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# Hanalei Elementary School

### Principal's Message ..



Aloha,

Time flies when you're having fun! As we approach the end of the first quarter, I would like to thank the entire Hanalei community for the overwhelming, heartfelt Aloha I have been shown. Serving as the new principal at Hanalei School is an honor and I look forward to working with all stakeholders as we continue to strive for excellence.

Last year, Hanalei School went through an accreditation process. During this process many individuals, both inside and outside of the school, provided a great deal of input and insight. I am extremely pleased to announce, through much hard work and long hours, Hanalei School has received one of the highest terms of accreditation awarded by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC): a six year term with a midterm report. I have listed the highlights and areas of focus gleaned from this process.

School-wide strengths identified by the WASC Committee:

- School has recently placed strong emphasis on inclusive practices school-wide with inclusion and co-teaching in Grades 3-6 in order to close the achievement gap and better meet individual academic and behavioral learning needs.
- Students' learning needs are monitored by the Academic Reflection Team (ART) process quarterly using a common monitoring template that is updated, evaluated and refined as needed.
- A wide variety of on campus and off campus professional development opportunities have been offered to staff.
- Two science part time teachers to support the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards and science strategies.
- Teachers value the time afforded by weekly Professional Learning Community meetings which have evolved to be more teacher-owned and allow more time to examine student work, deconstruct standards, plan instructional strategies, calibrate assessments and discuss challenges of practice.
- The school is a clean, safe, welcoming environment.
- The school has strong community support and involvement that assists the school in a variety of areas from volunteers to guest speakers (SCC, PTSA, Classroom Volunteers, Reading Support and more).
- The entire professional community (teachers, classified staff, admin team and principal) foster a positive and powerful culture of teaching and learning with a focus on each student.

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- The school's various processes enable the importance of teacher and community collaboration and continue to promote open pathways for parent, teacher and student voice.
- The success of the school stems from a culture of open and honest communication with values of integrity and trust.

School-wide critical areas for follow-up identified by WASC Committee:

- The staff needs to develop methods to improve consistency in addressing and assessing the General Learner Outcomes (GLOs) to provide a foundation for school-wide positive behavior expectations, class management strategies, routines and procedures. The staff will conduct activities to improve calibration and assessment of the GLOs.
- The achievement gap is widening between high needs and non high needs students driving the need for the ART to provide additional focused training on the Response to Intervention continuum and process, instructional strategies and assessment practices that work best with the subgroups of Pacific Islanders, Low SES and SPED. The staff will improve Tier I and Tier II instruction through effective high yield strategies.

As identified by WASC and written in our Academic Plan, Hanalei School will focus on the following areas this school year:

- 1. Increase student engagement through Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) & Integrated Units.
- 2. Differentiation (Small Group Instruction, iReady, Achieve 3000, etc.).
- 3. Implementation & Assessment of the GLOs.
- 4. Communicate importance of daily school attendance.

A big congratulations is in order for the entire Hanalei School community for this high honor of accreditation. We encourage you to stop in the school office to check out our accreditation certificate that we are displaying proudly. Also, for the full WASC report, you can visit our school website at <a href="https://hanalei.k12.hi.us">hanalei.k12.hi.us</a>.

Also, Parents please remember to stop in the office and sign your child out if you are picking them up before 2:05 pm. SAFETY FIRST!

Together we can,

Tony Sines, Principal Hanalei School

#### **Important Dates:**

October 1: Anti-bully awareness day. Wear purple to school

October 5:

- Last day of First Quarter!
- Gotcha assembly 10-11:00am
- HI-5 Recycling Day
- Market Day!

October 8-12: Fall Break , No School for Students & Staff

October 15: Students return to School

PBIS assembly

\*Upper el 8:40 & Lower el 9:10\*

October 29: Report Cards sent home October 31: PTSA Halloween Parade & Log-a-Thon!

Jog-a-Thon!

# <u> Market Day!</u>

1st Quarter Market Day will be held on Friday, Oct 5, 2018, at the following times:

> Set Up 12:10 - 12:40 Market Day 12:40 - 1:40 Clean Up 1:40 - 2:00

Our goal is to have at least two booths per class. The more booths; the more fun!! It is not uncommon for parents to group together to run one booth. There's a wide range of booth activities that are offered each quarter depending on parent ideas. Booth examples could be carnival or beach type games for prizes, nail painting, face painting, glitter or flash tattoos, healthy snacks, hard ice, we have even had dance parties where students use their kala to pay for admittance. Pop-up tents for a booth are highly encouraged in case of a rainy Market Day.

Market Day just couldn't happen without you! If you are interested in volunteering to set up a booth, please fill out the form and return it with your child to their classroom teacher.

Hanalei School Staff & Students would like to thank American Savings bank and their team for coming out and painting our Curb sides. We are very thankful & grateful for all your support!



















## A Message from our PTSA

### The Hanalei Initiative

The Hanalei Initiative is hosting a fundraiser dinner and auction on October 14th to raise funds for the first public playground in Hanalei in over 30 years. This sunset event will be held at the historic Faye Estate located on Hanalei Bay. Event time is 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM. We have a fun evening planned featuring world class musicians, a fire show, dishes prepared by our finest local chefs, crafted cocktails, organic wine selection and fun games throughout the expansive lawn of the estate. Each space at the event is a \$250 donation. Tickets are available online at:

Eventbrite.com, under Hanalei Playground

Contact: Sonja Moffat at (808) 346-1155



### Halloween Parade

### Jog-a-Thon

Wednesday, October 31st Jog-a-Thon fundraising packets will go home with students after fall break. Please support this fundraiser as all funds go directly to providing art, music, PE, garden, STEM and other enrichment programs for the keiki. These programs are all funded through donations!



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That means:
NO - food cans, jars, or bottles. <u>Only beverage containers</u>
NO - wine, liquor or champagne bottles, beer bottles are o.k
IO - plastic milk jugs or XL plastic water or juice containers,
plastics must be 2 liters (64oz.) or smaller

Have a question if it's HI-5 or not ?

Look for the HI-5 label or sticker and if it's not a beverage, it's not HI-5\*\*

Spread the Word, thank you !!!



**Box Top Program** - Box Tops help support our Positive Behavior Support programs (incentives and rewards for students who display positive behaviors at school - which includes our Gotcha prizes!). Please help our school raise money to support these programs by cutting out and bringing in Box Tops coupons from the products you use. Box Tops can be turned in to the front office, or in your student's classroom. Mahalo for your support!



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