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Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School

August 2023

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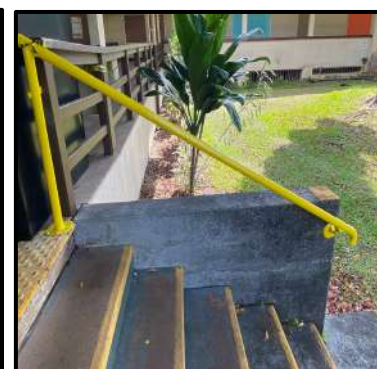
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

To our incoming and returning students, families, teachers, and staff, welcome to Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School! We are happy and excited to have you back on campus.

Our school is still under construction, as our covered playcourt continues to be built. We have made improvements throughout the school to continue to provide a safe environment for everyone on campus. Some new additions are the handrails to our stairs. These handrails will allow for safety as students, staff, and visitors travel up and down the stairs. We have also built a fence near the 6th grade classes, creating a barrier between the side walk. Also, air conditioning units have been placed in buildings B and C to prevent distraction in the classrooms from the busy streets surrounding our school.

As a school, we will continue to seek new ways to improve our campus in order to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for our Kōlea to learn, thrive, and grow.



KULEANA

It's Mine, It's Yours, It's Ours

Kuleana pronounced (Koo-leh-ah-nah) is the Hawaiian word for responsibility.

This year our school's theme focuses on Kuleana and the part we all play in being responsible for making CKES the place to be.



Principal's Message



Aloha Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary `Ohana,

Welcome back to school and to a year of change. We open up the school year dedicated to making improvements and supporting our students to learn, grow, and thrive.

As we start the year, we ask that all families, students, faculty, staff, and our community members join us in learning more about Ci3T. Ci3T stands for Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered Model of Prevention. Students will be bringing home pamphlets and information that explain what is put in place to support students academically, behaviorally, and socially on our campus. As a staff, we will spend the first few weeks teaching students behavioral expectations around campus, while also assessing them academically and socially to ensure support is given to those who may need it. With that said, parents/guardians can support the school by posting up the CKES Behavior Matrix that will be sent home and by also reviewing it with their child(ren).

This year we also introduce our school theme for the year, *Kuleana... It's Mine, It's Yours, It's Ours*. This theme was selected because it highlights that the responsibility for the change we expect to see from Ci3T will be one that will take everyone's support and dedication to seeing the change through.

We thank you in advance for your support of Ci3T and for partnering with us in order to make things better for all our students. With that said, if you are interested in volunteering to help at school events, are interested in being a part of the PTO, or would like to possibly chaperone on excursions, please don't hesitate to contact our PCNC, Dionice "Dee" Yamamoto at 808-313-5100.

Next week Thursday, August 17th, we will hold our school's Open House. This is a great time for you to meet your child's teacher and learn more about what your child will be learning in their classes. We invite and encourage you to attend the event from 5-7 p.m.

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.

Mahalo,
Kimberly Castillo
Principal



Upcoming Events for August



Important Dates

August 7– Monday

First Day of School

*Kindergarten – Please check the Kindergarten Transition Schedule

August 17 – Thursday

Hawaii Community FCU

Deposit Day

7:15am - 8:00am

August 17 – Thursday

Open House

5:00pm

CKES Cafeteria

August 18 - Friday

Statehood Day

No School

September 1- Friday

Kapīolani Kash Day

September 4 - Monday

Labor Day

No School

September 14- Thursday

Health and Wellness Fair

5:00pm to 6:30pm

September 29 - Friday

Kapīolani Kash Day

Kindergarten Transition Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7 Group A 8 am to 12 noon	8 Group A 8 am to 12 noon	9 Group A 8 am to 12 noon	10 Group A 8 am to 12 noon	11 Group B 8 am to 12 noon
14 Group B 8 am to 12 noon	15 Group B 8 am to 12 noon	16 Group B 8 am to 12 noon	17 Group A and Group B 8 am to 12 noon	18 Admissions Day

Kindergarten Parents Only

Scan the QR code with your electronic device and sign up for this awesome reading program. Please complete by Thursday, August 22, 2023.

For questions, please contact: Terrie Togafau at 925-222-5091.



