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# Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary School Kōlea Pride

February 2024  
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## CKES PTO Bingo Night

On January 26th, CKES PTO hosted a Bingo Night for our school. We had about 100 individuals in attendance, and many prizes were won. Bingo nights are a great way for students, parents, kupuna, and staff to come together, have fun, and enjoy some friendly competition. The combination of laughter, popcorn, goodies, and prizes created a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone. Our 5th-grade emcee, Railee Matsumoto, and teacher, Ms. Northrop, were our enthusiastic Bingo number readers and verified each game-winner for the evening.

Events like these provide entertainment but also contribute to building a sense of community within our school. It can also be a fun learning experience as students identify numbers and letters as they participate. Our wonderful CKES PTO and staff members provided the materials, prizes, and snacks for the evening, making it a successful night. We look forward to more of these interactive events, fostering positive connections among students, parents, and school staff.

Please don't forget to help out our CKES PTO by supporting their Cookie Corner fundraiser sale. By doing so, we can continue to have these wonderful events and support our students.





## Principal's Message

Aloha Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School 'Ohana

As we close out the first month of the 2024 school year, we have a lot to be proud of. First and foremost, congratulations to all our students who were recognized at our Quarter 2 Awards Assembly. Secondly, congratulations to our KōleaBots for their awesome performance at every robotics meet this year. A special congratulations goes out to the team recognized for the Innovate Award. We are proud of all of you!

As we begin the month of February, we would like to remind our families of important events to come. First of all, this month we thank our PTO who put on a fun-filled Bingo Night in January. They are currently working hard on our PTO Cookie Corner Fundraiser. This fundraiser helps to support our school in numerous ways, so please continue to sell those cookies and submit all money to the school office by February 2nd. Cookie pick-up will be on February 24th. In addition to this, we have a STEM Fest with Art Kimura taking place on the evening of February 13th. All students who signed up to attend should be there by 5:15pm. The month also includes our Career Fair on February 22nd from 5-7pm at the cafeteria. This event will be great for students hoping to learn more about what types of careers they may want to have in the future.

We also thank the many groups who have come to CKES this month to complete presentations on a variety of topics. Our 5th and 6th graders were educated on the dangers of vaping, while our 4th graders were treated to a presentation by the Assistance League of Hawaii on Operation Wildlife. The presentation allowed students to learn more about how they can help prevent the extinction of native animals. In addition to their presentation, we thank the Assistance League of Hawaii for their donation of school t-shirts to all our K-6 grade students in the month of January.

Other important reminders for the month include testing reminders. Our ELL students continue to complete WIDA testing this month and soon our third to sixth grade students will begin the Standards Based Assessment (SBA) Testing. With that said, this is a good time to remind our students to get their rest at night, work hard in school, and to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast.

Also, we ask that all parents/guardians continue to complete and mail in the School Quality Survey (SQS), as it provides our school with valuable information on what is working and areas where we might need to make improvements.

CKES parents and guardians, we thank you for supporting your child and working with the school to help all our Kōlea to be successful. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Kimberly.Castillo@k12.hi.us](mailto:Kimberly.Castillo@k12.hi.us) or (808) 313-5100.

Kōlea 'Ohana we hope you have a wonderful February! Don't forget to take some time to enjoy each day with your awesome Kōlea!

Mahalo,  
Kimberly Castillo  
Principal



# February Important Dates

**February 6 - 9, 2024**

**Journey Through The Universe -JTTU**  
In various classes during school day

**February 13, 2024 - Tuesday**  
**STEM FEST -Science Night**

5:30pm -6:30pm  
School Cafeteria  
\*2nd - 6th grade students that pre-registered


**February 15, 2024 - Thursday**  
**Deposit Day**  
7:15am - 8am

**February 16, 2024 - Friday**  
**Institute Day - No School**

**February 19, 2024 - Monday**  
**Presidents' Day - No School**

**February 22, 2024 - Thursday**  
**Career Night**  
5pm - 7pm, Cafeteria

**February 24, 2024 - Saturday**  
**Cookie Corner Fundraiser Pick-Up**  
Time: TBD, Library

**March 1, 2024 - Friday**   
**Kapi`olani Kash Day**

## STEM FEST NIGHT

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

School Cafeteria  
2nd thru 6th Grade  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Registration required to attend.



