

PCNC Corner

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Kapolei Middle School



Your New PCNC Facilitator is Onboard!

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Aloha! I am Iris Figueroa, your newly seated Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC) Facilitator at Kapolei Middle School (KMS). We bid Mrs. Terry Bunkley a fond farewell as she retires from an impressive 30-year career with the HDOE and this position.

My family and I live in Kapolei, with my son in KMS. I am a native of Puerto Rico and a 21-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. While my background in the DOE is limited, I bring with me initiative, leadership, and dedication. My passion lies in networking for resources and services to support OUR community.

And so, here I am ... excited to call KMS home

and looking forward to connecting families, teachers, volunteers, and community as we create partnerships to enhance the educational performance and well-being of our KMS students.

That initiative will not happen overnight and I ask for your support as we navigate the way ahead. In doing so, **I ask for your inputs on what you would like to see in the coming months and years**, while considering the mission of the PCNC (outlined below).

My intent is to share this newsletter with you with additional stories as we proceed along each academic quarter. If you (families, teachers, volunteers, and

community) have something to share with the masses, be it a story, KMS event and pictures, call-out for community support, etc., please respond to my request for such as I send it in advance of publication.

➔ *A few of our first events this school year are highlighted within this newsletter — please support when and where you can.*

My contact information is noted on the back of this issue, but I welcome you to swing by the PCNC (located in the Administrative Building at KMS) to talk story!

Mahalo nui,
Iris

The PCNC Program at a Glance

The mission of the PCNC is "to develop a sense of community and a caring learning network to strengthen family, neighborhood, school, and classroom for every student's well-being and attainment of standards".

Kapolei Middle School's PCNC is the focal point for

networking students and their families with the resources and services of the school and community. As the Facilitator, my services include:

- liaising between school, parents, and the community.
- providing information on school and community activities,

programs, and services.

- holding parent workshops.
- coordinating and training volunteers to assist with school and classroom activities.
- sponsoring community fundraising drives.

#SUICIDEPREVENTIONMONTH #SPM24

September is National Suicide Prevention Month – a time to remember the lives lost to suicide, acknowledge the millions more who have experienced suicidal thoughts, and the many individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by suicide. It is also a time to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope.

During September, and throughout the year, we can care about suicide prevention; connect to community, culture, data, and research; and collaborate with others to address this public health problem that has impacted millions of Americans.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/suicide-prevention-month>

Volunteer

The first community volunteer event for the school year is here! Volunteering is at the heart of citizen action and participation in communities. Please support where support is needed.

Who: Villages of Kapolei (VOKA) Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW),
in partnership with Kapolei City Lions Club and Hawaii Police Department

What: Bridge Clean-Up of Graffiti and Repainting

When: Saturday, 28 September 2024 // 8AM – TBD

Where: Bridge between KMS and Ka Makana Ali'i, parking is at Wendy's

Why: To show pride and foster community ownership

RSVP: *Not required — Hope to see you there!*



Fundraiser

Is it ever too early for the holidays? Not at KMS! Below is a fantastic opportunity to knock something off your holiday shopping list. A percentage of each sale comes back to the school for additional support to our students.

****Please be sure to choose 'Kapolei Middle School' from the drop-down menu titled "Choose your group" when making your purchase online.**



The poster features a white background framed by a lush green pine branch border. At the top left is the logo for HABILITAT FUNDRAISING, which includes a green triangle icon and the website www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com. To the right is a QR code enclosed in a red circular graphic that resembles a Christmas ornament. In the center is the Kapolei Middle School logo, consisting of a large blue 'K' with a white zig-zag pattern on its left side, and the words 'Kapolei Middle School' in a grey script font below it. Below the logo, the text 'ALOHA FRIENDS AND FAMILY,' is written in a green, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text follows, explaining the partnership and the fundraising opportunity. Below this text, the phrase 'SELL ONE TREE WIN AN LED LIGHT STICK!' is displayed in red and green, with a colorful LED light stick graphic to the right. Underneath, the deadline 'ORDERS DUE BY 10/25/24' is written in red. At the bottom, five Christmas tree options are shown: three of varying sizes and two smaller options (a wreath and a small tree). Below the trees, the text '& CONVENIENT PICKUP LOCATIONS' is written in red, followed by a list of locations: 'HAWAII KAI | HONOLULU | SALT LAKE | MILILANI | KAPOLEI | KAILUA'. The entire poster is set against a white background with a red border at the bottom containing the text 'Order Online! www.HAWAIICHRISTMASTREES.COM' in white.

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www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com

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ALOHA FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

Kapolei Middle School is thrilled to partner with Habilitat to offer an easy fundraising opportunity. It's simple: ask your 'ohana to purchase their Christmas tree through Kapolei Middle School. Habilitat has been selling Christmas trees for over 40 years. Please share this with your friends, family, and co-workers. Place your orders online and be sure to spread the word on social media!

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Donation

Our Home Economics teacher is seeking your support with an 8th grade project where the students will be making a reusable shopping bag out of rice and feed bags. The students have three designs to choose from (examples pictured below).

If you have any **rice** or **feed** bags that you would like to pass along, I am happy to collect them in the PCNC for the teacher. Mahalo nui in advance for the support!



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PCNC Goals

- ⇒ To welcome all families into the school community
- ⇒ To communicate effectively
- ⇒ To support student success
- ⇒ To speak up for every child
- ⇒ To share power
- ⇒ To engage / partner with community

#GetInvolved

**Make a Difference
By Getting Involved**