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Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary School Kōlea Pride

March 2024
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Journey Through The Universe

This year, our students embarked on an unforgettable journey through the cosmos as part of the annual Journey Through The Universe (JTTU) event. From PreK to Grade 6, our students had the opportunity to explore the wonders of space science, thanks to the dedication and expertise of some incredible scientists and educators.

For our youngest learners in PreK to Grade 2, the highlight of the event was undoubtedly the visit to Gemini's StarLab Portable Planetarium. Under the simulated night sky, they were transported to distant galaxies, learned about constellations, and marveled at the beauty of our solar system. It was a mesmerizing experience that sparked their curiosity and imagination, igniting a passion for exploration and discovery.

For our older students in Grades 3 to 6, the journey continued with captivating presentations by esteemed scientists. From the mysteries of exoplanets to the engineering challenges in astronomy, from the birth and death of stars to the vastness of galaxies, each presentation was a window into the fascinating realms of space science. Through engaging demonstrations and interactive discussions, our students delved deeper into the complexities of the universe, expanding their understanding and appreciation of the cosmos.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the brilliant minds who made this enriching experience possible. Emily Peavy, Clergeon Chris, Koshida Shintaro, Peter Michaud, Rob Sparks, Nadine Manset, Anniek Gloudemans, and Clara Martinez-Vazquez – your passion for astronomy and dedication to education shines brightly, inspiring our students to reach for the stars.

Experiences like JTTU have a profound impact on our students' learning journey. By fostering a sense of wonder and curiosity about the universe, we empower them to explore, question, and discover the world around them. Together, let us continue to nurture our Kōlea's curiosity and support their dreams of reaching beyond the stars.





Principal's Message

Aloha Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School 'Ohana,

This school year certainly continues to move along quite quickly and we now find ourselves in the month of March. With only three months left before summer break begins, we ask that you help us to prepare your child(ren) for the upcoming Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) and Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) testing that will occur throughout those months. Grade 5 students will begin testing this month, as they strive to excel on the HSA Science Test. Then, in April, SBA Testing for all grade 3-6 students will begin. Parents/Guardians of students in grades 3-6, we ask that you support your child by reminding them to go to bed early the evening before testing, to eat a nutritious breakfast (which will also be provided at school), and to work hard to try their best on all their assessments/tests.

This month, we also look forward to our end of quarter incentive activity. This event, held at the end of the quarter, is an opportunity for our students to celebrate their quarterly accomplishments, including improvement in their behavior and/or academics. Events, such as this one, as well as the many events that were held in February remind all Kōlea of the exciting opportunities they have available to them and the importance of working hard to achieve their goals and make improvements.

Some of the amazing events/activities students were able to participate in, during the month of February alone, included learning more about science and how interesting and fun it can be with presenters who came on campus to educate our students during Journey Through the Universe Week (JTTU), Grade 2-6 students being treated to a presentation from Art Kimura during our STEM Fest evening activity, students being given the opportunity to learn more about a plethora of careers at our Career Night, and our second grade students learning a variety of things when they went on a field trip to the fire station and the zoo. In addition to this, Donna Mitts assisted with conducting a Garden Day activity on our campus, kupuna from schools around the island visited CKES to educate our students on topics such as lei making, hula, and Makahiki games (thanks to our very own Kupuna Loke), and our fourth through sixth grade students participated in their first track meet. Education, such as this, is priceless and we are so fortunate to be surrounded by faculty members and community partners who seek out ways to help teach, support, and care for our Kōlea.

It is our hope to continue to educate our Kōlea, both in and outside of the classroom, and we are very appreciative to be a part of a community of individuals who support us in doing so. The learning that occurs and the opportunities given to our students would not be possible without the awesome faculty and staff here, the many community members who support us, and our amazing parents, guardians, and families. This includes our outstanding Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), led by President Taryn Ishida, and our wonderful families who worked hard to raise over \$8500.00 profit through Cookie Corner fundraising sales that will go towards supporting various school activities.

With that said, let us all continue to work together to help support our Kōlea and to continue to make Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School the Place to Be!

We ask that all parents/guardians please complete the School Quality Survey (SQS) sent home in January to help assist us with future school improvement planning. More information on how to complete the survey can be found in this newsletter.

As always, we thank you all for your continued support and for being our partner in supporting all our Kōlea. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Kimberly.Castillo@k12.hi.us or (808)313-5100.

