council VP

School Members are:

Heather Wilhelm, Principal
Gail Urabe - 1st Grade
Lynn Mills - 3rd Grade
Julie Ito - 5th grade
Ann Saruwatari- IRA
Lani Hirata/Colleen Ferry, Sped
Jill Muranaka - Classified
Robyn Goya - Classified

Community Corner

The 8th Annual NIKETOWN 5k is September 23!

Complete race information, including a downloadable Entry Form, is now available at www.niketown5k.com. The NIKETOWN 5k registration deadline is August 30, if you want to turn your entry in to the school. This year's race is limited to 8,000 people so register early to ensure your spot in the race. Entry forms attached! Uka PCNC will collect entries until close of school 8/30/2007.

Operation Headrest: Supports our Military

Join the community in supporting the return of our troops from deployment by making a special patriotic pillow case or two for our soldiers. Completed pillow cases should be turned into the PCNC by August 30, 2007. Contact the PCNC 627-7303 ext 233 for more details.

Free Flu Vaccination Returns to Mililani Uka Elementary School

The Department of Health will provide free flu vaccinations for every 5 to 13 year old at participating schools this fall. The program will run from October to January. Watch for more information to come home as we get closer to Uka's flu shot mist date on 11/7/2007.

New Army Medical Hot Line

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hot Line" was established in March to enable military families to address and resolve medical issues as rapidly as possible. Providing follow-up on inquiries is a key component of the hot line's mission. The number to call is 800-984-8523.

Honolulu Boys Choir

The Honolulu Boy Choir is a unique organization that offers boys an opportunity to become a part of a musical team. This month auditions will be held at the Makiki Christian Church on August 11, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any parent may call 596-SING to register a boy in the free choir workshop for a chance to audition. Boys who can not attend the workshop may call 596-SING to make an appointment for an audition.

A+ is hiring!

Do you like working with children? Mililani Uka Elementary School A+ program is accepting applications for employment. Hours of employment will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's from 2-5:30 and Wed. from 1-5:30 p.m. when school is in session. Stop at the school office at 94-380 Kuahelani Avenue to fill out an application. Mahalo

Girl Scout Registration

Girls interested in doing fun crafts, community projects, or exciting camping trips can join the Girl Scouts at Mililani Uka Elementary School. For information call Cassandra Pang at 626-6955.

Cub Scout Pack 364

Kick off the school year by joining Cub Scouts at Mililani Uka. Boys in grades 1-5 may contact Lisa Dau at 623-7326 for information about joining the fun of scouting. Check out the website at: www.pack364.org

Parent Orientation is Friday, August 10 Agenda

- 6 p.m. Volunteer Training in Cafeteria
- 6:15 HUI O Mililani Meeting in Cafeteria
- 6:30 Principal Welcome in Cafeteria
- 6:50-8 p.m Classroom Sessions

School Fundraiser: Uka Trojan Cards

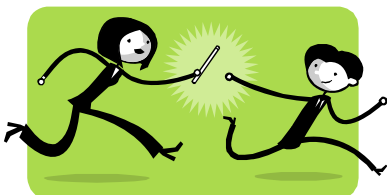
This fall Mililani Uka will be selling Trojan Cards at \$10.00 per card to raise funds to replace Language Arts curriculum material (ie. Textbooks). Our current curriculum is 15 to 20 year old and sadly in need of updating. Please join with the Uka staff by supporting our students with a purchase of one or more Trojan cards.

Trojan cards give you great discounts at local restaurants and stores. See the attached flier for more details. An order form will be coming home on August 13th but start counting the cards you need knowing that the funds raised will touch the lives of many children for years to come.



Get Moving, Get Fit

Physical Fitness Day at Mililani Uka



Once again we kick off the year with fun physical activities geared to show kids of all ages the fun you can create with a little imagination. The morning of **Friday, September 7** each class will participate in three different activities to challenge their motor skills. This event needs parent and community volunteers to be a success. Please consider signing up to assist with an activity from jumping rope, to obstacle courses, to water relays, dancing and much more!

A separate flier will come home with more details in mid-August, or you can contact the PCNC office with any fun ideas or suggestions! See you at Get Moving, Get Fit!