



Home of the Flyers

Mokulele Elementary School

50 Years of Mokulele Pride

Parent Newsletter

January
2017

Welcome to the
Home of the Flyers!

Upcoming Events

February 01
Domino's Pizza Day

February 03
PTO Family Movie
Night

February 07
Papa John's
Pizza Day

February 13
Teacher Institute Day
No School

February 26
President Day
No School

Principal's Message

Aloha Mokulele Elementary 'Ohana,

After a restful break from school, we wish you a Happy New Year and look forward with excitement and anticipation to helping our awesome students achieve many goals and objectives this year as their learning journeys continue onwards and upwards.

Our intrepid Flyers Flag Football team challenged Hickam Elementary in the Freedom Bowl game on December 21. The final score was 21-6, and our students brought home the Freedom Bowl Trophy for the third consecutive year. Kudos to our student footballers: 6th graders Marlon Abarca, Luis Farias-Jaimes, Emiliano Fears, Michael Tucker, Isaac Ah Leong, Allen Fernet, Neil Cortez; 5th grader Phineus Ritchey; and 4th graders Andres Flores, Kazlyn Lee, and Brandon Zalduondo. Way to go Flyers!

We held the Radford Complex Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments on Thursday & Friday Jan. 19-20. Our student athletes all performed well in their scrimmages with the other 6 elementary schools in the complex, and we are very proud of them for representing their families and the school, and for their admirable display of good sportsmanship.

I was privileged to attend the national AVID conference in Dallas last December, and came away with a renewed passion for implementing AVID at Mokulele. In particular, the testimonies and successes of students enrolled in AVID schools was the highlight of the conference, and confirmed to me that we are definitely on the right track at Mokulele as we strive harder to implement with consistency the AVID principles for our eager learners!

Once again, we are the proud recipients of an Achieve 3000 KidBiz "Read To Succeed" National Literacy Award! We congratulate Mrs. Cheryl Levenson and her students for securing this award for Mokulele, and are so grateful for their accomplishments. We will be honored at the annual Oahu Literacy Leadership Conference at the Hilton Hawaii Village on February 9. Definitely a bright spot in our school year!

With the departure of Ms. Nicole Carlson as our FSC teacher in Room 11, we welcome Mr. Robert Cronn to take over the reins there for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Cronn brings to the table considerable experience working with special needs students, and will be a good fit for our FSC students.

Our WASC Accreditation process continues as we examine ourselves as a school in an initial self-study. Phase II of Accreditation training will occur on Feb. 27 where we will receive guidance and further instruction on how to invite and process input from all our stakeholders: faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members and partners. We will be totally frank and honest in our study and reports, necessary ingredients for the beginnings of significant school wide improvement, which is the ultimate goal of Accreditation.

Wishing you all the very best of the New Year 2017!

Mahalo,
Peter Tovey

AVID News

Aloha Mokulele Ohana,

In early December our principal, Mr. Tovey attended the national AVID conference in Dallas, Texas. Takeaways from the conference are that we are not only on the right track but are well on our way to embedding AVID principles and practices deep into our school culture. One highlight of the annual conference was the student panel. Students at various levels of schooling shared their perspectives and testimonies of the remarkable power of AVID in their educational journeys, and how AVID principles have made them passionate learners with lofty career goals.

Our December 2 school wide AVID Walkthrough was an informative exercise for us. All classrooms were visited as our leadership team conducted the walkthrough to see what is happening with AVID in the classrooms. All elements of WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) are present at various levels throughout the school. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, our focus this school year is developing higher levels of thinking and questioning to round out WICOR. Unquestionably, this is a developmental journey, as are all the other components. We are teaching our students to ask higher order questions -particularly those beginning with 'how' and 'why' - in their collaboration, group work, and in interactions with their teachers and peers.

All children by nature are inquisitive and curious about the world around them. As parents, what can you do to assist in developing inquiry in the minds and lives of your children? Certainly you can ask them 'how' and 'why' questions to stimulate their thinking, but more significantly you can help them to formulate their own questions about different phenomena that they read about or see around them. Those phenomena do not have to be spectacular; they could be as simple as a reflection of a building in a puddle of water, a rainbow in the sky, the wind blowing through the long grass, or the response of a leaf of sleeping grass when touched. We are all interested in enhancing inquiring minds by training them to ask the right types of questions that will lead to increased learning.