Mahalo,
Kimberly Castillo
Principal

March Important Dates

March 1, 2024 - Friday

Kapi`olani Kash Day

March 5 & 6, 2024 -

Tuesday/Wednesday

HSA Science Testing - Grade 5

March 12, 2024 - Tuesday

School Community Council Meeting

5pm - Cafeteria

March 15, 2024 - Friday

3rd Quarter Sports Day Incentive

March 18 - 22, 2024

SPRING BREAK

March 26, 2024 - Tuesday

Kūhiō Day - No School

March 28, 2024 - Thursday

- Deposit Day - 7:15am - 8:00am
- Grade 1 Excursion

March 29, 2024 - Friday

Good Friday - No School

April 1 2024 - Monday

3rd Quarter Awards Assembly

8:20am - 8:50am Grade 4 - Grade 5

9:00am - 9:30am Kindergarten - Grade 1

10:10am - 10:40am Grade 2 - Grade 3

*Students receiving an award will receive a parent/guardian invitation to attend the assembly. Assemblies will start on time and parking will be available on the upper field.



Always Reading

Preschool/Kindergarten

Announcements



Congratulations to our Always Reading Super Readers!

The Super Readers for the month of January are....

Darius Alvarez, Gabriella Arulong, Benjamin Blair, Layne Carvalho-Lukzen, Mia Colon, Ayanna Cosme, Pearl Duggan, Avery Garcia, Moana Hagino, Baylee Hernandez, Kale'a Hunter, Anela Joyce Jauculan, Octavia Kansou-Antone, Asa Ksendzovsky, Allen Kumiji-Branco, Mariel Jade Lactaen, Sky Molina, Kalelani Muragin, Deo Nithan, Mikayla Okuma, Ofa Pauta, Eliyanah-Marie Perea-McCormick, Sierra Jane Piianaia-Ishii, Ayalani Salomon-Waahila, Ho'okoa Serrao-Keli'i, Kayn Valenzuela, and Jaystin Yamashita.

Great job, January Super Readers!



Everyone can be a Super Reader by reading for 15 minutes or more, 3 times a week to reach the goal of 180 minutes a month!

Be a Super Reader!



Hawai'i Statewide Assessments

Students in grades 3 - 6 will participate in the Hawai'i State Assessments Smarter Balanced ELA and Math. In addition, students in grade 5 will participate in HSA Science.

The testing schedule is as follows:

Grade 3

April 12, 19, 2024

May 2, 3, 2024

Grade 4

April 11, 18, 30, 2024

May 1, 2024

Grade 5

March 5-6, 2024 (HSA)

April 10, 17, 2024

April 25-26, 29, 2024

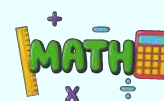
May 7-8, 2024

Grade 6

April 9, 2024

April 16, 2024

April 22-23, 2024



All deposit days occur once a month unless otherwise stated. The deposit day table will be set up between 7:15 am to 8:00 am.

deposit days

March 28

April 18

May 16



Vice Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to navigate the academic year, it's essential to reinforce the values and principles that guide our school community. Among these, safety stands as a cornerstone. We continue to teach our school expectations and rules: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. While these rules are foundational, their significance extends beyond the classroom walls. They shape the character and conduct of our students both now and in the future.

I believe that fostering a safe environment is a collective effort between school and home. Therefore, I urge you to talk with your child(ren) about the importance of safety within the school campus and in their daily lives. Remind them that doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, is a reflection of their character. Encourage them to speak up when they witness someone doing something that is not right.

It's essential to recognize that our students are continuously learning and growing. Daily reminders about safety reinforce these lessons and contribute to their development as responsible individuals. It's not just about following rules but about making choices that prioritize the well-being of oneself and others.

Also, if you have not already done so, I kindly ask that you please complete the School Quality Survey (SQS). The window to complete this is still open until March 15. This survey measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement or engagement with our school. This information will be used for continuous improvement purposes.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Together, we can help guide them to make choices that prioritize safety and well-being, both now and in the future.

Take care,

Mrs. Umamoto



COMMUNICATION

LISTEN
Listen to what others are saying, and notice the tone of voice they are using.

LOOK
Pay attention to the body language and facial expressions you and others use.

SPEAK
Ask questions and share your ideas. Remember your tone of voice matters!

March

NO SCHOOL:
MARCH 18-22: Spring Break
MARCH 26: Kūhiō Day
MARCH 29: Good Friday

Students:
Take time to listen & look before you speak.

Parents:
Use these questions to start a conversation with your student!

It's great being the world's best counselor!

Skill of the Month:
COMMUNICATION

Counselor's Corner

Questions to replace "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?" to get more from your children



Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary Garden Work Day!

On Saturday, February 10th, our school hosted a garden workday and had garden expert Donna Mitts share her knowledge with us. Those who participated were treated to a delicious meal from Sweet Cane Cafe and received seeds to start or add to their home gardens. Thanks to Mālama the School Garden, the Hawai'i Island School Garden Network. Mahalo to all of our volunteers for a fantastic day in the garden! Check out Malaa.org for more information.



