


KMS Newsletter

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Principal's Message



Dear Kapolei 'Ohana,

As your Principal, I am honored to continue serving Kapolei Middle School.. I am excited to build upon our progress last year and create an even more vibrant and supportive learning environment for our students.

Our school remains dedicated to providing diverse opportunities for our students to explore their passions and interests. We aim to ignite curiosity and a thirst for knowledge in every student while providing the support and motivation they need to succeed.

Together, we can make Kapolei Middle School a place where students do well academically and

Reminders



NO food drop-offs are allowed during the school day. All outside food must be brought onto campus before the start of school. School lunch is available for purchase if needed.

Fall Break - October 7-11, 2024

- No School

behaviorally. By working together as a community, we can mold our students into future leaders who are not only knowledgeable but also compassionate and responsible.

Thank you for your continued trust in our school. Together, we will create a dynamic learning environment where students flourish and are well-prepared for future success in high school and beyond.

Mahalo,

Daryl Agena
Principal, Kapolei Middle School

Teacher Professional Development

Like our students, our teachers are continuously learning. On September 20th, our staff learned about solar design & a free online program where students can learn how to place photovoltaic (PV) panels & see how much energy can be produced

depending on their placement. After the workshop, some of our staff members had the opportunity to visit the AES Solar Farm in Makakilo to learn about the energy being created by the PV panels.



#NATIONALBULLYINGPREVENTIONMONTH2024

October is National Bullying Prevention Month—Bullying has devastating effects on children and families such as school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, and depression. Bullying can occur in multiple ways. It can be verbal, physical, through social exclusion, or via digital sources like email, texts, or social media. Unlike mutual teasing or fighting, bullying occurs when one person or a group of people is perceived as being more powerful than another and takes advantage of that power through repeated physical assaults, threats of harm, intimidation, or by purposefully excluding a person from a valued social group. Being bullied can severely affect the person's self-image, social interactions, and school performance and can lead to mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and substance use, and even suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-bullying-prevention-month>

O'ahu Construction Career Day

KMS students had the opportunity to attend the O'ahu Construction Career Day at Aloha Stadium on September 19th and learn about careers in construction from different trades-men and -women. They were introduced to a variety of equipment used in the construction industry and operated various equipment and machinery! They also learned how to level cement, apply drywall, and other construction industry skills.

Teachers: Bridget Agor-Choo & Sherly Kuroda

Additional KMS Chaperones:

Darcy Coronil,
Chayne Garma,
Sarah Iverson,
Kristy Markham,
Courtney Omai,
& Julie Seminavage



No-Vape Campaign Mural

On September 26th, KMS 8th grade Advisory Ambassadors unveiled an anti-vape mural and wrote their selected affirmations. The mural was designed by *Keep It Flowing's* artist Ken "East" Nishimura, in partnership with the Hawai'i Public Health Institute to promote their 808NOVAPE campaign.

808NOVAPE is a vaping prevention campaign providing presentations for elementary, middle, and high school students across O'ahu. For the last five years, Hawai'i has been experiencing a youth vaping epidemic, with prevalence rates between our high school and middle school students among the highest in the nation. Prevention education regarding the addictiveness of nicotine and the health risks of using tobacco products are one of the strategies employed to help bring those rates down.



Challenger Learning Center

On September 13th, 30 select 8th grade students were the FIRST on the island to test pilot a new mission at Challenger Learning Center, Expedition Mars.



Kapolei's Ultimate Buying Establishment

KUBE, our school store, is open every morning before school & during lunches on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Students may use their earned Positive Behavior Warrior Points to purchase school supplies, keeping parents/guardians from having to do those last minute runs to the store. No cash needed!



Here is a short list of what KUBE carries:

- Composition Books
- Folder Paper
- Folders
- Pens
- Pencils
- Mechanical Pencil Lead (0.5, 0.7, 0.9)
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Protractors



PCNC Corner

Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC)



Anti-Bullying Reporting App

Speak Now HIDOE is a reporting app that allows you to instantly send information about bullying incidents on campus to appropriate school officials.

HIDOE's anti-bullying app gives students another option in reporting bullying incidents that happen on campus, on HIDOE transportation, or during HIDOE-sponsored events — digitally, with an option to be anonymous. The reporting tool can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Students can still report any incident in person to a trusted adult.

Report a bullying incident. Be an upstander.

<https://www.speaknowhidoec.com/>



Community Pride

The community came together on September 28th to support the first volunteer event of the school year. KMS, in partnership with the Villages of Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch, the Kapolei City Lions Club, & the Hawaii Police Department helped to clean the bridge between Wendy's & KMS of graffiti, repainting it in an act of pride & fostering of community ownership.

Volunteering is at the heart of citizen action & participation in communities. Please support where support is needed.



Spread the Word

The HPD Police Activities League (PAL) coed basketball season is in full swing!!

Who: Ages 5-12



What: Coed Basketball

When: Mondays & Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30PM, thru December

Where: Kapolei Basketball Courts

(located in Kapolei Community Park @ 91-1111 Kamaaha Loop)

Why: To invest in activities for youths.

POC: Coach P. (808) 388-2460 ... Call for more information.

KMS Fundraising Drive

HABILITAT FUNDRAISING
www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com

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Kapolei Middle School

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!

**SELL ONE TREE
WIN AN LED LIGHT STICK!**

ORDERS DUE BY 10/25/24

6 CONVENIENT PICKUP LOCATIONS
HAWAII KAI | HONOLULU | SALT LAKE | MILILANI | KAPOLEI | KAILUA

Order Online! www.HAWAIICHRISTMASTREES.COM

If you haven't already placed your order for a Christmas tree, wreath, or door charm, let KMS help you knock something off your holiday shopping list!

