



‘Ele‘ele Elementary School



Newsletter



Aloha Mustang ‘Ohana,

As we welcome the cool weather of December it also comes with the realization that our school year is more than 1/3 of the way through and shortly after we return from the holiday break we will be preparing to celebrate the hundredth day of school! Holiday decorations are everywhere as families begin thinking about holiday shopping, vacation plans, and dinner menus. While visions of sugar plums, reindeer and peppermint mocha may arise at times, our ‘Ele‘ele Mustangs still continue to have math facts, essays, favorite books and science experiments dancing through their heads. Please help us encourage our students to stay as focused as possible and include homework and study time in your holiday plans....at least until December 16th!

While we remain grateful for all we have, I encourage our families to look for a few gift ideas that don't cost a lot of money? This holiday season give your child and family the gift of time. Relax at a park for a day and have a picnic. Take a nature walk at the beach or Koke'e. Visit the local library. Enjoy a meal together as a family. Have a night in and play a favorite board game. The most important things in life are family and friends, so this holiday season make an effort to spend quality time with both. As parents, you are extremely important to your children. This is a great time to provide your child with the beautiful family memories.

I am especially grateful for all we have accomplished and the many hands that have come together to make this 1st Semester possible.

- To our Mustang Ohana for their amazing gift of giving during our food drive last month! Mahalo to everyone who was able to give food or time to ensure all families in our community have a wonderful Thanksgiving and special Christmas.
- To our ‘Ele‘ele Elementary Faculty and Staff - Your commitment and dedication to our community through parent conferences, craft fair and parent nights. The extra TLC you provide to our families, each other and our students is commendable.
- To our families - You are our true heroes as you continue to support our school efforts in adjusting your life to meet the demands of our school family nights and meetings.
- To our school community - You continue to support our school efforts and find ways to assist our students. Mahalo nui for all you do!

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas as we look toward a New Year filled with Hope, Peace and Kindness.

Malama Pono,

Allison Carveiro

‘Ele‘ele Elementary School - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 01
MALAMA KEIKI
DISTRIBUTION

DEC 14
‘OHANA LITERACY
EVENT 5:30-7:00 PM

DEC 15
MALAMA KEIKI
DISTRIBUTION

DEC 16
3RD QUARTER BUS
PAYMENTS DUE

DEC 17 - JAN 02
NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK

DEC 25
MELE KALIKIMAKA

JAN 03
NO SCHOOL
WAIVER DAY

JAN 04
SCHOOL RESUMES
3RD QUARTER BEGINS





Counselors Corner

Wow and thank you, Mustang 'Ohana! A great big mahalo to you for opening your hearts and pantries to give so generously to our November Food Drive. We collected over 2100 items(!) of food to share with the Kauai Food Bank! Our community is now better prepared to support families in need this season due to your giving.

In that same spirit of giving, we encourage our families to discuss a special question with your child(ren) for December:

What will you GIVE of yourself to others this season?

Children don't need a big financial budget to be givers. They can give of their time, doing something simple like helping to bake and deliver treats. They can make art projects and crafts to share with loved ones. They can share a talent in singing, dance, music, or sports ability with others. They can cheer up someone lonely with a visit and a smile. They can make a chore coupon book for someone special by offering to be helpful. You may even choose a family project which lifts others in a thoughtful way.

Children will know much joy and happiness from identifying someone this season who can benefit from some lovingkindness. Letting their kind hearts and creativity take the lead, we can trust our keiki to make a positive impact. Getting excited about giving can also keep them from developing a case of the "gimme gimme"s - keeping focused on others instead of self. :)

Making time for your unique family traditions keeps children feeling secure, with a strong sense of identity, attachment, and love. As we continue to study Gratitude this month, we know it is truly the people and the "little things" in life that are the true cause of celebration and contentment.

May you each know peace and joy at home this special season of the year.

Warmly,

Elisabeth Gardner, School Counselor



Gather FCU will be coming to our school to collect deposits on the dates listed above. They will arrive between 8:00-8:30am. Envelopes will be sent home the day before deposits are made. Inside each envelope will be a deposit slip. Please fill this out and bring it on each deposit day.

DEPOSIT DAYS



Wednesday, December 14th
Wednesday, January 25th
Wednesday, February 22nd
Wednesday, March 29th
Wednesday, April 26th
Wednesday, May 17th



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School Website
eleeleschool.k12.hi.us

PTSA

**Congratulations to the Top 3
sellers for our Cookie Corner
Fundraiser!**

**1st place: Kyson Rodriguez
(Ms. Bernaldes' Class)**

**2nd place: Cassandra Gawaran
(Mrs. Fernandez' Class)**

**3rd place: Aleiah Lagundino
(Ms. Rita's Class)**

**Thank you to all who helped
make the PTSA cookie fundraiser
a success!**

CONTACT YOUR PCNC FACILITATOR (Parent Community Networking Center)



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808.335.2111 ext. 152

Have the **COURAGE** to respond with love.

Commemorating the Past with Hope for the Future.

May this calendar inspire you to Choose Love in small ways every day. Whether Choosing Love by demonstrating courage, gratitude, forgiveness or compassion-in-action, you are helping to create a ripple effect that reaches far and wide, helping to make our world a better place.