All deposit days occur once a month unless otherwise stated. The deposit day table will be set up between 7:15am to 8:00 am outside of room 21.

**Deposit days**  
February 15  
March 28

CHIEFESS KAPI`OLANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Career Night

**February 22, 2024**  
5pm - 7pm  
Cafeteria



Join us on Thursday, February 22nd as a few of our community members come and share the different careers in our area. This event presents an incredible opportunity for students and families to connect with local companies and organizations. Don't miss out on this awesome chance to see your future career from a first hand perspective!

**Community Businesses and Organizations scheduled to participate:**

**Hawaii Police Department**

**Hawaii Community College**

- Auto Body
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Information Technology
- Business Technology

**Hilo High Pathway Academies**

- Fire and Public Safety
- Health
- Agriculture
- Education
- Construction and Welding
- Engineering/Robotics



**The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy**

**Hawaii Keiki Nurses**

**Hawaii Community FCU**

**Local Artists**



## Hawai'i Statewide Assessments

Students in Grades 3 - 6 will be participating in the Hawai'i State Assessments Smarter Balanced ELA and Math (Gr 3-6) and HSA Science (Gr 5) Tests. The testing schedule is as follows:

### Grade 3

April 12, 19, 2024  
May 3, 6, 2024



### Grade 4

April 11, 18, 30, 2024  
May 1, 2024

### Grade 5

March 5-6, 2024  
April 10, 17, 2024  
April 25-26, 29, 2024  
May 7-8, 2024

### Grade 6

April 9, 2024  
April 16, 2024  
April 22-23, 2024

**Remember!**  
on testing dates:

- have your child go to bed early the night before



- arrive to school early



- have a good breakfast





# Vice Principal's Message



Thank you all for your patience when dropping off and picking up students. We are asking for your continued support and cooperation as it will be essential to the safety of our students during these times. Please remember there is **NO PARKING** before the pick-up times listed below. I ask that the area in front of the school office and Mohouli Street not be blocked at any time. If you arrive before pick-up has started, please go around the block. It is important that you drive with caution and within the speed limit around the school, as many of our students are allowed to walk home.

### Morning Drop-Off:

- Between 7:15 and 7:55 am
- In front of the school office, off of Kilauea Avenue, or on the side of Mohouli Street at the Mohouli Drop-off/Pick-up area.

### Afternoon Pick-Up:

- M, T, Th, F starts at 2:20 PM
- Wednesday starts at 1:15 PM
- Students with the last name A-K will report to the school's front office for pick up.
- Students with the last name L-Z will report to Mohouli Street pick-up area.

On another note, I ask that you send your child to school with a water bottle daily. It is important that your child stay hydrated throughout the day as it has been getting warmer. Healthy snacks are also encouraged. Please avoid sending large bags of chips, raw ramen, or sugary drinks.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs. Umemoto



## February

Celebrate African American Month!

1. Visit an African-American history museum
2. Learn about African American music
3. Support African American owned businesses
4. Watch African American history documentaries
5. Read stories on African American history



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day  
 Feb. 9 - National Pizza Day  
 Feb. 11 - Super Bowl Sunday  
 Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day  
 Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day  
**NO SCHOOL!**  
 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

### 10 REASONS TO BE

KIND

1. KINDNESS MAKES FRIENDS
2. KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS
3. KINDNESS IS FREE
4. KINDNESS CAN CHANGE LIVES
5. KINDNESS FEELS GOOD
6. KINDNESS ENDS SADNESS
7. KINDNESS BROADENS YOUR HORIZONS
8. KINDNESS IS HABIT FORMING
9. KINDNESS MAKES US BETTER PEOPLE
10. KINDNESS BRINGS MEANING TO OUR LIVES

Skill of the Month:

Be Kind



Be kind to yourself and others



## #BeKind







# Need Help paying for preschool?

## Preschool Open Doors

Accepting Applications!

Apply Now!

Deadline is March 28, 2024

Applications are being accepted for children born August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2021 for program participation July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. Preschool Open Doors (POD) provides monthly preschool tuition subsidies to qualified families. Parents may choose any DHS licensed preschool.