REMINDERS

Dress Code Policy

The following guidelines should be followed:

- *Students should wear appropriate shorts or pants (underwear should not be visible)
- *Pants and shorts should NOT be excessively loose or tight.
- *Short shorts or short skirts are NOT appropriate attire for school.
- *Shorts or pants with excessive rips, which expose the upper thigh area are NOT appropriate.
- *Hats/caps and sunglasses are NOT allowed.
- **Uniforms should be worn every day to school.**
Uniforms are available for purchase at Creative Arts Hawaii.
(Creative Arts information located on the bottom of page 1.)



Morning Pick Up and Drop Off Reminders



Student Morning Drop Off

Begins at	Ends at	Drop off Locations
7:15am	8:00am	Front of school office (entering from Kilauea Avenue)
		Under the roof overhang on Mohouli Street before crosswalk
If student arrives after 8:05am		Please go to our school office. Student will need a tardy slip before going to class.

Afterschool Student Pick Up

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Pre-K	1:50pm
K-6	2:15pm
Wednesday	
Pre-K	12:50pm
K - 6	1:10pm
Last Names Beginning with	Pick Up Locations
A thru K	Front of school office (entering from Kilauea Avenue)
L thru Z	Under the roof overhang on Mohouli Street before crosswalk



Vice Principal's Message



Welcome back, students!

I hope you had a fantastic summer, and I'm excited to kick off a new school year together. It's time for another year of learning, growing, and making wonderful memories.

As we begin this amazing journey, let's all remember our school rules that guide us in creating a positive and nurturing environment. Be safe, always look out for one another, and take care of yourself and your classmates.

Be responsible, both with your actions and your studies. Attend classes regularly, complete assignments on time, and be accountable for your choices.

Be respectful, treating everyone with kindness and empathy. Embrace diversity and cherish each other's unique qualities.

Lastly, be hardworking, showing dedication to your studies and extracurricular activities. Let's strive for excellence and support each other on this educational adventure.

Throughout the year, we'll have various events and activities to foster your talents and interests. Together, let's make this year unforgettable, full of growth and joyful learning experiences. I believe in each and every one of you, and I can't wait to see what you will accomplish.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead! 🎓📚

Mrs. Umemoto

Counselor's Corner

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. Absences mean your child is missing classroom learning time, valuable instruction, fun activities, and the opportunity to build relationships with their teachers and peers.

Check out these attendance tips:

- Keep a regular bedtime & establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones, and tablets at bedtime.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Post a schedule on the wall.

WELCOME BACK

Hey everyone!
I'm Mr. Bartley



SEL

(Social Emotional Learning)

School Wide Skill for August:
Growing a Positive Mindset

Engage in Positive Self-Talk -
which means, telling ourselves positive and/or happy messages like "I can do this" or "I'll get it next time".
These statements give us confidence to get through hard times.

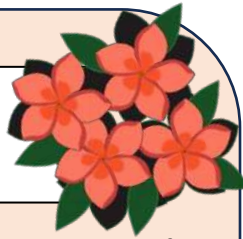
With practice, we can grow a positive mindset

Contact: Counselor Mr. Bartley at (808) 313-5100



PCNC Corner

Parent Community Networking Center



Welcome back students, faculty, staff and PTO members to a beautiful new school year. To all the new students and staff welcome to our Kapi`olani `Ohana. Every one of you is a vital piece to creating our loving Kapi`olani `Ohana. There are so many exciting things that will be happening this year. If you are a parent, grandparent, aunty, and uncle who would like to volunteer, please call me at (808) 313-5100 or send me an email at dionice.yamamoto@k12.hi.us.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Let's have a beautiful adventure this year and remember to be responsible and be kind.

Dee Yamamoto

Mahalo

Thank you Honsador Lumber and Alpha Electric Supply for your generous donation of school backpacks and school supplies. Our Kōlea students are so very grateful for your generosity.



Mahalo



Introducing Exciting Technology Upgrades at Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary School!

As summer comes to a close, we are thrilled to share the incredible progress made by the elementary school technology department. Our team has been hard at work implementing various upgrades across the campus to enhance the learning experience for our students and faculty. We are excited to announce the following improvements:



1. **New Printers for Teachers:**

We have installed brand-new printers strategically placed throughout classrooms across campus to provide our dedicated teachers with more convenient access to printing resources. These printers are designed to support their instructional needs efficiently.

2. **Enhanced Classroom Projection:**

To foster a dynamic learning environment, new projector setups have been installed in some of our classrooms. This upgrade aims to create immersive visual experiences, enabling teachers to bring lessons to life and engage students on a whole new level.