It's never too early to get your orders in. Place your orders @ **<https://habilitat.com/hawaii-christmas-trees-fundraiser>** by October 25th.

Pick-up will be Saturday, December 7th 7:00am - 4:30pm at your selected location.

****When making your purchase online, please be sure to choose 'Kapolei Middle' from the drop-down menu titled "Choose your group", & also add the student you are supporting (for prizes!) at check-out in the box titled "Student/Player Name".**

A percentage of each sale comes back to the school for additional support to our students.

KMS Donation Drive

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 & 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 our Home Economics teacher.

Mahalo nui in advance for the support!



Community Donation Drive

Make a lifesaving impact for Oahu's pets in need. Your KMS PCNC is hosting a donation drive for essential pet supplies to provide the best possible care & enrichment for the animals in need at the Hawaiian Humane Society Kosasa Family Campus at Ho'opili.

Immediate donation needs:

- Newspapers
- Clean linens, towels, & blankets
- Dog beds (all sizes, clean, lightly used - no holes please!)
- Dog treats (new, unopened, unexpired)
- Cat care supplies (empty shoe boxes, empty toilet paper rolls, litter, litter boxes, enrichment items)
- Dog/cat toys (no rope toys or stuffed toys with hard buttons)



Donated supplies can be dropped off in the labeled container at the KMS Administration Building this month, between October 1st & 31st.

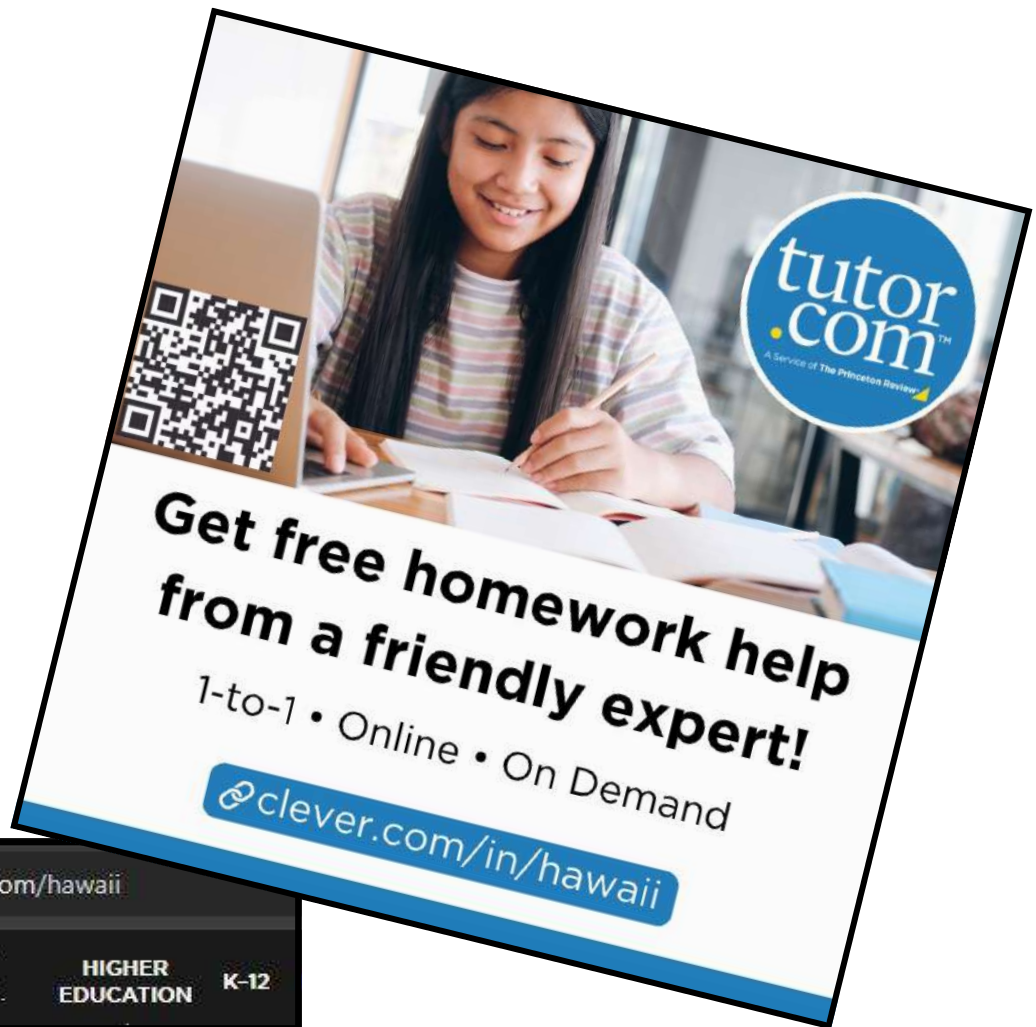
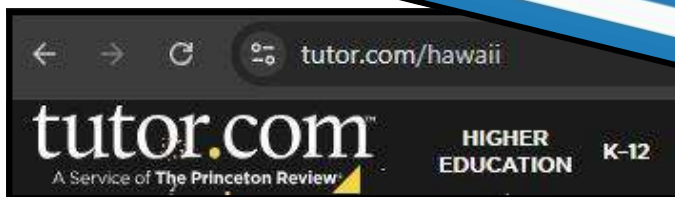


Individualized Tutoring and Homework Help

Available for
Hawaii public
school students
in grades K - 12

Access 24/7 tutoring,
homework help, &
other learning resources
at no cost to individual
schools or students.

*Students can access
Tutor.com through
Clever.*



Your PCNC Facilitator is:

Iris Figueroa

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**Parent-Community
Networking Center (PCNC)**

Kapolei Middle School
91-5335 Kapolei Parkway
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Located in the Administration Building

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**