Download an application at [www.patchhawaii.org](http://www.patchhawaii.org)

Return completed applications to:  
PATCH Preschool Open Doors  
560 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite 218  
Honolulu, HI 96817



Apply online: <https://childcaresubsidyapplication.dhs.hawaii.gov/>



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO:  
808.791.2130  
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Email: [PODAdmin@Patch-HI.org](mailto:PODAdmin@Patch-HI.org)



## 100th Day of School

Can you believe we have been in school for 100 days! Time has been flying and we are all learning something new every single day. Our kindergarteners created these cool 100 day crowns to celebrate.



100th DAY

# Always Reading Preschool/Kindergarten Announcements



Congratulations to our Always Reading Super Readers! The Super Readers for the month of December are: Eliyanah-Marie Perea-McCormick, Adaline-Love Kaleileiki-Kahalepauole Mailou, Avery Garcia, Benjamin Blair, Catalina Long, Kale'a Hunter, Kendyll Almazan-Rosehill, Mariel Jade Lactaen, Titus Kauai-Balgas, Trinity Torricer, Allen Kumiji-Branco, Ayalani Salomon-Wahila, Ayanna Cosme, Deo Nithan, Jaystin Yamashita, Pearl Duggan, Sky Molina, Anela Joyce Jauculan, Baylee Hernandez, Darius Alvarez, Emma Andersen, Mikayla Okuma, Moana Hagino, Octavia Kansou-Antone and Ofa Pauta.



Highlights from the Winter Reading Snack Party! Students who met the goal of Reading 180 minutes or more from December 4 - January 8 were rewarded with a Snack Party! Congratulations!

Great job Super Readers!



Kōlea Super Readers!



## Kapi`olani Kash



Have you seen these posters around our school campus? These posters tell us what Kapi`olani Kash is about, how to earn Kapi`olani Kash, and what can be done with the Kapi`olani Kash earned. This beautiful, informative poster was done with the help of the following students pictured below.

Congratulations to the following artists for being selected to have their artwork featured on the poster:

Axle Rezentos  
Aurora Christensen  
Archer Torricer



## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

If you are available to volunteer and assist with Kapi`olani Kash please email Mrs. Dee Yamamoto at [dionice.yamamoto@k12.hi.us](mailto:dionice.yamamoto@k12.hi.us)

Upcoming Kapi`olani Kash Days:

- March 1, 2024 - Friday
- April 5, 2024 - Friday
- May 29, 2024 - Wednesday



# Quarter 2 Achievements and Recognitions

As we continue to encourage and display our school vision to **nurture the hearts and minds** of our students, we make time to instill and recognize those who display the following General Learner Outcomes (GLO) and reach various academic achievements inside and outside of school. Here are just a few recognitions that our students achieved In January.

On January 12, 2024, our students were recognized with the following awards: General Learner Outcomes (GLO) 1-6 and Student of the Month for October, November, and December. The GLO awards and Student of the Month awards are bestowed upon students who consistently embody the overarching goals of standards-based learning and exhibit commendable behaviors. Here's a small summary of each GLO:

- GLO 1: Self-Directed Learner - A self-directed learner takes responsibility for their own learning.
- GLO 2: Community Contributor - A community contributor understands the importance of collaborative efforts.
- GLO 3: Complex Thinker - A complex thinker demonstrates critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- GLO 4: Quality Producer - A quality producer recognizes and delivers high-performance and quality products.
- GLO 5: Effective Communicator - An effective communicator demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively.
- GLO 6: Effective and Ethical User of Technology - An effective and ethical user of technology displays proficiency in using various technologies responsibly.

Furthermore, the Student of the Month awards for October, November, and December were presented to students who have continuously showcased all the General Learner Outcomes and have excelled both academically and behaviorally.

Then, on January 13, our KōleaBots participated in the finals held at Kamehameha School and received the Innovate Award for their unique and well-documented robot design.

On January 19, 2024, our upper-grade levels acknowledged and presented the Honor Roll certificate and medal award to students who met the academic criteria required to earn that distinction.

Congratulations, students, for your accomplishments. ( List of award recipients are on page 7 )

Pictures below are of our Student of the Month award recipients for October, November, and December.