STEM FEST Night

Science Technology Engineering Math
Family Exploring STEM Together

On Tuesday, February 13th, Mr. Art Kimura along with his wife Rene came to share their experiences with our 2nd through 6th grade students during our STEM FEST Night. Those who attended learned interesting facts about astronauts, and had many hands-on opportunities to see science in action.



SCHOOL VISION:
Nurturing Hearts and Minds

February 14th - Valentine's Day

On February 14th, our students and staff showed their Valentine's Day spirit with lots of love by dressing in different shades of pink, radiant reds, and hearts. It was a day filled with smiles and friendship as we embraced the spirit of love at our school."



Track and Field Meet

On Saturday, February 17th, our Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School participated in the Parks and Recreation Track Meet held at Waialae High School. Under the direction of Coach Yasuhara, our students were prepared in softball throw, 100 & 200 meter dash, standing long jump, and standing triple jump. Our students were ready for their various track events and everyone who participated did an awesome job. Special thanks to all the school staff who came to provide snacks, support, and cheer on our students.



Go Kōlea Go !!!

Kupuna Day

On February 21st, our Hawaiian Studies Program teachers from around the island visited our students and staff sharing their knowledge with us on Mo'olelo, La'i/Lei, Hula/Mele, and Makahiki games. Thank you Kupuna Loke for coordinating and giving our students this wonderful opportunity.



Thank you to Kumu Kahea, Mākua Lani, Kumu Leialoha, Kumu Leina'ala, Makua Stevens, Aunty Linda, Uncle Kimo, Kumu Puniwai, Kumu Iwalani, and our very own Kupuna Loke.



Kumu Iwalani and Aunty Linda shared mele and hula with us :)

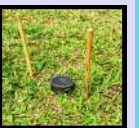


Kumu Leialoha and Kumu Annette showed us how to make ti leaf leis.



Students at the kōnane game.

Our kupuna introduced 3 different Makahiki games; the kukui nut top, ulu maika, and kōnane (Hawaiian checkers/chess).



Career Night

Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School held a Career Night on Thursday, February 22nd, where community members shared information on their chosen careers. This event presented many incredible opportunities to connect with local companies and organizations and for students to explore and experience future career pathways. Thank you to all who came to share their career insight with our families: Hilo High School Academies in Health, Human Services, Education, Law, Public Safety, Construction, Architecture, Welding, Robotics, Business, Agriculture, and Digital Design. Also, Hawaii Community College Auto Body, Accounting, Marketing, Business Technology programs, Hawaii Police Department, TSA (Transportation Security Officer), Blue Hawaiian Helicopter Pilots, Hawaiian Electric, Hawaii Community FCU, Hawaii Keiki Nurses, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, Local Artist/Illustrator - Shane Molina, Local Radio Personality - G-Cruz, Local Businesses - Tiger Tea, DJ PA3CO, and Kelly Boy Cookies.



Library News



Congratulations to our outstanding 2nd Quarter
808Reads Readers! (1000+ minutes)

Abrielle Oliver	Grade 2	1685 minutes
Julie Cross	Grade 2	1417 minutes
Vash Hollins	Grade 3	4953 minutes
Zyrus Fuiava	Grade 3	4890 minutes
Temperance Napoleon	Grade 3	4344 minutes
Kalama Kagawa-Kamahele	Grade 3	3513 minutes
Olive Duggan	Grade 3	2665 minutes
Kaia Haili	Grade 3	1978 minutes
Aatharsan Arroran	Grade 3	1896 minutes
Elena Moniz-Viveiros	Grade 3	1555 minutes
Snyder Stonit	Grade 3	1490 minutes
Aurora Christensen	Grade 3	1220 minutes
Rycen Uchima	Grade 3	1139 minutes
Michele Okamoto	Grade 3	1119 minutes
Asher Arulong	Grade 4	3410 minutes
Gus Bighorse	Grade 4	1495 minutes
Vienna Bighorse	Grade 5	5353 minutes
Ezra Arulong	Grade 5	4490 minutes
Tiffany Cypriano	Grade 5	3840 minutes
Bryn Okamoto	Grade 5	2978 minutes
Psalm Stonit	Grade 5	2708 minutes
Charles Cross	Grade 5	2522 minutes
Jayzen Nathaniel	Grade 5	2198 minutes
Abilene Pulgados-Pacatang	Grade 5	1925 minutes
Santino Salazar	Grade 5	1625 minutes
Kekaimalu Kaeha	Grade 5	1500 minutes
Angel-Andres Hernandez	Grade 5	1445 minutes
Phuc Nguyen	Grade 5	1140 minutes
Zaige Gonsalves-Rios	Grade 6	5520 minutes
Xynahstee Eblacas	Grade 6	4320 minutes
Kapena Riveira	Grade 6	3375 minutes
Maiann Kichiro	Grade 6	2352 minutes
Dezryn-Dezyre Delos Santos	Grade 6	2330 minutes
Sheaven Picar	Grade 6	2221 minutes
Zia Bacon	Grade 6	2048 minutes
Kajun Daog	Grade 6	1920 minutes
Jeiden Filoteo Mendes	Grade 6	1636 minutes
Jessie Alvarez	Grade 6	1405 minutes
Tamysa Tialavea	Grade 6	1400 minutes
Kayla Hagino	Grade 6	1170 minutes
Gianna Castro-Muragin	Grade 6	1135 minutes
Aniese Colon	Grade 6	1036 minutes

