



**Home of the Flyers**

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

**November/  
December  
2016**

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

**Upcoming Events**

**December 14  
Family Fun Night**

**December 15  
Papa John's  
Pizza Day**

**December 22, 2016  
to  
January 06, 2017  
Winter Break  
No School**

**Principal's Message**

Aloha Mokulele 'Ohana,

Mokulele is the last school in the Radford Complex to experience Accreditation. We want to make this process as transparent as possible to all of you. At the same time, we are required to obtain input from all our stakeholders, including Grade Level Teachers, Data Teams, Students, Parents, Community, Cafe Staff, Custodians, EAs, & Office Staff. In short, every member of the school community is being asked to participate in the process. We will be sharing with you an overview slide presentation to further inform you of the timeline and tasks. Our Academic Review Team (ART) is now writing chapter 1.

A brief reminder about our school uniform policy. With the exception of special dress days, all Mokulele students are expected to wear the school uniform T-shirts. Please adhere to this policy. Thank you.

Flag Football has been underway since the first quarter. Kudos to all students who have participated in this part of our intramural program! Congratulations to the Cowboys who won the playoff game. Next up will be the pass & punt competition.

Fall Festival held Thursday November 10 was a great success! Mahalo to all of our volunteers who assisted, and to those parents who donated goods. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun.

Veterans Day gave us all an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the selfless sacrifices of many service-men and women, some of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice of giving up their lives in defense of the truths and freedoms we hold so dear in this great nation. This point was driven home to me yet again while watching the recent film "Hacksaw Ridge." Many of these amazing people may be faceless, but their sacrifices are not forgotten. I am proud to be a citizen of the United States, yet humbled by the fact that sometimes liberty is purchased with a high price. We are deeply indebted both to those who have served as well as those currently serving in the armed forces.

I wish to extend a heartfelt Mahalo to Mrs. Kanoe Kahalekomo for staying the course and going the distance in her many years of faithful service to Mokulele's PTO. She and her family will be continuing their journey off island early in the New Year. A very warm Welcome and Mahalo to Mrs. Ashley White for stepping up as our new PTO president, and to Mrs. Barbara Miller as our PTO treasurer. We are excited about their desire to serve our school, and truly look forward to working with them! We also welcome Mrs. Jaime Quinlan as our new Library PPT and are grateful for her services in helping to keep our Library well organized.

November marks the beginning of a new era for Mokulele as we formally established a new military partnership with the 17<sup>th</sup> Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) in a letter signing ceremony held on Friday November 4 during the Parent Coffee Hour. We are excited about this partnership with Mokulele as it has the potential for many STEM learning opportunities for our students.

As we near Thanksgiving, I'd like to express gratitude to all of you for your constant support of Mokulele as we strive to teach and reach the whole child. We truly do care about every aspect of your children's lives. What they experience at home has an impact on how they perform and achieve in school, and the converse is also true in many respects.

Wishing you all a very safe and memorable Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Mahalo,  
Peter Tovey, Principal



### AVID News

Aloha Mokulele Ohana,

We are preparing for our classroom Walkthrough coming up on December 2. We want to make sure all teachers have a SLANT poster in their classroom. SLANT is an acronym for expected classroom behaviors of our students, and a fundamental part of preparing them for college. It stands for the following:

**S** = **Sit** with proper posture

**L** = **Lean** forward and **Listen**

**A** = **Ask** pertinent questions

**N** = **Nod** your head "yes" or "no"

**T** = **Talk** with teachers

Let's briefly consider each of these behaviors and think about why they might be productive in preparing our students for high school and college.

Sitting with proper posture is simply good health practice because it activates the brain cells to ensure maximum attention capabilities. It also helps avoid fatigue and keeps the skeleton and muscles more stress free.

Lean forward and Listen attentively are two of the primary evidences of mutual respect (also one of the TRIBES behaviors) to the teacher or whoever may be presenting instructional activities. Leaning forward is a nonverbal gesture that communicates attentiveness and alertness, key skills in college readiness.

Asking questions is a powerful way to maximize learning. In particular, we are focusing this year on coaching our students to ask more 'how' and 'why' questions since these types of questions are directly related to higher order thinking skills.

Nodding 'yes' or 'no' in conjunction with verbalizing these words adds emphasis and indicates that a student is animated and more engaged in the learning process.

