



Home of the Flyers

Mokulele Elementary School
50 Years of Mokulele Pride
Parent Newsletter

November 2015

Principal's Message

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

**November 2015
SY 2015-2016**

Upcoming Events

No 2-3
Parent Teacher
Conference Week
Early Release
Schedule
Mon. @ 1:05
Tue @ 1:05

Nov 6
Parent Coffee Hour

Nov 11
Veteran's Day
No School

Nov 13
Fall Festival

Nov 19
Flu Clinic

Nov 25
Turkey Trot

Nov 26-27
Thanksgiving Break
No School

Aloha Mokulele Elementary 'Ohana,

November is Military Appreciation Month! With 99% of our student population being military dependent, I'd like to acknowledge you for your dedicated service in protecting our country's freedom. We will continue to pay tribute to our military heroes by wearing red on Fridays in your honor.

Mokulele's School Pride and Spirit was truly exhibited by all students and a few teachers last week prior to Halloween. Mahalo to our Student Council Officers and reps along with their fantastic advisor, **Mr. Derrick Nii**, for coordinating.

Hope your Parent-Teacher Conferences were informative and reflective. Much appreciation for your continued support of our teachers as communication between the home and school are vital to the success of your child. It was recently announced that Mokulele Elementary's Strive HI Performance System Index score is 254 (90 out of 284 DOE schools) which falls in the "Continuous Improvement" schools category.

Our Fall Festival is this Friday, Nov. 13th from 3 – 5 pm. It is always nice to see our families enjoying this annual event. Your support for our PTO and teachers is much appreciated as all proceeds will be directed back to each classroom. A special mahalo to **Mrs. Kahalekomo** and PTO officers for coordinating this event!

Finally, our 6th Annual Turkey Trot Fund Run is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 25th. We will be seeking pledges to purchase Chromebooks for our Future Ready students. Mahalo to all the volunteers that have submitted forms to assist as well as AAFES Food Court, Domino's Pizza, First Hawaiian Bank-Hickam, Subway, Burger King, and Wet n Wild Hawaii as we truly appreciate your generous donations to our school!

Here's wishing all of you a fabulous Thanksgiving Holiday! See you on Wednesday, December 2nd for our Family Fun Night! Look out for flyers in future YGMM folders for more information.

If you have any questions, please call me @ 421-4180 or stop by the school.

Mahalo,
Bart Nakamoto, Principal



VP Corner

Aloha Mokulele 'Ohana,

Quarter 1 is behind us, and we are well into the second quarter. We all enjoyed the refreshing 11-day Fall Break, and are working hard through the remainder of the quarter to continue our students' learning.

Our Habit of Mind for this quarter is "Responding with Wonderment and Awe." In any given environment, and most especially in a formal classroom, we are given the opportunity to respond to learning. When we expose our students to new learning, thus adding to their knowledge base, we anticipate some type of response from them. This is an integral part of the learning process. This Habit of Mind applies to all of us, since no one knows it all, and we are all pursuing lifelong learning.

How do we respond? It may be a quiet, thoughtful reflection or it may be with great exuberance. Our learning may include a 'Wow' factor as well as an 'I Wonder' factor. These are not limited to single 'Wows' or 'Wonders', since there may be many different aspects of responses depending on the prior knowledge we bring to the learning event. I think this Habit of Mind engenders a type of respect and even reverence for learning.

This month we are also conducting our annual statewide Tripod Student Surveys according to state DOE policies, in which students in grades 3-6 are given the opportunity to evaluate their teachers based on the 7-Cs. These 7-Cs drive our instruction, and are designed to ensure high levels of teacher preparation as well as student engagement in the learning process. They are as follows, with the related messages teachers intentionally send their students:

1. Care: "Your success and well-being really matter to me in a serious way."
2. Challenge: "I insist upon rigor -not just memorization- and your best effort."
3. Control "Our class is orderly, on task and respectful, with learning as our first priority."
4. Clarify: "I have multiple good explanations; when you are confused I will help you understand."
5. Captivate: "I make lessons intellectually relevant and stimulating because they are important."
6. Confer: "You must talk with me to help me to understand your ideas and support your learning."
7. Consolidate: "I summarize lessons and check for understanding to make learning coherent."

Of course, our teachers don't use these exact words when teaching their students; they send their messages in student-friendly language to facilitate student comprehension and understanding. But their messages must be unmistakably clear so that there will be no possibility for students to misunderstand.

We wish all of our 'Ohana a very Safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Let's take the time to be thankful for all we have, no matter how much or how little. At the same time we can be mindful of those who have less than ourselves, and share with them to the extent possible.

Mahalo,
Peter Tovey
Vice Principal



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: November is a busy month in Kindergarten beginning with Mokulele's Fall Festival on Friday, November 13th. Please check with your child's teacher about volunteering for a game booth or donating cookies. In Social Studies, we are learning about Veteran's Day and the first Thanksgiving. To culminate our Thanksgiving unit, we have our Annual Native American Indian Parade at 1:30 on Tuesday, November 24th. Don't forget to work on your costumes. Finally, we have the Turkey Trot Fun Run on Wednesday, November 25th. Thanks for your continued support of Mokulele Kindergarten!

Grade 1: We are entering the month of November. During this time we will be comparing and contrasting Pilgrim children of long ago and the children of today. In math we will begin covering story problems using addition and subtraction, and telling time to the hour and half hour. The Pizza Hut "Book It" program has begun and we encourage all students to strive for the monthly goal of completing one reading log a month (15 books). Our annual Fall Festival is approaching so hopefully, first grade parents will be able to help us on Friday, November 13, 2015, from 3-5pm.