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: Welcome back to school! Kindergarteners will be learning about Chinese New Year and preparing for our first field trip to the Hawaii Plantation Village on January 20th. The 100th day of school is quickly approaching! Please be on the lookout for information about a special 100 day of school homework assignment in the near future.

Grade 1:

Happy New Year! We hope that 2017 will be filled with wonderment and awe as we continue our 1st Grade journey. This quarter we will jump into the layers of the deep, blue sea and hope to build curiosity when we visit the Waikiki Aquarium. In February, the 3rd parent/child project will focus on the impact of a famous American. We congratulate everyone who has been completing their monthly reading logs.

Grade 2: Grade 2 learned about the great meaning of Doctor Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have A Dream" and how he fought for peace and equality. For our 3rd quarter oral report presentation, all 2nd graders will be researching and reporting about a President in the USA.

Grade 3:

On December 6, 2016 the Third Graders attended the Listen and Learn Concert presented by the Hawaii Youth Symphony. Prior to attending the concert, the students learned about the different instrument families including the Brass Family, String Family, Woodwind Family, and the Percussion Family. The students enjoyed a variety of orchestral music and had fun singing along to the familiar songs that were played. After the performance the students ate lunch and then stopped at the Honolulu Hale to view the beautiful Christmas trees and the very creative Christmas wreaths. The students and teachers had a jolly good time!

Grade 4:

4th Graders are preparing for Science HAS.

Grade 5: Ms. Luckie's class is building houses using their mathematical learning.



Grade 6: The concepts of Hinduism and Buddhism is being focused during our social studies classes. Our students have realized that general concepts of the various religions covered have some commonalities. We are all looking forward to the oral presentations that will follow. Strong fingers and patience is needed when making wire jewelry. The 6th graders will be wearing their latest fashion creations. We will continue to focus on narrative writing based on sources given. Our next task is to create a historical fiction that will focus on America in the 1930s. Mrs. Furukawa

"6th grade has been working on our understanding of Algebra. It is not as hard as we thought it was, but we just need to remember PEMDAS. Sometimes we will break out in dance to improve our memory. Terms, variables, coefficients, like terms, expressions and equations- we do them all in math class. Science is hot! Really we just learned about thermal energy and how heat can be transferred. You may have seen us testing out insulators and our water bottle insulators prototypes. We are moving on the electricity, magnetism and wave energy (also known as light waves). We are looking forwards to letting our lights shine, hope we don't shock you too much. Don't forget to come and see our Science Fair Projects in March." Please add this to our Newsletter article. Mrs. Izutsu





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January VIP Students

K-1	Tahara	1	Leia Edwards		Joshua Holloway		Daniel Westerlund
	Charos	4	Eugene Lee		Faavae Tumechub		Carmen Tellez
	Sambuena	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		



2nd Quarter Award Recipients

Leah Cambra	Ms. Masuoka Rm.20
Jaylyn Parker	Mrs. Levenson Rm.6
Kekoa Vesperas	Mrs. Levenson Rm.6
Eve Augustain	Mrs. Young Rm.8
Julia Lopez	Mrs. Young Rm.8
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Rachel Harris	Ms. Tagawa Rm.1
JaePreston Mitchell	Ms. Tagawa Rm.1
Ezrah Cambra	Mrs. Bonifacio Rm.4
Hannah Young	Mrs. Bonifacio Rm.4
Isabel King	Mrs. Derrick Rm.9
Luke Edwards	Mrs. Derrick Rm.9
Keiko Kahalekomo	Mrs. Engleman Rm.22
Jaidynn Hernandez	Mrs. Engleman Rm.22
Alexis Schultz	Mrs. Butler Rm.27
Kazlyn Lee	Mrs. Butler Rm.27
Alejandro Martinez	Ms. Luckie Rm.23
Chloe Whitaker	Ms. Luckie Rm.23
Andy Flores	Mr. Laeha Rm.30
Natalie Saechao-Martho	Mr. Laeha Rm.30
Alley Dye	Ms. Izutsu Rm.24
Kailyn Cole	Ms. Izutsu Rm.24
Billyann Cepeda	Mrs. Furukawa Rm.25
Ashia Macer	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."



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