



# Ele'ele Elementary School



## Newsletter ~~2023~~

Happy New Year Mustang 'Ohana,


Welcome 2023! I hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. The new year always brings about reflection and the feeling of necessary change or improvement. As we move forward into our second semester these are some areas we are highlighting:

- Currently, our attendance is averaging 92%. We would like to increase our attendance to 95% by the end of the year. Please stay healthy and be sure your child is in school everyday. Teacher instruction is crucial to our students' success. 27 students had perfect attendance in the 1st semester. Perfect attendance is counted as "In School and On Time" Congratulations to our perfect attendance students. A list will be coming out in February's newsletter. Keep up your great health!
- Construction on our campus is slowly ending. A huge mahalo to all the contractors working so hard for our students safety and school beautification!
  - Cafeteria roof will be completed by January 5, 2023
  - Sidewalk construction is partially approved and waiting for railings. Next will be to seed the lawn so our grass will grow in.
  - D Building foundation is still under construction and we hope to have that work completed by March.
  - New K-2 Play Pod is waiting for the rubberized foundation. We hope to have that open by mid January.

Our faculty and staff are committed to quality instruction for the success of our students. With this commitment we will continue to utilize our early release days and work days to take a closer look at our instructional practices, quality facilities, implementation of our school programs and efficient schedules all focused on supporting student success.

We mahalo our Mustang Ohana for *"Working together for our children's future"* and look forward to a successful second semester.

Mahalo piha,  
Allison L. Carveiro  
Principal



### Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

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**JAN 4**  
SCHOOL RESUMES

**JAN 5**  
MALAMA KEIKI DISTRIBUTION

**JAN 10**  
PTSA MEETING LIBRARY  
4:30 - 5:30 PM

**JAN 11**  
PRE/K - 1ST GRADES  
COFFEE HOUR  
8:00 - 9:00 AM

**JAN 16**  
NO SCHOOL  
MLK DAY

**JAN 18**  
2ND & 3RD GRADE  
COFFEE HOUR  
8:00 - 9:00 AM

**\*REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION**

**JAN 20**  
SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

**JAN 25**  
4TH & 5TH GRADE  
COFFEE HOUR  
8:00 - 9:00 AM

**JAN 23**  
NO SCHOOL WEST  
COMPLEX WAIVER DAY

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



We will be accepting Kindergarten applications for the school year 2023-2024 starting February 1st. Children must be 5 years old by July 31st. Stop by the Office for an application packet.

Please return the completed application with your child's birth certificate, proof of residence, health record, and TB clearance.

# PTSA MEETINGS

Please join us IN-PERSON at our upcoming Eleele PTSA meetings in the Eleele School Library from 4:30-5:30 pm (see dates below). We'd love to meet with everyone, especially our new members for 2022-23. If you cannot make it to campus, we have a virtual option for you to participate. Please email [eleele.schoolptsa@gmail.com](mailto:eleele.schoolptsa@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

Jan 10, 2023 04:30 PM

Feb 14, 2023 04:30 PM

Mar 14, 2023 04:30 PM

Apr 11, 2023 04:30 PM

May 9, 2023 04:30 PM

\*subject to change with notice.



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



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School Website  
[eleeleschool.k12.hi.us](http://eleeleschool.k12.hi.us)

# Mark Your Calendars

FEBRUARY 14TH  
SWEETHEART LUNCHEON  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

MARCH 2ND  
READ ACROSS AMERICA  
GREEN EGGS & HAM FRIED RICE  
BREAKFAST EVENT  
7:00 - 7:45 AM

# CONTACT YOUR PCNC FACILITATOR

(Parent Community Networking Center)



[mahealani.contrades-brun@k12.hi.us](mailto:mahealani.contrades-brun@k12.hi.us)  
808.335.2111 ext. 152

'Ohana  
ENGAGEMENT



2023 is here! We truly hope you had a wonderful break with family and loved ones. We welcome students back...excited for this time of year when students make SO much academic growth! This month we are also teaching the behaviors of SUPER STUDENTS.

In the new year, your students will begin to study the Choose Love value of Forgiveness in Wellness Class. At 'Ele'ele School, we truly believe in fresh starts and having a growth mindset!

This season of making New Year's resolutions for self-improvement ties perfectly into Forgiveness. We first learn about Forgiveness by applying it to ourselves! We all can grow and change, and no student, parent, or school staff member is limited in who they can become with small daily efforts to grow.

"Parent guilt" is something many caregivers struggle with. Please remember, the feeling of guilt is only ever meant to be a signal or short-term tug - never to be lived in! It is simply a feeling when our awareness grows towards something we see we would like to change and improve (if it is within our power to do so). So, let go of the guilt! Praise yourself for all that you do well in your role. Kids love us - flaws and all - and they can teach us a lot about moving on. The greatest antidote to any "parent guilt" feeling is when it comes, to take a small action in the right direction...just begin. It will build momentum.

