



Kani Kolea "The Voice of the Kolea"

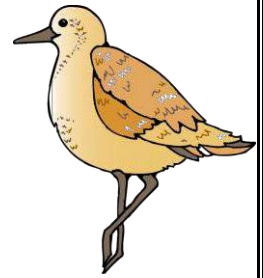
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February 2019

Respect ★ Responsibility ★ Resourcefulness ★ Relationships ★ Resiliency

Principals Corner

Aloha Ahuimanu Ohana,

As a reminder, since adequate supervision is lacking before 7:30am and after 2:00pm (12:35pm on Wednesdays), students should **not** arrive at school **before 7:15am** unless they are enrolled in the YMCA before school program or are purchasing school breakfast from 7:15 to 7:40am. After school, children are to go home promptly, unless they are enrolled in official school programs such as A+ or other school sponsored activities. There have been a few incidents at the park after school. As the safety of our students is a main concern, please talk to your child about making their way home after school or ensure there is supervision for them if they are staying to play at the park. In addition, we have several students bringing personal electronics – such as handheld games – to school. Be advised that our school is not responsible for damaged or lost items. Please leave them at home!

Our Ohana is hosting movie night this month on Friday, February 8th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Bring your low beach chairs and blankets and meet the Ohana members and make some new friends. There are many other events this February. Please refer to the Kani Kolea, the calendars posted by the office or the school calendar to keep track of all of our upcoming events.

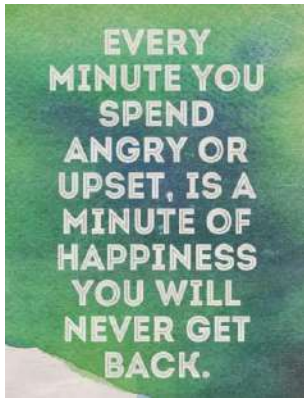
Aloha

Kimi Ikeda, Principal

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY	
Mon 4th - Fri 8th	Valengram for sale recess & lunch and Book Fair in the library
Thur 7th	SCC @ 2:30pm & Ohana mtg @6pm in the library
Fri 8th	OHANA Free Movie Night 6pm Incredibles 2 in the Café
8th & 9th	Windward CC Science Fair
Mon 11th	Teacher Institute Day (No School)
Mon 18th	President's Day (No School)
Tues 19th	Shoeboxes for the Homeless items due to E1
Wed 20th	Career Day
Mon 25th	Hat's Off to Reading Week
Wed 27th	Purple & Gold Assembly Wear School Colors!!
MARCH	
Mon 4th	PC Day - No School
Fri 8th	Spring Picture Day
Thur 14th	SCC @ 2:30pm & Ohana mtg @6pm in the library
Fri 15th	School Yearbook Orders Due
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Spring Break - NO School
Tues 26th	Prince Kuhio Day - No School
Wed 27th & Th 28th	Second Library Book Swap
Wed 27th	P&G STAR Assembly - Relationships - wear school colors

Counselor's Corner



Hi Parents and Students! I hope everyone had a great Winter Break!

This quarter, we're learning about the third ingredient in the Choose Love Formula: Forgiveness. This is a tough one for people of all ages. Students are learning that forgiveness is about choosing to stop feeling angry at someone and deciding not to act in a negative or harmful way toward that person. Perhaps most importantly, students are learning that forgiveness is more than saying, "It's okay" after someone says, "I'm sorry". Forgiving is something they can choose to do for themselves. Whether or not the person apologizes, they can release their anger and live happier and healthier lives.

