

IPES NEWSLETTER,

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REMINDERS

One Band



One Sound.



One School



One Voice.

HOME OF THE ALI'I



Principal's Message

Aloha IPES Ohana,

It's amazing to see that the end of the school year has arrived. What a year it has been. I am so proud to be able to serve the wonderful students here at IPES, Kapilina community. I have the best job in the world and, on a daily basis, this is reinforced.

Thank you to our IPES parents and community partners for all the support and patience shown these past 10 months, especially during our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Self Study. We had successes and some challenges, yet despite all, we continued the work that had to be done. The WASC Visit in April 2017 was a success. We will receive results of the WASC visit sometime in June or July 2017, which will indicate the number of years we are accredited. There are countless people to whom I owe an expression of gratitude and know we will continue working together through the continuous school improvement process.

This year we had the opportunity to continue our work with our Response to Intervention - Behavior (RTI - B) Program. One of our accomplishments is the refinement of our Ali'i Award assemblies to recognize our students' hard work and effort. An integral part of this initiative is our ABC reward tickets, which students redeemed for token prizes during recess. Along with this, our focus on student attendance has increased the awareness of the importance of coming to school on time and ready to learn. Mahalo to our Counselors Mr. Barry and Ms. Leota for taking the lead in celebrating our students' achievement.

PERSONNEL DEPARTURES

We have to bid Aloha to a few of our IPES teachers. Ms. Oberembt our SpEd PreK teacher is moving to Washington. Mrs. Chung from our SpEd class K-6 is going to another school in Honolulu, which is closer to home, where she will put to work her ability to serve preschool age students. Ms. Monden, SpEd grade 4 teacher, has accepted another position at another school as she completes her coursework. Mrs. Griffin, our grade 5 teacher, is returning to Arizona with her family. Ms. Schroth is relocating to Virginia, where she will be near her family. We wish all of them the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

I want to wish you a great summer full of sunshine, fun and continuous learning.

Your partner in education,
Ofelia Reed



WASC Visitors



WASC Committee



-Iroquois Point Elementary Ohana

Our website: <http://iroquois.k12.hi.us> Phone: (808)499-6500



Upcoming dates and events

- * **May. 24th** - Ali'i Award Assembly
Grade 3-6 8:15-9:00
Grade K-2 9:15-10:15
- * **May. 24th** - **2pm Dismissal**
- * **May. 26th** - Grade 6 Celebration
- * **May. 26th** - **1:10 Early Dismissal**
- * **May 31st** - ELL Summer Program 5/31 - 7/3
- * **June 12th** - **King Kamehameha Day, No Summer Sessions**
- * **June 18th** - Father's Day
- * **July 4th** - Independence Day
- * **July 31st** - Orientation for New Parents
- * **August -3rd** - Meet & Greet Day 8:00 am-10:00 am
- * **August -8th** - **Students First Day of School**
- * **August -9, 10 & 11** - Kinder Assessment Days
- * **August -14** - Kinder Orientation - Classroom Assignments
- * **August -14th** - Chaperone Training in Library 9am
- * **August -18** - **NO SCHOOL - Statehood Day**
- * **August 25 & 26** - Picture Days



Iroquois Point Elementary School Presents "Need a Break Today?"

On Thursday, April 13th, McDonald's on Fort Weaver teamed up with our IPES BAND for a fun Take Over Night fundraiser. A percentage of all food sales, including the drive thru, was donated to IPES Band. In the parking lot family and friends enjoyed live music lead by our Band Director Mr. Dave Utrera, and a special performance from Hula Halau Ulumahiehieoeokalani lead by Kumu Kalani Apana. Mahalo for your support. We raised \$593.00 for our band program.



Vice Principal Mr. Tafao with some Band and IPES Students

Career Day for Upper Grades was on April 12th

Mahalo to our Career Day Volunteers!

Thank you for your willingness to share your career, expertise and passion for learning with our young students. Together we are making our IPES scholars a community of bright professionals of tomorrow!

Some of our presenters were: *Homeland Security K-9, Disney Aulani Ambassador, Chef, HPD District 8, Private Pilot, Marketing Director, Outreach specialist Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Certified Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, Hawaii Hyperbaric Treatment Center, Queens West Oahu Security K-9 Team, Lieutenant Commander USN Pilot, Staff Sergeant US Army,*



Important News

Beach Safety

Whether you are a frequent beach goer or a newbie to the waters, beach safety tips are always important to ensure you and your family remain safe and enjoy your time in the sun.