Grade 2:

Our fabulous Fall will consist of several events. We need every 2nd Grader's help towards our efforts with our 2nd Grade game booth: Canned Coin Toss. We are asking every 2nd grader to bring in a 6 pack of canned juice or soda for our very popular game. Next, we will be studying and hearing many versions of the classic folktale: STONE SOUP. We will concoct the soup together for our Thanksgiving celebration. The idea of working together and cooperation fits in nicely with the celebration between the Pilgrims and the Indians and their First Thanksgiving.

Grade 3: On October 2, 2015 the Third Graders attended the Honolulu Theatre for Youth performance of "Anime Alice" by Alvin Chan. This is a play based on the classic story of Alice in Wonderland and which featured traditional Japanese theatre elements and live music. The students also had a tour of the State Capitol where Senator Sam Slom treated the students to an indepth discussion of the symbolism within the State Capitol building. Senator Slom then proceeded to answer questions from students for 30 minutes! It was a fun filled day that students will remember for a long time!

Grade 5: .The 5th Graders are going to see Mozart's opera, The Magic Flute, and they are going to sing songs to the elderly at two nursing homes.

Grade 6: Our students finished the first quarter with agility and clear thinking. They are ready for the next feat of more challenges and more knowledge. For November Math we are working on ratios, converting units of measure (metric to standard and vice versa), and percents. We are gearing up to help shop those holiday sales. Hopefully we will be able to figure out state tax, too. As for Science, we are ending chemical changes, and Ms. Izutsu is grateful because she has less mess to clean up after Science Labs. Who likes cleaning cornstarch, baking soda, and other assorted liquids and solids? We will be starting to learn about physics: motion and force. Ms. Izutsu will use "the Force" to make us enjoy writing a research report about technology and its impact on society. Who doesn't enjoy citing sources for research reports? Students will continue to focus on how ancient civilizations have affected us through out language arts. Did I hear Menes, Khufu, Memphis, Thebes? Our next stop is Ancient Egypt. The beginnings, the technology, the art, and the social pyramid.



Mokulele Flyers PTO

**Become a member of the Mokulele Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
Our school and our children need our support!**

Our PTO is a vital part of the school community bringing together parents, teachers, administrators and students. Our goals this year is to fund cultural art events, teacher mini-grant projects and extras to enhance our children’s overall school experience. Our PTO runs the Box Top for Education, Tyson A+ Labels project, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards, School Kine Cookie Fundraiser, Holiday Shop, and assists with other school enrichment projects.

Our PTO can only accomplish all of the above with your help, so please join us today and become involved.

Dues are \$10.00 per year per family which entitles you to all membership benefits including discounts to PTO-sponsored events.

Each family must be a member in good standing in order to cast a vote at any PTO meeting. Please complete information below and return it to your child’s teacher or the office with your cash or check made out to: Mokulele E.S. PTO and in a sealed envelope labeled “PTO Membership”. Including your email address will enable you to occasionally receive important information and reminders. Email address will only be used for PTO business and will not be shared with any other organization.

Too Many Hats?

If you would prefer to make a donation to the PTO in Lieu of volunteering and /or becoming a member, we would welcome your support! Please note all donations are tax deductible!

Membership Fee \$10

Parent/ Guardian: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Children’s Names and Grades: _____

“Our Membership are the Heart of Our PTO”



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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."



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Job Opportunities

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Adult Supervisor, Sub EA, etc.
Please Call us @ 421-4180 for more information

Mokulele Elementary School
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR ACCOMODATIONS

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.





October VIP Students

K-1	Tahara	Sophia Lyall	Ashlyn McConnell	Cayden Yaeckel
	Charos	Logan Jones	Kawika Kahalekomo	Laylah Korkki
	Sambueno	Kalani Canalin	Stella Gilmore	Francine Hurd
	Hatashima	Adriana Cruz Rivera	Danelle Reynoso	Jeremiah Holsey
	Nashiro	Joshua Leal	Aydia Polanco	Brennan Cole
	Masuoka	Leah Meinders	Blake Jones	Dana Pena
2-3	Ng	Isiah Douglas	Hailey Quinlan	Lilian Hunter(Avid)
	Levenson	Christian Barrera	Rachel Harris	Jaxon McArthur (Avid)
	Young/Derrick	Trinity Duvall	Taylor Brandt	Jaylen Myles(Avid)
	Bonifacio	Jeremiah Jackson	Isabella Kann	Giovanni Croft
	Tagawa	Natalie Drew	John Lovelady	Malia Puckett
4-6	Engleman	Adaleigh Travis	Wade Pierce	Andy Flores
	Shannon	Alejandro Martinez	Lillian Jackson	Brianna Norton
	Luckie	Leilani Morales	Tija Bassut	Reagan Prater
	Laeha	Issac Ahleong	Alan Furnett	Laila Williams
	Izutsu	Elijah Gomez	Shayla Pemberton	Kion Hayes
	Furukawa	Isaac Harris	Makinzie Pierce	Jonathan Snow
SE/JPO/ Troops	Lee	Mya Webster	Wade Pierce	
	Nii	Kaelyn Harlan	Keara Covita	Brooklyn Pate
	Davidson	Michael Tucker	Wade Pierce	Morrison Pitre



Come Join Us!!

There will be Games, Shave Ice, Pizza and More!!

FALL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 13, 2015

3:00-5:00 PM

Mokulele Campus

Cost: Scrip+ \$0.50



TURKEY TROT FUN RUN

FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 25, 2015

