



Home of the Flyers

Mokulele Elementary School
50 Years of Mokulele Pride
Parent Newsletter

**April
2017**

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

Upcoming Events

**May 2
Teacher Appreciation
Day**

**May 24
Release @2:00**

**May 26
Last day for
students
Release @12:45**

Principal's Message

Aloha Mokulele Elementary 'Ohana,

We are now in the middle of SBA testing. These mandatory statewide assessments are rigorous and demanding for our students in grades 3-6, and truly test their ability to perform multiple tasks, think deeply, and reason well. Therefore, they need all their focus and full alertness for each section of the tests in order to perform favorably. As parents you can assist them to be in a better position to do so by ensuring that they receive a good night's rest with sufficient sleep followed by a healthy breakfast.

Since April is the Month of the Military Child, we had many wonderful activities this month focusing on our military connected students. Although 96% of our student body are military dependents, all of our students participated in these activities. April 13 was Purple Up Day, and it was a delight to see the sea of purple on campus as we honored all branches of the armed forces. All students created stars with written messages thanking our military servicemen and women for the services. EA Janna Arakaki created a Heroes banner out of the stars, which she posted on the stage. Each grade level received 30 minutes of extra playtime with members of our military partners, the 13th OWS, followed by ice pop treats. Special thanks to Mrs. Adele Tomoyasu-Oumi, our MFLC for planning and coordinating these fun events.

To further address the challenges associated with frequent transitions in the lives of our students, we are very grateful to receive support for the Trevor Romain Anchored 4Life program. Six of our grade 4-6 students received training on April 10 and 11. They are now trained as student leaders to assist students in transition to and from Mokulele. We are also thankful for the many materials that the program provides for our needy students to help them develop resiliency to change.

On April 12 we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to honor our many volunteers who help us in so many ways. Among their services to Mokulele are reading to or coaching students, helping teachers with organizing instructional or assessment materials, chaperoning on field trips, and assisting with school wide events. We had over 40 participants, and were delighted to hear the voices of our 1st grade student chorus and our 4th graders, who also performed in the Radford Complex Music Festival on April 5. Finally, our Speech Festival teams comprised of 5th and 6th graders presented their team speeches to the group. We express gratitude to all who made this wonderful event possible.

April 26 is Administrative Professionals Day. We express heartfelt appreciation to our Office Staff for their continued dedication to handling the myriad tasks associated with operating a school office.

Looking forward to going the distance and completing this school year with flying colors!

Mahalo,

Peter Tovey
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:

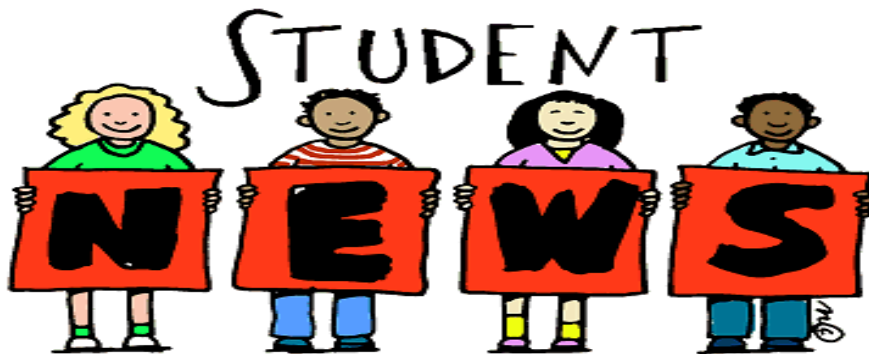
Wow, the school year is rapidly coming to an end! Mr. Charles King the “Reptile Man” will be visiting Mokulele on May 5th with lots of different native animals for kindergarteners to touch. Kindergartners plan to celebrate the end of school with a read-a-thon and an in class promotion ceremony. More details about these events will be sent home with your child at the end of May. Thanks for a wonderful school year, please continue reading with your child over the summer.

Grade 1:

First graders are heading into the last month of the school year. The students need to remember to continue to put effort into all their work. One exciting activity we will be completing is the recycle car project testing how far the car can travel. Then we will be speeding into the lazy days of summer and reading lots of books.

Grade 2

Grade 2 Students have been studying about the scientific process and exploring. We are using the scientific process: Investigate, Hypothesize, Predict, Conclude in our readings in our textbook about Space/Astronauts and Earth Day/Conserving Natural Resources.





Grade 4:

Fourth Graders are rounding the corner and coming up to the home stretch.... It's been a swell ride this year but the fun isn't over just yet!! The fourth graders are looking forward to taking our 2 final field trips of the year. April 27 we are going to visit Keiki 'O Ka 'Aina for a refresher in Hawaiiiana and May 3 we will be visiting Windward Community College's Imaginarium for some Science Fun! As we near the end we also find ourselves up against our biggest challenge... SBAC testing. May 1 - 5 (except for Wednesday, the 3rd) we will be taking our SBAC tests in Language Arts and Math. On May 9 we will also be taking our final HSA Science test. Please be sure that our Fourth Graders are prepared for these tests by having them sleep early the night before, eat a healthy breakfast, be in school on time, and sending them lots of love and encouragement like you do everyday! Since our students will be working hard in the morning on their tests (5/1 - 5/5) we have a fun surprise for them in the afternoons... Bike Education. The Hawaii Bicycle League will be here to teach our students how to safely ride a bike. Bikes and helmets will be provided. See additional forms being sent home on April 26. We can't believe how fast this year has been! We look forward to a fun filled final weeks of school!

Grade 5: The 5th Graders created mathematics videos using their geometric terms and wrote research papers relating to phenomenons in our solar system.

Grade 6: The school year is coming to a close very quickly. Our students have completed the Standards Based Assessments (SBA) and are continuing to finish up with the ELA and social studies curriculum. As a final writing piece, they reminisced about their years of growth, experiences, and fond memories in elementary school. As for social studies, the students have been learning about Greek history with the focus on geography, trade, and comparisons between Sparta and Athens. We will be on our way to Rome soon. Ms. Furukawa

"The end of this school year is drawing closer. We, the sixth graders, are finishing up our math, Geometry and Statistics. To practice the skills we have learned we participating in the "Mokulele Yard Crashers" activity. The students are expected to create a proposal with a diagram of a yard, a budget for extra items and an essay of their presentation. I can't wait to see what great ideas they will come up with in their designs. Science is moving on to physical and chemical reactions and properties. Because there is so little time we may not get to do all the experiments we want to do. This is the month we begin preparing to move on to Middle School. We look forwards to our International Picnic Potluck on May 25th and our Graduation Ceremony on May 26th. In April we concluded our Standards Based Assessments for both Math and ELA. It was tough and we all struggled to do our best." Mrs. Izutsu



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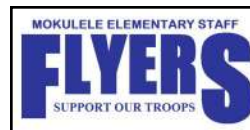
Mokulele Elementary School is a Tribes school where all learners succeed in a safe, positive place that values relationships and relevant learning.

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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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.

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Reminder!

Mokulele will not be accepting checks as a form of payment starting April 17, 2017 until the end of the school year!

This includes payments for Meal Plan, lost/damaged textbooks, lost/damaged Library books and field trip collections

Thank you!!!