Congratulations to our Perfect Attendance Winners for January:

K-3: Brooke Asagra & Piper Villano 4-6: Dylan Ayers & Masen Fisher

Recently, many students (and staff!) have been out sick...and the weather we've been having doesn't help. Please take care of yourselves! Wash your hands, bring a jacket just in case, and don't share snacks! Studies show that chronic absenteeism is a red flag that students are headed for academic trouble and at risk for dropping out of high school. Chronically absent students are those who have more than 14 days of the entire school year. Let's work together to help your child continue to be successful and increase attendance! Here are some tips to help your child come to school on time, every day, ready to learn:



- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes, pack backpacks, and/or prepare lunch the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick
- Avoid extended trips when school is in session
- Develop back-up plans to get to school in case something comes up



Special thanks to our wonderful parents (and grandparents!) for getting your keiki to school on time everyday!! Great job!

Silly Valentine (a poem by Mrs. Pua)
Hearts of purple, pink, and red.
Valentine's is one that some people dread.
Others wish it were everyday.
It isn't for everyone, and that's okay.
On this day, we celebrate caring.
Cards and treats are what we're sharing.
We tell others, "I'm glad we're friends."
Here at school or on the weekends.
So at this time, I'd like you to know,
That whether or not you have a beau,
I wrote you this silly Valentine
And hope a smile comes from that straight line:
Roses can be red, but violets aren't blue.
Recess is fun...that'll always be true.
Peanut butter is sticky and so is glue.
Who is special to me? Well, that'd be you!



Mrs. Pua

Ahuimanu Student Council Corner

Scholastic Book Fair & Valengrams

When: February 4th – 8th

Times: Mon/Tue/Th Fri 2 – 2:45pm

Wed 12:35 - 1:05

Every day during 1st recess

Where: School Library

Book Fair: Find the latest and greatest book titles for all grade levels, teens and adults too!! Prices vary by book.

Valengrams: Send your friends a special note to let them know you are thinking of them!!

Price: \$.25 with a bookmarker,

\$1 with a fun eraser

Both events are fund raisers for Student Council

STEM DEPT NEWS

Parents & Students – Please start collecting cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, rinsed and cleaned plastic containers (such as: yogurt or cottage cheese, egg cartons, milk cartons, plastic containers from fruit or eggs) paper towel and toilet paper tubes, and old fabric, pillowcases cut into scraps. Please also consider donating: clear packing tape, duct tape, masking tape – any kind of tape!

All will be revealed soon – we have a fun STEM school event coming up on May 1st!!

Ahuimanu Elementary School Shoeboxes for the Homeless Project

Please join us and other schools in the Castle Complex to collect shoeboxes for the homeless. Your family's participation can help our school win \$1,000. It will also provide much needed support for the homeless in our Kaneohe community.

Suggested Items to Put Into Your Shoebox(es):

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| +Toiletries | +First Aid Supplies | +Flashlights |
| +Stationery | +Toddler Safe Toys | +Non-Perishable Food |
| +Slippers | +Gently Used or New Clothing | +School Supplies |

Please bring your shoeboxes to the school by
Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Thank you!

Brought to you as a community service project by





FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ 6PM

**FREE POPCORN!
FREE ADMISSION!!**

**SUPER HERO DRESS-UP
VALENTINE-GRAMS
SHOEBOX FOR THE HOMELESS**

**RSVP OR MORE INFORMATION -
AHUIMANUMOVIEINIGHT.EVENTBRITE.COM
OR AHUIMANUOHANA@HOTMAIL.COM**

Save the dates...

Regal Bakery

Fundraiser

April 2nd - 18th

Pick-up May 17th

Wog-About

April 24th

Volunteers Needed!

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with ScripNow and pay with PrestoPay.

Ohana Events

August 31 7am
Back to School Breakfast

September 15 9am - 3pm
Fun Fair

October 19 6pm
Fall Movie Night

November
Shop With Scrip Fundraiser

February 8 6pm
Winter Movie Night

March 15 6pm
Spring Family Event

April
Regal Fundraiser

April 24 8am - 11am
Wog-About

May 6
Faculty & Staff
Appreciation Potluck

Dates and events are subject to
change

Meetings

Monthly meetings on the
2nd Thursday of each
month
6pm in the school library

Next Meetings:

February 7
March 13

Contact Us

Email us:
AhuimanuOhana@hotmail.com

Join us on Remind
Text @ohana1819 to
81010

Meet our new Teacher!