Ci3T Corner: Test Taking Tips

The Hawai'i State Assessments (HSA) Science and Smarter Balanced (SBA) Assessments are designed to measure whether students are "on track" for college and career readiness. These tests are given to our students from grades three through six. In addition, students school-wide will be completing their iReady Diagnostics in Reading and Math. Testing will begin in March and continue through May.

Here are five tips for testing:

1. Have a good night's rest (8-10 hours).
2. Enjoy a healthy breakfast before testing.
3. Arrive on time.
4. Start your day with encouraging words.
5. Don't stress, do your best!



YOU
GOT
THIS!

You can help your child become familiar with the types of questions they might be asked to answer by visiting alohahsap.org to answer additional content area practice and training test questions.

Hawaii Keiki Waiakea Complex RN's Message Bike Safety

We have a lot of students who bike to school. So, let's review bike safety tips to keep everyone safe.

Bike safety tips:

- Use a Properly fitted Bicycle helmet. To protect your child's head and brain. Hawaii has a Helmet law §291C-150. The law states, "No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a bicycle upon a street, bikeway, or any other public property unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet."
- Select a bike to fit your height. To do so, per the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, stand over your bicycle; there should be 1 to 2 inches between the rider and the top bar for a road bike and 3 to 4 inches for a mountain bike. The seat should be level front to back, and the height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be level with the seat.
- Make sure you have reflectors or lights attached to your bike. It's hard to see bicyclists during dawn, dusk, or nighttime hours. Reflectors and lights on the front and rear of your bicycle will help drivers notice you.
- Make sure you are visible to others. Wear neon, fluorescent, or bright colors when riding to make yourself visible to others.
- Go with the flow of traffic in the same direction as other vehicles.
- Obey all traffic laws. Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markers. Yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- Use hand signals. Look before turning.
- Use bike lanes or bike paths when available.
- Sidewalks: Bicycles are prohibited from being ridden on sidewalks in a business district but may be ridden on the sidewalks when traveling at 10mph or less.



SQS PARENT SURVEY



PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE COMPLETE THE SCHOOL QUALITY SURVEY (SQS) BY MARCH 15. THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY:

1. COMPLETE THE HARD COPY SURVEY YOU RECEIVED. SURVEYS WERE SENT HOME ON JANUARY 8TH. SURVEYS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE IN THE SEALED ENVELOPE, AND WE WILL MAIL THEM OUT FOR YOU.
2. USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY ONLINE.
3. COMPLETE THE SQS SURVEY ONLINE AT

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SQSParent>

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SURVEY, PLEASE CONTACT SQS@K12.HI.US OR CALL (808) 307-3650 FROM 7:45 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

THIS SURVEY MEASURES YOUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF YOUR CHILD AND YOUR SATISFACTION AND INVOLVEMENT/ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR SCHOOL. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED BY OUR SCHOOL FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING US BY COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Who Should Enroll for Kindergarten?
Children born between

August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019

When Do I Enroll my Child?

Today! Kindergarten registration has begun and is ongoing, so please stop by our office to pick up an application.

When Can I pick Up an Application?

Monday-Friday from 7am - 4pm
at our school office.

Who Can I Call if I have Questions?

Please call our friendly office staff at (808) 313-5100

EOEL PRE-K REGISTRATION



Who Should Enroll for Kindergarten?
Children born between

August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2021

When Do I Enroll my Child?

Today! EOEL PreK registration has begun and is ongoing, with limited spots available. Stop by our office to pick up an application.

When Can I pick Up an Application?

Monday-Friday from 7am - 4pm
at our school office.

Who Can I Call if I have Questions?

Please call our friendly office staff at (808) 313-5100

2023- 2024 School Bus Updates



Does your child ride
the school bus?



All riders must have a bus pass to ride



Quarter 4 February 19, 2024 to April 30, 2024

Only quarterly bus passes (round trip or one-way) will be available for purchase. You will need to reapply for each quarter. No Annual passes.

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