Talking with teachers as well as with peers is one way of building good relationships with them and portrays an attitude of interest in the learning. It helps students to understand that learning is a lifelong journey, and that all chapters in that journey can be interesting and exciting. Without question, talking about learning is a metacognitive process that helps to embed the learning and solidify knowledge in a student's mind. Talking about topics or learning activities also helps students to make personal connections to the real world and to build world knowledge.

We have examined some fairly compelling reasons why SLANT behaviors are very good practice and why we pursue these with our students. Please encourage these behavioral skills in your children to reinforce what we do at school for their immediate and ultimate benefit.

Mahalo!



## 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:** In December, the Kindergarteners are busy learning about the various winter holidays of Hanukkah, Kwanza, and Christmas. We are looking forward to decorating gingerbread people on Friday, December 9th in the school cafeteria. Please check with your child's teacher for more information about this special activity, and for notices about upcoming field trips in January 2017. Have a safe holidays!

**Grade 1:** We are starting to hear the jingle bells and "Ho, ho hos..." This will be a short month with many things happening. On December 6<sup>th</sup> we have a Field Trip to Honolulu Hale to see the Christmas decorations and hear a wonderful musical experience with the Honolulu Youth Symphony. Then, the first grade research project: Feathers, Fur, or Scales is due Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of school for 2016. We will meet again on Monday, January 9, 2017. Please practice adding, subtracting, skip counting by: 2s, 5s, and 10s, and reading daily. Have a safe and intriguing winter break! See you in the New Year.

**Grade 2:** Students used geography and traveled the world once again to hear many different versions of the classic folktale: STONE SOUP. All 2nd graders were involved the process of creating this delicious soup where each brought in their special and important ingredient. This CLASSIC FOLKTALE ties in well with the theme of THANKSGIVING: collaboration, sharing, working with one another and teamwork. The conclusion of every story and our Thanksgiving was a "FEAST" with one another and a grand time of merriment.

SOON, we will be continuing our study of geography and cultural anthropology with our CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD Project. Every 2nd grader will be assigned a country to research and report about mentioning how Christmas is celebrated in their country.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Grade 3:** This month the Third Grade students have been reading stories that describe how important cooperation is to solving community problems. The students are learning that when people share ideas and work together it makes solving problems easier. In Math, the students are learning to add and subtract using various strategies. They are also learning the value of different coins, coin equivalents, and learning to compute change.



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**Grade 4:** Fourth Graders are Thankful to all of the volunteers who helped supported their Fall Festivals booths. We were very successful due to your generous donations and your acts of kindness by volunteering your time. We would also like to Thank our 'ohana for all of the love, guidance, and support they have given us throughout the years.

Fourth Graders are looking forward to their field trip to the Lo'i Kalo (Taro Patch) on Friday, December 2, 2016. Students have been working hard on learning their 'oli (chant), which they will be performing at the beginning of the field trip. Students will be learning a lot about the Kalo, the Ahupua'a, life in Early Hawaii, and much much more. We are so excited that we can't wait. This will be the best field trip ever!

As a reminder if you are going on vacation, pcsing, will be absent, or leaving early during the school day please let your child's teacher know with a written note. We are asking for prior notification so that we can plan activities accordingly so that everyone gets a chance to participate. This is especially important during the Holiday season when we will be having celebrations.

**Grade 5:** Ms. Luckie's 5th Graders performed their class play, *The First Thanksgiving*, for their parents to enjoy!

**Grade 6:** Our students have been very expressive regarding their journals. They have been creating narratives filled with wit, humor, and some silliness. This will follow with directed narrative essays. Pharaohs, the Nile, ancient class systems, and scribes are some of the subtopics being explored this month. We would like to thank our parents who have been supportive by helping their children with assignments, donations, and coming to visit the teachers to see how their children are doing. Mrs. Furukawa

"In Math the students are learning how to use unit rate and conversion factors to solve word problems. We are able to change units of measures from metric to customary measurements, like kilometers into miles. Percents are our new change and soon after that it is on to ALGEBRA!!! Science is going to get hot, as we move from forces on to thermal energy. We are really feeling the gravity of gravity. But the greater the distance the smaller the effect." Ms. Izutsu



Winter Break (No School)

Dec. 22, 2016 - Jan. 06, 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL ON JAN. 09, 2017

Happy  
Holidays!



