



Home of the Flyers

**Mokulele Elementary School**  
*50 Years of Mokulele Pride*  
**Parent Newsletter**



**May 2015**

**Welcome to the  
Home of the  
Flyers!**

## Principal's Message

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#### Upcoming Events

**Monday,  
May 25  
\*Memorial Day**

**Monday,  
June 1  
\*Field Day**

**Tuesday,  
June 2  
\*Preschool  
Graduation  
\*4th Quarter  
Recognition As-  
sembly**

**Wednesday,  
June 3  
\*6th Grade  
Graduation**

Dear Mokulele Elementary 'Ohana,

Aloha to all! I'd like to open by acknowledging all of you during this Military Appreciation Month. The Mokulele 'Ohana expresses a fond aloha to you for defending our country. We will continue to wear our "Support the Troops" red shirts in your honor.

It's amazing that the school year is coming to a close. Mahalo for your support with your child's academic and social development this year! I especially would like to recognize the Parent Volunteers for their efforts throughout the year in showing Flyer Pride and coming to the wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast! Mahalo to Kiah Van Veen and Tiffany Wilson for coordinating this event.

The Radford Complex Track Meet held on April 24th at Mililani High School was another exciting event that brought many lasting memories for our dedicated runners. A special recognition to our coaches, Mr. Bill Laeha (Gr. 5 teacher), Ms. Janelle Izutsu (Gr. 6 teacher), and Mr. Kema McKeague (PE) in sacrificing their mornings training the track team.

I'd like to acknowledge our special teachers, who we'll recognize during the Week of May 4-8 as Teacher Appreciation Week! These dedicated professionals should be commended for their work here and I hope they feel their work is validated. I'd like to acknowledge the many families for their donations to help celebrate this Teacher Appreciation Luncheon!

I'd like to acknowledge the departures of several outstanding staff beginning with Mrs. Lorna Wickerham (Adult Supervisor-Cafe), Mrs. Wendi Sasaki (Gr. K-1 – Rm. 1), and Mrs. Jennifer Shannon (Gr. 1 – Rm. 18) for all that they contributed to help our kids this year! Best wishes to all of you!

Our calendar for next year shows that our Flyers Day "Meet and Greet" will be held on Monday, July 27th from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. So mark you calendars and I'll see you then. Have a wonderful summer break! If you have any concerns or questions, please call the school at 421-4180.

Mahalo,  
Bart Nakamoto, Principal  
Mokulele Elementary



### VP Corner

Aloha, Mokulele 'Ohana

With the closing of the school fast approaching, we want to express a heartfelt MAHALO to all our many supporters, especially our parents. The majority of you parents will stay just 3 years in Hawaii, then you anticipate PCS-ing to another location. You barely get to know a little of these beautiful islands in the Pacific, then you have to move. However, a few of you are fortunate enough to stay longer, for which we are grateful because it means greater stability. Although you may be far from family and friends, we want you to know you have both here at Mokulele with our Mokulele 'Ohana. As such, we do our very best to provide many varied activities for your children to enrich their formal education as well as add balance to their lives.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was a fun event where we showed a small token of our appreciation for the many hours of selfless service given in the classrooms and in other areas of the school. These benevolent acts of kindness do not go unnoticed, and while we are not able to pay for all your services, we nevertheless truly appreciate your kindness and unselfishness to help us attend to the myriad tasks surrounding the effective operation of our wonderful school. One Samoan proverb states "E ui ina tele le timu, 'ae le magalo ai le sami." It means that although it may rain much, the rainwater is insufficient to make the seawater fresh. Figuratively speaking, we could sing our song of thanks to you all the day long, but it would still not do justice to your service, nor would it really be sufficient to express our heartfelt gratitude to you.

We also celebrated Secretaries day where we were able to show appreciation for all the often 'behind-the-scenes' work our office assistants provide in order to keep our school on keel and maintain a happy balance. Teacher Appreciation Day was another celebration, for which many of our parents generously donated delectable delights of home cooked food for our hardworking teachers. Thank you so much and Mahalo!

The SBAC testing is in full swing now. These assessments are an eye opener to say the least. Among other skills, they require our students to demonstrate a discerning eye while reading nonfictional texts, and to be able to read and capture main ideas and key concepts while formulating opinions and taking stances. They also require students to show research skills and to justify their responses with references and quotes. These are examples of the skills of the 21st century learner and the global citizen. SBAC will provide valuable information on our students' present levels of performance and will inform our teachers how we might adjust instruction in order to develop these specific skills and hone them to higher levels.