3. **State-of-the-Art Digital Laser Projector:**

We are proud to inform you that the outdated projector in our cafeteria will be replaced with a cutting-edge Digital Laser Projector. This advanced technology offers superior image quality, improved brightness, and increased durability, ensuring a captivating audiovisual experience for all events held in this space.

4. **150 New Chromebooks:**

In our ongoing commitment to equip students with the latest tools, we are thrilled to announce the arrival of nearly 150 new Chromebooks. These devices will be distributed across classrooms, providing students with enhanced access to digital resources and fostering their technological literacy.

5. **Student Training Program:**

This semester, we are introducing a special initiative within the technology department. Select students will be chosen to receive basic training on classroom equipment. These student technology ambassadors will play a vital role in assisting substitute teachers and other visiting staff, ensuring seamless connectivity with our school's equipment.

We are excited about the positive impact these upgrades will have on our school community. With the new printers, enhanced projection capabilities, cutting-edge projector in the cafeteria, increased Chromebook availability, and the student training program, Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary School is poised to provide an even more innovative and engaging learning environment for our students.

We look forward to a fantastic semester ahead, filled with endless opportunities for growth and learning with technology at the forefront. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to make strides in integrating technology into the fabric of our school community.

Best regards,

Khalil Blake - Chiefess Kapi`olani Elementary School Technology Coordinator

Welcome to CKES

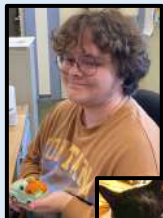


Aloha!

My name is Tiana Agdeppa and I am so excited to be a part of Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School! I was born and raised in Honoka'a and graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2020. I enjoy going to the beach, travelling and playing the piano. This is my fourth year teaching, and I have taught first grade and kindergarten. I am looking forward to an awesome year and to meeting all of you!



My name is Brian Halvorsen. I am certified and licensed to teach students with Special Education needs. This will be my first year in Hawaii. I am a veteran teacher, with more than 30 years experience. As a child, I struggled with reading. I turned this frustration into a passion for helping others learn how to read. "The person who doesn't read has no advantage over the person who cannot read." Mark Twain.



Aloha,

My name is Ned Kealoha! After obtaining my diploma from Lanai High I moved back to my hometown, Hilo, and attended college at UHH where I graduated with my degree. I've been working in the HDOE for nearly 6 years; as a classroom cleaner, EA, substitute teacher, and now an Account Clerk. I love playing Dungeons and Dragons, hanging out with my friends, and spoiling my two black cats (Maka Nui and Pouli). Shout out to the CKES staff who have welcomed me with open arms and made adjusting to this new job so much easier. I look forward to working with everyone for years to come.



Aloha!

My name is Alicia Moore, I'm a first-year 6th-grade teacher at Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Family Development from Central Missouri State University. My teaching philosophy is to help students love learning in order to become lifelong learners. I'm a dedicated and compassionate person and I am committed to providing an engaging, safe, and supportive learning environment for all students. I'm excited to challenge and inspire students to continuously improve and know more than they did yesterday. I look forward to a wonderful year at Chiefess Kapi'olani.



Hello!

My name is Erin Uyeda and I am a first-year teacher here at Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary. Growing up in Hilo with my twin brother and our four pets (two cats & two dogs), our family enjoyed many adventurous outings, not only on the Big Island, but on the neighboring islands too. In 2019, I graduated from the University of Hawaii-Hilo with my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology before becoming an Educational Assistant at CKES. After spending two years in that role, I decided it was time to further my education and earned my Master of Arts in Teaching degree this past year. I am very fortunate and excited to be returning to CKES as a teacher and look forward to making wonderful memories with our Kōlea 'Ohana of students and their families, as well as the dedicated and hardworking staff!



Aloha!

My name is Ali Welge, also known as Ms. Welge. My adventure called life started when I was born in York, England. Throughout my childhood I moved to Virginia and Colorado with my family. I have been teaching for the past 5 years in both California and Washington state. Ever since I was young, I have always wanted to be a teacher. Creating a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment where we both learn and have fun is my priority. I am so excited to learn from and grow alongside the CKES 'ohana!

Hilo - Waiākea 2024 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to our very own 5th grade teacher, Mr. Christopher Pike. He was named Hilo-Waiākea 2024 Teacher of the Year!!! Awesome job Mr. Pike!





Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School

TOUR THE SCHOOL



Thursday, August 3rd

What is Tour the School?

Tour the School was created to provide parents with an opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their child's teacher, and familiarize our students with the campus and their classroom. When families came to tour the school, parents and students were able to familiarize themselves with the school campus. Also, parents were able to show their child where their classroom was on this day, and in some cases, our students were showing their parents where their classes were. The event also included a presentation about our school and free popcorn.



Thank you PTO and friends for making fresh hot popcorn for our Tour the School day!



Hawaii Keiki Hilo - Waiakea Complex

RN's Message


Aloha,
Hope you all had a fun summer break. We're so excited to start a new school year with all of you. If you are not aware of who we are, we are your Hawaii Keiki Hilo-Waiakea Nurses. HW complex has 2 RN's and 1 APRN. We're able to provide health services, guidance, and education for the Hilo & Waiakea schools.

Sarah deSilva is the Waiakea Complex RN, housed at Waiakeawaena Elementary.

Tina Morales is the Hilo Complex RN, housed at Keaukaha Elementary.

Lyndsey McAlister is the HW complex APRN, housed at Waiakea High.

You might be wondering about Covid protocols for this school year. There are no changes from last year. Here's the DOH Isolation and exposure guidance: <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/>

Hawai'i State Department of Health Disease Outbreak Control Division	
Isolation and Exposure Guidance for K-12 Schools	
	
Table 1. Isolation Protocol for K-12 School Settings	
Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 or who have COVID-19 symptoms should isolate for 5 days, regardless of vaccination status. ¹ Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms started or your positive test specimen was collected.	Students and staff can return to school: On Day 6, if positive test and <u>NO</u> symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a well-fitted mask around others indoors from day 6 to day 10 after completing home isolation. On Day 6, if positive test and <u>SYMPTOMS</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours with no fever (and no fever-reducing medications) and Symptoms are improving. Wear a well-fitted mask around others indoors from day 6 to day 10 of illness after completing home isolation. <p>If you have a fever or are not yet improving, remain in isolation until above are true.²</p>
Students and staff who are sick with symptoms of COVID-19* but do not yet have test results, regardless of vaccination status.	Students and staff can return to school: After a negative test <u>if</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours with no fever (and no fever-reducing medications) and Symptoms are improving. <p>If you have a fever or are sick and your negative test was from a home test, continue to isolate and test again after 24 to 48 hours.</p>
Additional Considerations for Student Athletes	
<small>¹ CDC's Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19, updated May 11, 2022.</small> <small>² If you have moderate-to-severe COVID-19 illness or a weakened immune system, CDC recommends isolating through day 10 and consulting your healthcare provider.</small>	

<small>Student athletes should return to sport when fever free for a minimum of 24 hours, symptom free, and in compliance with COVID-19 isolation and exposure guidance for schools. If there is a positive COVID-19 test, follow current recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) regarding safe return to sports. Any symptoms during return to sport should be reported to the athletic trainer.</small> <small>* Students and staff who have chronic symptoms due to a medical etiology (e.g., allergies, asthma) and no known exposure to COVID-19 do not need to isolate unless they develop new or worsening symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.</small>	
Table 2: Exposure to a Person with COVID-19 Protocol for K-12 School Settings	
Students and staff who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. Day 1 is the first full day after exposure to a person with COVID-19.	Students and staff can return to school: Immediately if there are <u>NO</u> symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a well-fitted mask indoors for 10 full days. Watch for symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If symptoms start, isolate immediately. Test and stay home until you know the result. If positive, follow isolation protocol. Test on Day 6 even if there are no symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If positive, follow isolation protocol. If negative, continue to wear a mask indoors through day 10. COVID-19 can develop up to 10 days after exposure.
Students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 within 30 days or less ³	Students and staff can return to school: Immediately if there are <u>NO</u> symptoms. Testing is <u>not</u> recommended if you have <u>no</u> symptoms.
<small>³ CDC's COVID-19 Testing: What You Need to Know, updated May 11, 2023</small> <small>June 30, 2023</small>	

Here are a few tips to keep your students healthy.

1. Stay up-to date on vaccines.
2. Wash your hands often.
3. Stay home if you are sick.
4. Use proper respiratory etiquette
5. Eat a well balanced meals
6. Exercise
7. Sleep



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