## Parent Newsletter

### November VIP Students

K-1	Tahara	1	Seth Bowers	2	Caleb Klukan	3	Deniece Richardson
	Shankles	4	Isabella Moorman	5	Beau Barnum	6	Faavae Tumechub
	Sambuena	7	Kaylie Harris	8	Makayla Johnson	9	Jack Riley
	Hatashima	10	Patrick Jackson	11	Camielle Carela	12	Jonnellen Leo
	Ng	13	Jalen Hawkins	14	London Pippins	15	Lynn Sakai
	Masuoka	16	Victoria Moux	17	Jalen Gaines	18	Logan Jones
2-3	Levenson	19	Brennan Cole	20	Dexy Press	21	Michael Jones
	Young	22	Neviah Jones	23	Chase Barnum	24	Kylie Hansen
	Bonifacio	25	Nykolaus Cepeda	26	Breanna Wiperman	27	Adrien Abarca
	Tagawa	28	Jordan Arnold	29	Amaya Munoz	30	Isaiah Watson
	Derrick	31	Nevaeh Banda	32	Christian Barrera	33	Dakota Tannery
4-6	Engleman	34	Keiko Kahalekomo	35	Miranda Cowen	36	Jaidynn Hernandez
	Butler	37	Samantha Preckl	38	Sydney Fees	39	Mikayla Jones
	Luckie	40	Brianna Norton	41	Alyssa Quinlan	42	
	Laeha	43	Andrew Bailey	44	Natalie Saecho-Martho	45	Andres Flores
	Izutsu	46	Aaleah Saecho-Martho	47	Kailyn Cole	48	Elijah Holguin
	Furukawa	49	Kaylie Case	50	Phineus Ritchey	51	Ashia Macer
JPO/Troops	Davidson	52	Abner A. Villanueva	53	Myles Gadlin	54	Lilian Jackson
	Nii	55	Natalie Saecho-Martho	56	Leonie Louzon	57	Emmalei Dinot
	Slavens	58	Isabell Flippo	59	Jonah Aveline	60	



## 1st Quarter Award Recipients

Name	Teacher
Sydney Graham	Ms. Tahara Rm.12
Emma Keen	Ms. Tahara Rm.12
Ayden Winston	Mrs. Charos Rm.14
Ariana Johnson	Mrs. Charos Rm.14
Kaitlyn Paul	Mrs. Sambueno Rm.15
Jacob Ryan Press	Mrs. Sambueno Rm.15
Cayden Yaeckel	Ms. Hatashima Rm.17
Miah Vidal	Ms. Hatashima Rm.17
Kalani Canalin	Mrs. Ng Rm.19
Evelyn Loeffler	Mrs. Ng Rm.19
Willow Aveline	Ms. Masuoka Rm.20
Camdyn Edwards	Ms. Masuoka Rm.20
Harmony Turner	Mrs. Levenson Rm.6
Braylen Carr	Mrs. Levenson Rm.6
Julianna Burke	Mrs. Young Rm.8
Seth Young	Mrs. Young Rm.8
Leonie Louzon	Ms. Tagawa Rm.1
Isaiah Watson	Ms. Tagawa Rm.1
Kaelyn Harlan	Mrs. Bonifacio Rm.4
Jayden David	Mrs. Bonifacio Rm.4
Jonathan Ibanez	Mrs. Derrick Rm.9
Lynea Kahalekomo	Mrs. Derrick Rm.9
Lilly Loeffler	Mrs. Engleman Rm.22
Miranda Cowen	Mrs. Engleman Rm.22
Maliya David	Mrs. Butler Rm.27
John Lovelady	Mrs. Butler Rm.27
Sean Segbefia	Ms. Luckie Rm.23
Courtney Cariaga	Ms. Luckie Rm.23
Nicole Vigliante	Mr. Laeha Rm.30
Terina Cambra	Mr. Laeha Rm.30
Marlon Abarca	Ms. Izutsu Rm.24
Jocelyn Munoz	Ms. Izutsu Rm.24
Neil Cortez	Mrs. Furukawa Rm.25
Elon Point Du Jour	Mrs. Furukawa Rm.25







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### Vision

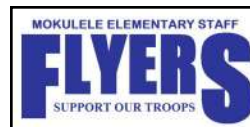
Mokulele Elementary School is a Tribes school where all learners succeed in a safe, positive place that values relationships and relevant learning.

### 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."



## Job Opportunities

Mokulele Elementary has many job opportunities for YOU!  
Adult Supervisor, Sub EA,  
Please Call us @ 421-4180 for more information

### 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.

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least 10 working days prior to the event:



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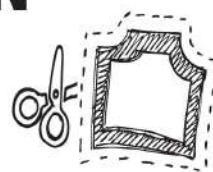
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