



**Home of the Flyers**

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

**February  
2017**

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

**Upcoming Events**

**March  
20-24**  
Spring Break

**March 27**  
Kuhio Day  
(No School)

**Principal's Message**

Aloha Mokulele Elementary 'Ohana,

We'd like to honor our student athletes in the Girls and Boys Flyers Basketball teams who competed in the Radford Complex Basketball Tournament last month in Radford High School gymnasium. Their display of good sportsmanship was great to see! We also want to congratulate our Mokulele Speech Teams for their excellent performances at the Complex Speech Festival at Aliamanu Middle School on February 4.

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart 'Ohana Groups was a big hit with all students and staff on the afternoon of February 17. It was a hot afternoon, but everyone enjoyed themselves in this fun fitness event!

As we travel through the school year, from time to time we need to stop and take stock of our bearings, and when necessary, make course corrections. Now is one such time. We would like to remind all parents and students about these school rules that we expect all students to follow:

1) School uniform shirts must be worn on all school days. The only exceptions are Thursdays, when college attire may be worn instead of the school uniform. We are an AVID school, and are planting the seeds of college for all at an early age. Other days would be free dress days for special occasions. (see Student Planner, p.11)

2) We have noticed that some students have been arriving very early on campus, sometimes as early as 6:30 am. This is a concern since we have no childcare program before school and it could become a liability. We have also had groups of students running up and down hallways, congregating in bathrooms, and otherwise causing disruptions. We respectfully ask parents that your children arrive on campus no earlier than 7:10 am. (see Planner, p.14)

3) By the same token, we ask that all students exit campus after school unless they are supervised by after school programs or by an adult. (see Planner, p.14)

4) Personal sports equipment is not to be brought to school by students and is considered contraband. It has been the source of disagreements and unnecessary arguments. As such it will be confiscated and held in the office for parents to pick up. The school has ample sports equipment for our students' needs.

We have been working hard on our Academic Plan for 2017-2020, and will be sharing it with our parents and community. We have conducted a needs assessment that will largely drive our goals in the plan. All parents and community members will have an opportunity to provide input regarding the direction of our school over the next three years.

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:** Kindergarteners will be learning about the various animal groups for our next field trip to the Honolulu Zoo on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child's Wednesday Mokulele folder for the permission form that will be sent out soon. We are also learning about Girls' Day, and will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Don't forget to take advantage of our free 3 month trial for "Front Row Ed" which reinforces kindergarten math and language arts skills. See your child's teacher for more information and the class code.

**Grade 1:** Kung Hee Fat Choy! Welcome the year of the Rooster!

We introduced or broadened the traditions of the "Chinese New Year". This holiday lasts for 15 days – from the new moon on January 28<sup>th</sup> to the full moon on February 10<sup>th</sup>. It celebrates the beginning of a new year and the coming of spring in the Chinese Culture.

We are also plunging into the layers of the ocean and learning about the various sea life in the sunlight, twilight and midnight zones. A visit to Waikiki Aquarium brought to life some of the creatures that we learned about. Students will also be researching a famous American who significantly impacted American history. Celebrate! We are currently more than 100 days smarter!!

**Grade 2:** Happy President's Day! Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison...Obama, Trump!

Every 2nd Grader will be reporting and presenting about one of the Presidents in our GREAT COUNTRY! Every President was unique. All the Presidents made a contribution to America. The Presidents all have a fun fact and a memorable event in our country's history. We are learning about TIMELINES and reading factual

**Grade 3:**

This month the Third Grade students are learning to identify and describe two-dimensional figures. They are studying the relationship between squares, rectangles, and are learning to describe the various attributes of all polygons. These attributes include; number of sides, length of sides, and type of angles. This is an area of Math that the students find interesting and fun!



**Grade 4:** Fourth Graders are working hard on their Three Dimensional Food Web Projects that will be shown at the Student Showcase on March 15 in the cafeteria.

We hope you can make it and see the wonderful projects that the students of Mokulele have done. We are also busy working on our Ahupua'a Drawings.

Students are busy learning about the 3 sections of an ahupua'a and what plants and animals are found in each section. Be sure to ask your child what Ahupua'a

### Grade 6:

Our authors have completed their published narratives that are tied into using factual information and sources. Because of this, they have created historical fiction books tied into our lessons of ancient India and its influences (Mohenjo-daro, Indus Valley, Hinduism, and Buddhism). These authors have presented promotions to sell their books to the public. They have gone through the publishing cycle and we are very proud of their hard work. Our trip to ancient India is complete and are now visiting China. Mrs. Furukawa

The Science Fair is quickly approaching. We can't wait until March 15th to show you our experiments. We have worked very hard to collect data and generate conclusions about our experiments. In addition we have worked with magnet forces and create a variety of circuits. We are not quite ready to rewire your home but we understand the principles of why we have short circuits. Math has been very confusing but a lot of fun. Our focus was algebra, which was hard at first but now not so bad. We will soon be moving on to geometry, which we are looking forwards to learning. Area, volume and nets all require us to memorize algorithms. We will also be learning about plotting shapes on a coordinate graph. Mrs. Izutsu





## Parent Newsletter

### February VIP Students

K-1	Tahara	1	Leia Edwards		Joshua Holloway		Daniel Westerlund
	Charos	4	Eugene Lee		Faavae Tumechub		Carmen Tellez
	Sambuono	7	Cameron Brown		Benita Francis		Deakon Lansden
	Hatashima	10	Jonnellen Leo		Zachary Fisher		Cayden Yaeckel
	Ng	13	Keilan Fesolai		Avery Mann		Evelyn Loeffler
	Masuoka	16	Camdyn Edwards		Logan Jones		Emani Coakley
2-3	Levenson	19	Alexandra Townsend		Harmony Turner		Brennan Cole
	Young	22	Marisol Davila		Joshua Leal		Seth Young
	Bonifacio	25	Lakota Fisher		Shareif Ackerson		Taylor Bushnell
	Tagawa	28	Oscar Chavez		Isaiah Armstrong		Matthew Garcia
	Derrick	31	Madison Canteen		Braston Utley		Aaron Villella
4-6	Engleman	34	Aniyah Davalos		Jonathan Tucker		Sailelage Leo
	Butler	37	Carolina Gobel		Mason Hudgins		Alexandra Aguila
	Luckie	40	Noah Hayman		Alejandro Crespo		Chloe Whitaker
	Laeha	43	Corey Doss		Rhiannon Buckley		Elisha Orta
	Izutsu	46	Geselle Reynoso		Alexandria Dye		Michael Tucker
	Furukawa	49	Kaison Cua		Camden Winterstein		Neil Cortez
JPO/Troops	Davidson	52	Keiko Kahalekomo		Ayden Moorman		Anthony Dobbins
	Nii	55	Neviah Jones		Seth Young		Kazlyn Lee
	Slavens	58	Xavierl Julien		Nicole Vigliante		



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### Vision

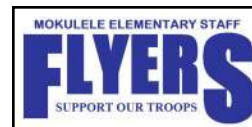
Mokulele Elementary School is a Tribes school where all learners succeed in a safe, positive place that values relationships and relevant learning.

### 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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### Mokulele Elementary School NOTICE & REQUEST FOR ACCOMODATIONS

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