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Make a list of gifts to give rather than receive.	2 Be nurturing today by being kind to others.	3 Write down a few ways you are courageous.	4 Be grateful for the kindness of others.	5 Offer to help a friend or family member who may need you.	6 You are loved and worthy of love. Take a forgiveness breath.	7 Show off your superpowers today. Hint: Your smile is your superpower.
8 Let a friend know you care.	9 Be courageous by saying you are sorry.	10 Send a holiday card to a service member or first responder.	11 Show compassion and understanding. Do something for someone who needs it.	12 Time to celebrate your family and friends.	13 Leave a positive note for someone to find.	14 Make a happy snowman craft from paper plates.
15 Show love for yourself by taking a few compassion breaths.	16 Pay someone a compliment.	17 Make a holiday card and give it to someone special.	18 Donate food or a toy to a local shelter.	19 Take a walk around your neighborhood.	20 Write about your favorite family holiday tradition.	21 Make a Choose Love bookmark to give to someone you love.
22 Remember to say please and thank you.	23 Love Wins!	24 Happy Holidays!	25 Have courage.	26 Be grateful.	27 Be forgiving.	28 Have compassion.
29 Choose Love today and every day.	30 Have a lot of fun!					

"You can't always choose what happens to you, but you can always choose how you respond. And you can respond with love!" —Scarlett Lewis

OFFICE REMINDERS

LOST & FOUND

Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria. There are many unclaimed water bottles and jackets. Please encourage your children to check the lost and found for missing items.

BUS PAYMENTS

Please remember that Bus payments are due for Quarter 3 before December 16th

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Year-round, we hire an array of teachers, educational specialist and staff to cultivate equity and excellence at our DOE schools. For more information please visit ehr.k12.hi.us

A-PLUS

A+ is hiring Group Leaders & Program Aide. Please apply in the front office.

Reminder A+ payments are due by the 5th of each month.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES & EVENTS

**DEC 3rd
2022**

Matinee 1:30 p.m.

Evening Show 6:30 p.m.

War Memorial Convention Hall

Clara's Tea Party
Join Clara and her friends for a
story, craft, and treat from the
Land of Sweets 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Limit 25 attendees

The Nutcracker Kauai Ballet Academy



Tickets on sale Nov 10th at www.kauaiballetacademy.com



Keiki O Ka'Aina
is now partnered with the
Aloha Diaper Bank in Kaua'i!

To schedule donation or pickup
scan the QR code, call, or email.



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INTRO COURSE ON
VIRTUAL REALITY
WORLD BUILDING
FROM KAUAI DEV &
KAUAI COMMUNITY
SCIENCE CENTER



REGISTER &
MORE INFORMATION



FOR KAUAI STUDENTS 13 AND OLDER
DEC 3rd, 2022 @ 11am - NOON
AT THE KAUAI COMMUNITY
SCIENCE CENTER IN WAIMEA

2023 Boys & Girls Basketball League Mini Hoopster/JR. Hoopster



Sponsored by:
Department of Parks & Recreation

Divisions:

Mini Hoopster Division: Kindergarten - First Grade
Junior Hoopster Division: 2nd - 3rd Grade

Registration Information:

December 12th thru December 15th, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lihue NC (808-241-6858) Kalaheo NC (808-332-9778)
Hanalei NC (808-335-3731) and Waimea NC (808-338-1122)
Cost: **FREE**

Game Dates & Location:

Saturday's - Kalaheo Gym
January 28th February 4th 11th, 18th 25th
(All Saturdays)

To better serve you, teams will be limited to first-come, first-served

We are looking for Volunteer Coaches
Contact Site Managers at neighborhood centers listed above

For more information contact Betsyann Canfield at biscanfield@kauai.gov or 808-241-4465

If you need an auxiliary address or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Andrea Chu at (808) 241-4878
and andrea@kauai.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to tailor your
request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

2022 WINTER
CONCERTS

FREE ADMISSION

Kauai's Philippine Cultural Center
Located in Lihue, next to
Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School and the YMCA
Contact Sarah Tochiki at
808-387-6772 or stochiki@hawaii.edu for more information.

Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, December 4, 2022
4:00 pm
Special Guests:



Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony

Friday,
December 16, 2022
7:00 pm

www.kccinstrumentalmusic.org

HAWAII P-EBT

PANDEMIC BENEFITS FOR HAWAII FAMILIES TO BUY FOOD

If your child was getting
free or reduced-price
school lunch during the
school year, you are
eligible for food-
purchasing assistance.



UP TO \$360 PER CHILD

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e-mail hi.pebtdhs.hawaii.gov, or call 211.





Mahalo

S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT

Attendees & Volunteers

Mahalo nunui for volunteering to assist us in our amazing S.T.E.A.M. event. We could not have done it without your support and generosity.

`Ele`ele Staff: Dana Vista, Elisabeth Gardner, Jana Miyazaki, Linda Konishi, Flo Langaman, Sharla Aviguetero, Anne Maxeiner, Terri Kakutani & the STEM Students.

Community Partners: Sarah Styan of KCSC, and the Waimea High School Students, KCC COGS, Kaua'i DEV, CORTEVA, Kaua'i Water Department, PMRF, KIUC & Joel Kawate of DOE.