KōleaBots at Kamehameha School. Awesome Job, KōleaBots and congratulations to team 96601E for receiving the Innovate Award.

## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Recipients

### Grade: 3rd

Aatharsan Arooran  
Elena Moniz-Viveiros  
Leinor Nithan  
Jyrus Malicdem  
Temperance Napoleon  
Seti Vakauta

### Grade: 4th

Ariana Castro  
Beia Jibke  
Nevaeh Molina  
Archer Torricer  
Benjamin Grubman  
Madden Ranzino  
Gus Bighorse

### Grade: 5th

Ren Aragaki  
Eldrick Jansen Tagalicud  
Tayzen Ragocos  
Alyssa Torricer  
Vienna Bighorse  
Mason Enos  
Santino Salazar  
Kawaiolu Bal  
Kahanuola Enomoto  
Railee Matsumoto  
Uilani Orita

### Grade: 6th

Dezryn-Dezyre Delos Santos  
Jakob Ryen Malicdem  
Keiwa Kim  
Maiann Kichiro  
Jessie Alvarez  
Avery Kidani  
Zia Bacon



## 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly Recipients

Grade	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
GLO 1	Leimomi Galdeira-Orita	Jayne Mae Resurreccion Apo	K-Nor Akitekik	Joenel Alafonso	Kyann Daog	Vienna Bighorse	Jessie Alvarez
	Layne Carvalho-Luzken	Tobi Elizabeth Triphahn	Adam Hoyer	Kalista Morett	Tyrannie Napoleon	Clark Billimon	Queenie Yambao
	Felicity Neeley		Annamarie Vega	Rosslyn Sanchez	Leialoha Park-Quintal	Alyssa Torricer	
GLO 2	Emma Andersen	Soyla-Ann Chandler	Shayston Eleneki-Poouahi	Olive Duggan	Naya Aragaki	Kekaimalu Kaeha	Kaia Kaeha
	Cecilia Best-Hauoli	Levi Lawrence	Jiselle Fuerte	Elena Moniz-Viveiros	Ariana Castro	Phat Trang	Maiann Kichiro
	Titus Kauai-Balgas		Preston Mata-Keohulua	Iselle Sabastian	Sonnie Talia-Galletes	Laelyn Mei Ventura Santos	
GLO 3	Jouphie Alfred	Hung Nguyen	Nyla Borling	Jaeliana Akapito	Kaisen Agpalza	Ren Aragaki	Dezryn-Dezyre Delos Santos
	Avery Garcia	Jamal Refit	Makuakai Molina	Aatharson Arooran	Madden Ranzino	Kawaiolu Bal	Keaka Keohulua
	Ofa Pauta		Emerielynn Willett-Chaves	Alexis Paglinawan	Levi Stonit	Mason Enos	
GLO 4	Anela Joyce Jauculan	Hy Bui	Ellie Bento	Kemananalupalikai Galdeira-Orita	Zayne Feliciano	Bryn Okamoto	Kaiyah Kaopua
	Anastasia Nunes-Kansou	Annalyn Valdez	Khaliyah Daog	Joston Iwo	Nevaeh Molina	Xia Patao	
	Sierra-Jane Pianaia-Ishii		Evie Domogma	Leinor Nithan	Jasen Victorino	Abilene Pulgados Pacatang	
GLO 5	Mia Colon	Kainalu Paglinawan	Kajjay Andon Engilo	Zyrus Fuaiava	Joseph Aumavae-Tauaefa	Railee Matsumoto	Keiwa Kim
	Baylee Hernandez	Fa'auluuluga Talia-Galletes	Alayna Aoki	Temperance Napoleon	Kolten Cuison	Santino Salazar	Jasper Pulgados
	Jaystin Yamashita		Imiloo Corpuz	Brodyn Parker	Toe Faust	Naleigh Stone	
GLO 6	Gabriella Arulong	Emberson Kaspar Danis	Brian Anderson	Jaxton Ayala	Tanisha Isabel	Tiffany Cypriano	Jakob Ryen Malicdem
	Deo Nithan	Angel Manaky	Roman Villanueva	Aurora Christensen	Shardae-Rose Navarro	Faith Juda	Xavier Mendes
	Kendrick Topich		Kaspar Welles	Shiyo Silk	Smeiton Welles	Abel Medeiros	



## The Kōlea bird

Have you encountered the kōlea bird on our school campus? Also known as the Pacific Golden Plover, this bird holds a special significance. The name "kōlea" translates to "one who takes and leaves." These birds undertake an "impressive migration journey from California to Hawaii, Asia, and northeastern Africa, repeating this flight pattern". Similarly, our Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School students arrive to read, learn, and play, then graduate to explore, learn, and travel beyond Hawaii, eventually returning.