Looking forward, we have just 4 weeks of school remaining until we close instruction for summer. Those last 2 weeks are 4-day and 3-day weeks respectively. The last day of the 4th Quarter is June 3. Our summer break will last for 7 weeks, and school will resume for teachers on July 23 and for students on July 29. We still have many exciting activities and recognitions ahead such as the Achieve 3000 reward, Talent Show, K and 6th grade Graduation, Basketball Challenge, Field Day, Recognition Awards Assembly, and the final 'Ohana Group activity. So you may be assured we're planning for a fulfilling close of the 4th Quarter and School Year.

We wish everyone a Safe and Happy Summer Break!

Mahalo,  
Peter Tovey  
Vice Principal

Mokulele Elementary School

#### NOTICE & REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS



If you are an individual with a disability, please contact the following personnel at 421-4180 to make arrangements for reasonable modifications and accessibility to school events at Mrs. Merrill Uno, SSC; or Mr. Bart Nakamoto, Principal. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your request. least 10 working days prior to the event:





### Grade Level News

Each month our **Grade Level News** will feature highlights about school life at Mokulele Elementary School. Enjoy finding out more about what happens at the Home of the Flyers.

#### Kindergarten:

Wow, the school year is rapidly coming to an end! We were brave and got to touch different reptiles and amphibians found in Hawaii when Charles King came for a visit. Kindergartners plan to celebrate the end of school with a read-a-thon and an in class promotion ceremony. More details about these events will be sent home with your child at the end of May. Thank you for a wonderful school year; let's finish strong!

#### Grade 1:

Thank you for participating with the Student-Led Conference and the Science Fair. They were both very successful. The students were very excited to share their work with you. To prepare for 2nd grade, we will be working on writing paragraphs and answering constructed response questions. Please continue to provide many reading and writing experiences for your child during the summer. To end the year, we will be having a Read-a-thon, Field day, and end of the year celebration. We hope you enjoyed your first grade year here, at Mokulele. Have a wonderful summer!

#### Grade 2:

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!!** We are soarin' into the spring season and our final quarter. Our second graders will be going on an art adventure learning elements of art and will learn about these elements by having a special visiting artist: Ms. Quala Young and will be touring and learning about art at the Hawaii State Art Museum. We will also be learning about other famous artists of Europe.

Our 2nd graders went on an art educational tour visiting the Hawaii State Art Museum. (near the governor's house!) They had a grand time interpreting and discussing various media of art while applying the elements of art: POINT, SHAPE, LINE, TEXTURE, COLOR, SPACE. They further continued the art study by learning about the famous artists: PABLO PICASSO, VINCENT VAN GOGH, SEURAT. It has indeed been an ART ADVENTURE!

Stay tuned for our next upcoming oral presentation: ECOLOGY and the ENVIRONMENT!

#### Grade 5:

Gr. 5 donated their recycling money to a charitable cause. The Students have also been engaged in the STEM learning and in learning to use technology appropriately.

#### Grade 6:

"This year has gone by so fast. We have just finished Track Meet, Student Led Conferences, Science Fair and SBA testing. Phew! It's exhausting just writing about all the things we have done in the month of April. However, we are not done yet; we have one more month to go. We are looking forward to our International Picnic Potluck with all the delicious ethnic foods. Pancit, orange chicken, and dirty rice anyone? Our final and exciting event will be our 6th Grade Graduation, which will be held on June 3rd in the school cafeteria from 8:30 to about 9:30. We will be looking sharp in our dresses and dress attire. We hope you can all come as we say our farewell to Mokulele Elementary School. As young ladies and gentlemen we must move on, but we will have many fond, cherished memories to take with us."



## **Avid Corner**

Aloha Mokulele 'Ohana,

The main piece of exciting news we want to share with you is that we passed our initial certification as an AVID site. The four domains of certification are: Instruction, Culture, Leadership, and Systems. While we passed each one of these overall at level 1, we showed evidence of higher levels for some components. Special thanks to Mrs. Linda Chingon for taking the lead in preparing the lengthy, rigorous AVID evidence binder to show documentation sufficient to meet certification standards. This is at the Beginning level required. The next level is Routine Use, and the highest level is Institutionalization, which requires full, consistent implementation of all aspects of AVID in all classes and in all subject areas. Of course this is our goal, and we will continue our journey towards this target. We will accomplish this incrementally over a period of time.

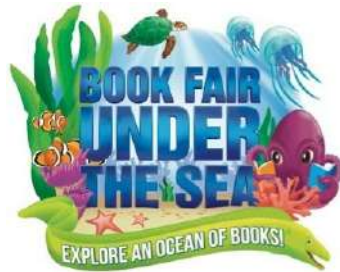
Congratulations to our AVID winners since our last newsletter: Jonah Archer, Wyatt Faivre, Kaylie Case, Aaleah Saechao-Martho, Seline Webster, and McKenzie Pierce. We're proud of you all. Keep wearing that college attire because that's where you'll be going in a few short years!

We wish you a safe and happy summer season. Take time to regroup and to reflect on which colleges your children might consider, and on the skills they will need to become truly successful in this quest. Decades of College Dreams for All!