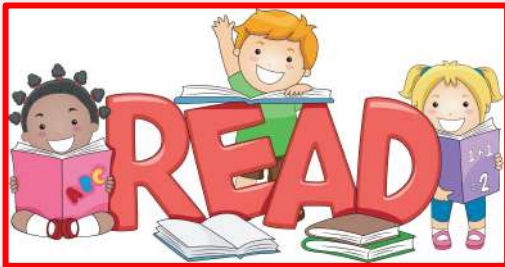


SUN: Apply a broad-spectrum, waterproof sunscreen to all areas of exposed skin. Try to provide children with sunglasses, hats, and a shady place to rest.

RULES: Children should follow all instruction from lifeguards. Take note of warnings on the beach, such as high tide or man-of-war sightings.

For more information on water safety visit

<http://kipchawaii.org/keiki-safety-tips/>



Together you can make reading a fun and memorable experience that will help nurture a lifelong love for reading

Source: www.readingrockets.org



Heidi Gomera

Dear IPES Ohana,

It is with great sadness that I share this news with you. Our beloved Heidi Gomera passed away on April 9th, 2017 with her family by her side.

She will be greatly missed at IPES. I will always remember her positive attitude, cheerful smile and German accent.

Sincerely,
Principal Ofelia Reed

Box Tops for Education

Good Job Ali'i! Thank you for helping us surpass our goal of \$1000.

We made \$1,238.00 Way to Go!

This summer, look for Box Tops products as you prepare for picnics, reunions, and celebrations. Tape or glue 25 Box Tops and send them to school in the Fall to get a head start on earning for the 2017-2018 school year!

Mahalo Mrs. Lara dela Pena



SUMMER HULA

DATE: June 12 - July 25, 2017
Mondays and Tuesdays

PLACE: Kapilina Beach Pavillon

For more information please contact
Makua Kalani Apana
808-393-4428



VOLUNTEER NEWS



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

was held on Thursday, May 18 at the IPES school cafeteria. We enjoyed Chinese food from Panda Express and yummy cake. Our volunteers were recognized for their generosity, commitment, and dedication to our IPES students with certificates of appreciation. We ended our Luncheon with a "Walk of Fame" where our Kinder, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students cheered enthusiastically as our volunteers walked down the main walkway! Here's to all our volunteers, community and military partners who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasures.

"THANK YOU"

FOR YOUR CARING HEARTS AND WILLING HANDS.



**Volunteer
Walk of Fame**

**We Love our
Volunteers**

**Thursday
May 18th,
2017**




Many Hands Make LIGHT Work



Bottles - Plastics - Cans

Mahalo to all our Volunteers

Collections start date is	Last day for your Hi5 is:	IPES Group
August 1	Fri Sept 2	JPO (\$183.39)
Sept 6	Fri Oct 7	Grade 2 (\$216.74)
Oct 10	Fri Nov 4	Hawaiian Studies (\$196.83)
Nov 7	Fri Dec 2	Custodian (\$69.40)
Dec 5	Fri Jan 13	Pre-K (\$218.31)
Jan17	Fri Feb 3	Grade 4 (\$300.38)
Feb 6	Fri Mar 3	Grade 3 (\$230.51)
Mar 6	Fri April 21	Kinder (\$511.12)
Apr 24	Fri May 12	Grade 6 Parents (\$300.00)



Please empty water bottles before donating items.

**Kinder Hi5 Donation Drive
Mahalo and Great job!! You raised the most \$**

**Thank you
for your support!**

Mahalo
to all the
volunteers



Donations can be dropped off any time at the collection bins in front of the school near A building. Please bring in your aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles during Summer Break.



Spring Break Campus Beautification Project



During Spring Break parents, students and community volunteers came to IPES for "Campus Beautification Day!" Our IPES Campus was given some much needed TLC.

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 1st - May 5th



Mahalo to Admin, IPES families, IPES Ohana (Parent Group) and Kapiliina Beach Homes who showered our staff with many wonderful surprises daily during Teacher Appreciation week. Mahalo to ALL our volunteers who worked hard to make this a memorable event. As you can see our Teachers and Staff had a wonderful week and felt very appreciated.