We hope our alumni return to share their knowledge with future generations of kōlea, some of whom will be joining us at the upcoming Career Night Event. The kōlea's "migration is distinct, with no other bird following the same journey". This "unique ability to travel long distances and adapt to diverse environments" mirrors the qualities we strive for as individuals.

As the school mascot, the kōlea bird symbolizes and inspires us to learn, share knowledge, adapt to change, embrace our differences, and persevere through various challenges we may encounter.



\*Resources used for this article are: Hawaii Magazine, 19 Kōlea Bird Facts - Facts.net, mybirdingjourney, and Honolulu Zoo Society.

## Assistance League of Hawaii: Operation Wildlife

On January 26, 2024, our 4th grade students were asked: What impact are you making on our Earth? With the visual items that were brought in our students learned about endangered species and how each student can help to prevent the extinction of our native animals. Thank you Assistance League of Hawaii for sharing your knowledge with our students.

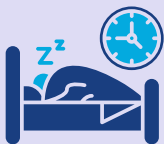


## Hawaii Keiki Waiakea Complex RN's Message Nurse's Corner - Heart Healthy

Did you know that according to the American Health Association (AHA), most children and adolescents in the U.S. scored poorly for overall cardiovascular health? Risk factors for poor heart health include higher body mass index (a numerical value of your weight in relationship to your height), increased blood pressure and eating less nutritious foods. Another large factor that plays a role in heart health is less physical activity due to increasing amounts of screen time. We all want the best for our children, especially for them to grow up being healthy and happy. With this in mind, we need to remember that a lot of our habits in adulthood begin in childhood. Here are a few tips the AHA suggests for helping keep kids heart-healthy:

- **Schedule family time for physical activity** – go outdoors for a hike or a walk. Share some time playing outdoor games or go to the beach. Interactive sports videos or playing a dance video can also work!
- **Plan a weekly menu and prep meals** – Encourage kids to help with meal planning. Have quick and easily accessible fruit and vegetables handy.
- **Simplify your family's schedule** – I know we are all busy, but try to take some time to prioritize what really needs to be done. Then you will have more time for the things that really matter.
- **Set a regular bed time and wake up time** – Sleep is important for our health. Try to find routines to help everyone wind down at night. Turning off phones and devices prior to bedtime is a good option.
- **Live by example** – Our children look up to us so it is important to be a role model for healthy behaviors.

Teaching our children about heart health now can help them live longer and healthier lives!



For more information, check out [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)



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## SQS Survey

Parents/Guardians:

Beginning January 8th-March 15th, we ask that you please complete the School Quality Survey (SQS). There are three options for completing the survey:

1. Complete the hard copy survey you receive. Surveys will be sent home on January 8th. Surveys can be submitted to the office in the sealed envelope and we can mail them out for you.
2. Use the QR code attached to complete the survey online after January 8th.
3. Complete the SQS Survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SQSParent> after January 8th.



If you have questions about the survey, please contact [SQS@k12.hi.us](mailto:SQS@k12.hi.us) or call (808) 307-3650 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This survey measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement/engagement with our school. The information will be used by our school for continuous improvement purposes. We thank you in advance for supporting us by completing this survey!



### Who Should Enroll for Kindergarten?

Children born between  
August 1, 2018 - July 31,  
2019

### When Do I Enroll my Child?

Today! Kindergarten registration has begun and is ongoing, so please stop by our office to pick up an application.

### When Can I pick Up an Application?

Monday-Friday from 7am – 4pm  
at our school office.

### Who Can I Call if I have Questions?

Please call our friendly office staff at (808) 313-5100