With the new year, perhaps your reflection to act may include: supporting your student being to school - every day on time, making a fun regular bedtime routine, designing a peaceful strategy for when family contentions arise, planning a healthy breakfast, setting aside time to read together, practicing math facts when on a car ride with your child, or finding a creative way to reach out and offer your help (digital or otherwise) to a teacher.

A couple of family discussion questions you might share together:

What is one less than positive behavior or habit you have done in the past that you would like to let go of? Can you forgive yourself, and move forward towards something you'd like to do more instead?

Parents/Guardians: What is one small change I can make or try to better support my child in school success?

When we FOR GIVE ourselves, we GIVE something better. :) Students will be asked to reflect on something they would like to GIVE this year - perhaps they'd like to listen to their teacher better, be a greater peacemaker on the playground, or challenge themselves towards a new academic height.

So, out with the old and in with the new. Let's all grow...together.

Sending a wish for greater self love and compassion,

Elisabeth Gardner  
School Counselor

# 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.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration begins February 1st  
Pick up application from front office.

## 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.

## 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](http://ehr.k12.hi.us)

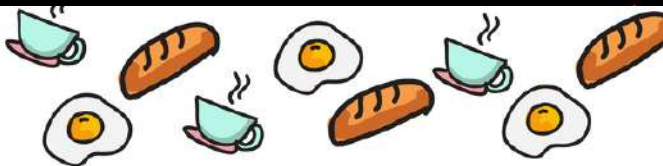
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## Wake Up Wednesdays

Join us for breakfast from 7:00am-7:40am

JANUARY 11, 2023

pork sausage patty with rice  
mixed fruits & fruit juice

JANUARY 18, 2023

portuguese sausage with rice  
apple sauce & raisins

JANUARY 25, 2023

pizza bagel  
mixes fruits & fruit juice



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## COFFEE HOUR with Mrs. Carveiro



PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE  
WEDNESDAY 01/11/23 8-9:00 AM

2ND & 3RD GRADES  
WEDNESDAY 1/18/23 8-9:00 AM

4TH & 5TH GRADES  
WEDNESDAY 1/25 23 8-9:00 AM



EDUCATION + GRATITUDE + FORGIVENESS + COMPASSION IN ACTION = THE CHOOSE LOVE FORMULA **choose love** movement

FORGIVENESS is a gift you give to yourself and others.

# JANUARY 2023

It's a new year! Practice letting go of anger, sadness or resentment toward yourself or others. You don't have to forget or excuse how you feel but you can cut the cord that attaches you to pain. Let it go!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Make a list of some things you want to do this year.	3 Make a list of what you are grateful for.	4 What do you need to forgive yourself for?	5 Be thoughtful of others and do an act of kindness.	6 Forgiveness Friday. Draw a picture of yourself cutting the cord to anger and hurt.	7 Be kind to yourself.
8 What are 3 things that make you feel good?	9 Take a forgiveness breath.	10 Talk to someone about an angry or sad feeling that you have.	11 Write an apology note to someone.	12 Don't worry, be happy.	13 It's Rubber Ducky Day! Brighten someone's day with a cute rubber duck!	14 Have a lot of fun!
15 You have been working hard. Take a craft break. Make a fun snowflake.	16 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day.</b> "Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude." -Martin Luther King Jr.	17 Can you name benefits of practicing forgiveness?	18 It's Winnie-The-Pooh Day! Read "Forgive and Forget" and learn how Rabbit forgives.	19 How will you choose love today?	20 Forgiveness Friday. Write a poem about forgiveness. What does forgiveness look like, sound like or feel like?	21 Share your forgiveness poem with someone special.
22 There are many ways to say "sorry"; in Hawaiian it is E Kala Mai la'u.	23 Write kind messages on sticky notes and leave them for others to find!	24 Think of a mistake you made. What can you do to forgive yourself?	25 Make a Forgive and then Forgive S'More craft.	26 Did you feel angry today? Think of how you can forgive yourself for having negative feelings.	27 Forgiveness Friday. Imagine forgiveness is like putting down a heavy weight. Draw a picture of what that feels like to you.	28 Take a mindful minute.
29 Smile and share happiness with someone!	30 Change an angry thought into a loving one.	31 Listen to the whimsical "Uncle Albert" by Paul McCartney. It's about saying sorry.				

"Forgiveness is not weak. It takes courage to face and overcome powerful emotions." -Desmond Tutu



# Mahalo

# LITERACY NIGHT

*Attendees, Community Partners & Volunteers*

Mahalo nūnui for those who attended our literacy event.

We would like to Mahalo Kaua'i Food Bank, Kaua'i for sponsoring our event and blessing our students with school supplies, refreshments and fresh fruits. We are thankful fo Raina Santos, Tisha Remigio, Michelle Panoke and Wes Perreira for supporting our school and for all of your hard work.

Another special Mahalo to Lea Lynch her amazing daughters Dorothy & Margeret for reading to our students and raising funds to purchase and donate 300 books to our school.

Mahalo to Mindy Gipson from Hanapēpē Public Library for assisting our families with the application process for State library cards and also reading to our students.

Our Mustang `Ohana are so thankful for our community partners!



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