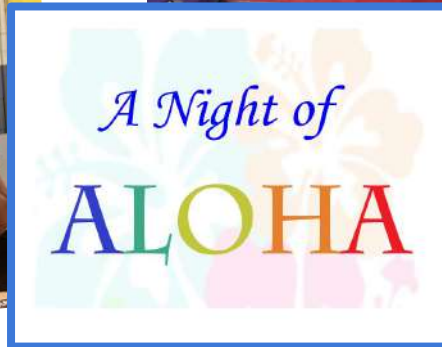
It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.



Grade 6 Social



Principal Reed and Ms. Ebisutani



6th Grade Social Parent Committee

Memory Book: Kumiko Bodnar
Decorations: Kristina Hawkins
Check in Table: Nancy Lord
Activities: Amy Anderson
Slide Show: Dyani Hasebe
Buffet Popcorn & Cupcake: Patricia Aponte

Special Thanks to:

MC's: Principal Mrs. Reed, and V.P. Mr. Tafao.

MUSIC: Mr. Judson & Mr. Utrera
SET UP: Mr. John Alvarado and Staff
FLORAL CENTERPIECES: Mrs. Leona Costa, IPES
IPES Student: Breanna Hawkins help with decorations
SUPPLIES: Kalani Apana

TEACHERS AND STAFF

Ms. Ebisutani, Ms. Monkowski, Ms. Schroth, Ms. Nord and Ms. Leota

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Victoria Gonzales, Tammie Morimoto, Sheila & Kevin Wilkinson, Marvin Thedford, Ginger Davids, Sara Pagan, Robert Anderson, Harry Lord, Steven Hawkins, Mary Nimtz, Jesse Bodnar & Carlos Rivera

IPES Alumni

Kalani Anderson - Food, set up, and Clean up
 Katie Bodnar - Food, set up, tattoo table, and clean up

SECURITY: Pu'uloa RTF

Sergeant Brenda DeLos Reyes, Sergeant Matthew Sheppard, Corporal Dallas Velke, Corporal James Garcia, Lance Corporal Brandon Erickson, Lance Corporal Austin Powell

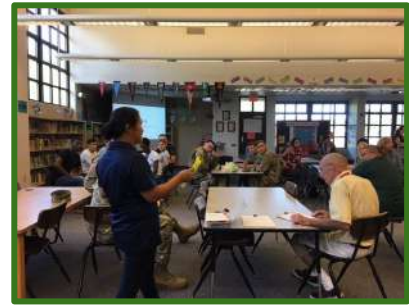
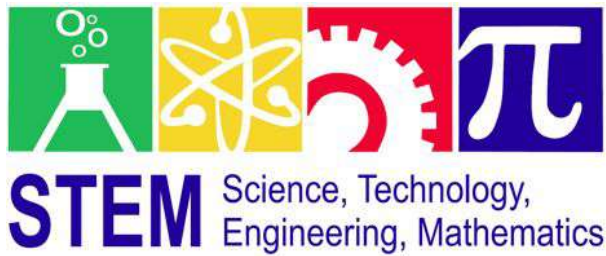


6th Grade boys do the Haka!

Ohana Day at IPES



May 19th, 2017 on the outdoor stage Iroquois Point Elementary students performed beautifully under the tropical blue skies. The Ohana Day theme was "Hula'O Hawaii" (Dances of Polynesia). Each grade level shared a dance that was choreographed by Makua Kalani, Hawaiian Studies teacher. Culminating the festivities were our sixth grade boys who performed the Haka. (Haka is an ancient Maori dance and chant that is a firece display of a tribe's pride, strength and unity.



Mrs. Fern Agunat with STEM night Volunteers

IPES is doing great things in science and engineering with the help of Mrs. Agunat, STEM Resource Teacher. Her passion for STEM is evident in the work she has done in collaboration with the IPES classroom teachers to implement Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the newly adopted science program at IPES.

Through the Campbell/Kapolei Complex Area DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity) grant IPES has been able to purchase iPads and PLTW kits for grades K through 5. Along with this, Mrs. Silao, our Technology Coordinator and teacher, has provided students opportunities to learn how to code using ozobots. Coding builds both creativity and coding skills in ages 6 and up.

For the first time IPES hosted "Family STEM Night". Students and adults alike had hands-on approach to science...from building with VEX kits, computer programming, rocketry and more. The hands-on approach made learning fun for the entire family. Hats off to our Military Partners who helped our students with some of the stations.