Mahalo.



## **News from the library!**



**Thank you for all your help and support at our local Book Fair!**

**Please keep up summer reading.**

**Please be sure to come in and take you final AR quizzes.  
Last day for AR is May 22nd and prizes will be given at a later date.**

## **Welcome to Wellness**



**Please Join Us for Field Day!**

**We are looking for volunteers to  
join us on Monday, June 1st to  
help with Field Day.**

**Please sign in our front office  
and meet Mr. McKeague in P-4**





## Congratulations to Our January VIP Members

### Kindergarten

Ms. Tahara: Blake Jones,  
Eve Augustain, Mercedes Flores  
Ms. Charos: Brooklynn Guge, Kyle Meeks, Logan  
Spurlock  
Ms. Sambueno: Jackson  
Hammond, Leah Meinders,  
Robert Dominguez

### First Grade:

Ms. Hatashima: Jonathan Ibanez,  
Brooklyn Pate, Terry Beeman  
Ms. Shannon: JoVaun Napier,  
Amari Martin, Jaedin Fesolai  
Ms. Nashiro: Shareif Ackerson,  
Kyron Clayton, Lillian Hunter  
Ms. Masuoka: Jaylen Myles,  
Leonie Louzon, Chloe Simmons

### Troops:

Mr. Nii: Malia Puckett, Zeia Clark

### Second Grade:

Ms. Levenson: Cameron Overfelt,  
Jeremiah Johnson, Asher Avery  
Ms. Ng: Arik Navarro, Derek Triplet,  
Brandon Zalduondo  
Ms. Derrick/Young: Natalie Drew,  
Samantha Preckl, Karley Prosser

### Third Grade:

Ms. Tagawa: Gabriel Trimmell,  
Kamden Kurtz, Andres Brown

### Fourth Grade:

Ms. Engleman: Michael Olivo, Bryce Clark, Courtney Stanton III  
Ms. Furukawa: Annalisa Rodriguez,  
Reagan McComb

### Fifth Grade:

Ms. Luckie: Myeisha Patterson,  
Naomi Nelson  
Mr. Laeha: Amaria Corbett, Ian Hodgson

### Sixth Grade:

Ms. Holland: Isabel Barut, Gabby Redon, Nathan Wilson

## Intramural Basketball Champions

Hot Shots Overall Champion, Crista Link, defeated fellow 6th grader Josiah Clayton, 24-22 in the Finals.

The 4th Gr. Basketball League Champs were the Lakers, led by Treyvin Thomas' 10 pts. in their win over the Sixers, 10-5. The Lakers team members included Michael Tucker, Anthony Small, Nicholai Lopez, and Ty Richards.

In other action, the 5th/6th Gr. League Champs were crowned with the Warriors squeaking by the Bulls, 12-11 in a hotly contested game. Drew McMinn scored 8 pts. in leading the Warriors, whose balanced team featured Kaleb Reiss, Thomas and Tamaury McDowell, and Naomi Nelson. Team Bulls were led by Kaje Sanchez's 9 pts.





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### Vision

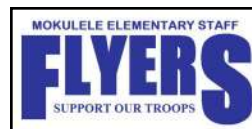
Mokulele Elementary School is a Tribes school where all learners succeed in a safe, positive place that values relationships and relevant learning.

### Mission

The mission of Mokulele Elementary School is to provide our students with the skills, knowledge and resiliency to be successful life-long learners in a rapidly changing world.

### Motto

"E malama, e a'o aku, e lawelawe me ke aloha" means  
"To care, to learn, and to serve with compassion."



## Parent Community Networking Center Info

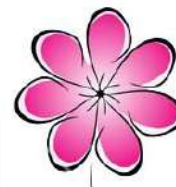
If you would like a **HARDCOPY** of the monthly newsletter please notify the PCNC or the front office. The newsletter can also be accessed on the Mokulele website as well.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me, Tiffany Wilson using the information below.

Email: [tiffany\\_wilson@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:tiffany_wilson@notes.k12.hi.us)

Phone: 421-4185

Tiffany Wilson, PCNC Facilitator



## School Community Council

The School Community Council is looking for a few good parents to come help represent the parent group for SCC. This is the time where your voice can make a difference. Upcoming meeting to be announced.

## Office Announcements

**LAST DAY TO WRITE CHECKS WILL BE MAY15TH.**

- **THIS INCLUDES CHECKS FOR LUNCH ACCOUNTS, FIELD TRIPS, UNIFORMS AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MOKULELE.**





## Mokulele's End of The Year Events



**Congratulations to our successful  
end of the year programs!  
Book Fair, Student Led  
Conference, Science Fair, Cash  
Canyon Play, Talent Show, Speech  
Festival Presentation, Music  
Festival Presentation**