Mr. McEwan was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. In high school he played Football, Lacrosse and was on the track team where he threw discus and shot put. He graduated from Florida State University where he received a degree in Finance.

Four years ago he moved to Oahu to be with his sister and he got a job at Kualoa Ranch in the zip line photo area. While he was there, he met a teacher from Kailua High School who planted the idea in him to apply to work at a school as an EA. That is when he joined us 2 years ago at Ahuimanu. It was then that he discovered his passion for working with children, so he went back to school to get his teaching license certificate. Teaching students this year he has discovered his true passion. He has really enjoyed working with all of his students and learning what motivates them to be their best every day.

In his free time he likes to go hiking, fishing and free diving for taco (octopus) – which unfortunately he is allergic to, but his friends enjoy eating what he catches. Every day he swims in the ocean – unless there is a lightning storm. You can catch him reading science fiction books in his free time including every morning before school and every night before he goes to sleep. He enjoys cooks and his specialty is BBQ steak with a secret sauce.

In the future, after a lot more schooling, he would like to work as a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). His future plans also include having 6 children and 6 dogs.

Please help me welcome Mr. McEwan to Ahuimanu Elementary School!!



Ahuimanu Yearbook Reminder!!!

Don't miss out on your 2018-19 School Yearbook!!

Cost: \$20

Cash or online only – NO checks. Send cash to school in envelop provided. Extra envelops are available in the office.

Due by: Friday, March 15th

Order Online: YBPay.lifetouch.com with yearbook ID Code: 13455819

By ordering online, you are automatically added to a master list.



MS-4 Storm Drain Inspection
Faculty/Parent/Community Notification

Dear Faculty, Parents, Students, and Community Members:

In compliance with our annual MS-4 Annual Storm Drain Inspection, we have ascertained that all storm drains on campus are clear and without obstruction. Our faculty has been in-serviced as to the requirements and importance of Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPP).

Please refer to the fact sheet below on Storm Water Pollution Prevention. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our school at #305-4800.

Aloha,

Kimi Ikeda, Principal

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS-4) Program

What is MS-4? Who does it affect?

The small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Program is part of the Environment Protection Agency's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff. Department of Education (DOE) schools on Oahu will incrementally comply with this requirement by initiating programs such as education, monitoring, enforcement, clean-up, and annual reporting. This program affects everyone who uses a DOE campus on Oahu, including staff, students, and all community users.

Although Oahu is currently the only island to initiate this program, (due to its urban density and higher concentration of pollution) all schools can benefit from good housekeeping practices.

Why is this important?

Clean water is essential to life. When it rains, litter, pesticides, green waste, and other pollutants are washed into the storm drain system and eventually flow into our streams and ocean. Large quantity of debris can clog the drain system resulting in flood damage to our schools and neighbors. Small organic and chemical waste can poison our food chain and contaminate our water supplies. Pollution control benefits the environment, wildlife, and people.

How can we help?

The following list suggests a dozen things we can all do to minimize pollution from getting into our water resources. Additional information is available at the EPA's website: www.epa.gov. The contact number for the City & County's Environmental Concern Line is #692-5656.

- Place litter in trash bins.
- Reduce waste. Buy products with less packaging.
- Recycle can, bottles, and paper products.
- Reduce chemical usage such as fertilizers and pesticides.
- Compost green waste. Do it yourself or utilize City green waste collections.
- Protect loose stockpile of soil, fertilizers, and other materials from washing away.
- Report violators of illegal dumping.
- Maintain storm drain systems. Inspect periodically and clean as needed.
- Restrict washing of cars and other vehicles on school campuses.
- Practice proper handling of household hazardous waste and automotive fluids.
- Volunteer for litter and stream cleanups.
- Inform school principal of pollution hazards on campus.