



Principal's Message



Aloha Lihikai 'Ohana,

As we near the end of the semester, I look back and think about how quickly it's gone by. I think about all that we've been through; yet, I am excited for all that's still to come.

We had a challenging start to the year with the wildfires. I want to acknowledge everyone's flexibility, courage and resiliency as we moved quickly adapting to an unprecedented turn of events. I especially want to thank our Lahaina families for trusting us and becoming a part of our 'ohana. In all times, particularly times of adversity, we are Lihikai Strong and continue to do our best to live our mission - *Every day...Every moment...Every child!*

In this newsletter, you will read about highlights of our first semester. In addition to daily academic instruction and learning, we do our best to provide exposure and opportunity for your child to develop holistically and experience growth and success in a variety of ways. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the different activities your child experienced. And, there's more to come!

The holiday season can be hectic. Amidst the hustle and bustle, please find moments to enjoy quality time with family and friends; it's what makes the holidays so special and memorable! I wish you all a safe and joy-filled holiday season and a healthy and promising 2024! See you in the new year!

Aloha,

Barbara Oura Tavares

UPCOMING DATES:

- DEC 22-JAN 2 _____ WINTER BREAK (no school)
- JAN 5 _____ Teacher Workday (no school)
- JAN 8 _____ STUDENTS RETURN (Q3 begins)
- JAN 12 _____ Waiver Day (no school)
- JAN 15 _____ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)

SUBMIT: FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY

Lihikai's goal is to get 100%. We have about 75% surveys submitted so far. Mahalo!

Important Reminders for Parents:

ABSENCES: If your child will be/is absent, please be sure to contact our school office at (808) 727-4500. School attendance is vital to your child's learning; please keep healthy so your child can attend daily!

DROP-OFF: Please remember, no students should be on campus prior to 7:00 AM. We do not have campus supervision prior to 7:00 AM and it is not safe for them to be unattended.

DISMISSAL: Thank you for the continued patience and understanding. To help dismissal go smoother and safer, please:

1. Ensure your child knows how they are going home daily (ex. bus, A+, meeting at a gate, getting picked up/by who, etc.)
2. Follow traffic flow/lanes – do NOT weave in and out or make your own lane as it's not safe, accidents occur and it causes more congestion. Move forward when possible to keep the flow going.
3. On Tue/Thu the bus arrives at 2:30 PM for pick-up – we appreciate your understanding.
4. WEDNESDAYS – school ends early at 1:15 PM.

SCHOOL MESSENGER: If you haven't already, sign-up to receive the latest information, updates and reminders from Lihikai. Just text "Y" to 67587.

CONTACT INFO: Please keep our school office and your child's teacher updated with any changes in your contact info. (phone, address, etc.)



Choose Love is the program we use to teach positive behaviors and support each student's social and emotional learning. Please discuss with your child this month's focus with your child.

We are focusing on (till 12/21)...gratitude

We choose love by having **gratitude** (being thankful) even when things are hard. I choose to:

- Take gratitude breaths to help my mind, body and heart relax so I can be mindful of the gratitude I have.
- Think about the many things and people I am thankful for.
- Have gratitude for myself.
- Let others know that I am thankful for their kind actions.

As a "Choose Love" school, we believe that courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion-in-action are the way forward.



MAUI STRONG

The devastating wildfires have touched us all in some way. In the wake of this tragedy, we welcomed new families to our Lihikai 'Ohana. While we understand we can never replace what once was, we hope to offer a new sense of aloha and belonging.



EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH HIP HOP

On August 23rd, we welcomed Dr. Blake Brandes for school assemblies and an exciting family night. Dr. Brandes has his PhD in Hip Hop and uses his talents to encourage us to have a growth mindset. By believing and thinking positively, we can be empowered to do anything!

CHOOSE LOVE W/ AUNTY DAWN & DJ ALOHA

On September 5th, Lihikai was fortunate to have a visit from Aunty Dawn and DJ Aloha of the Choose Love, Choose Aloha campaign. Our keiki in all grades were treated a fun-filled assembly with messages of kindness and aloha.



FRANK DE LIMA'S ALOHA ASSEMBLY

On September 7th, we were paid a final visit by the famous local comedian, Frank De Lima. Mr. De Lima will be moving to the mainland, so this is his final year of school visits. Our students delighted in his fun songs and dances with silly costumes and a touch of local flare! We learned about being a good student, community member, and having good selfcare to stay healthy. Mahalo and a hui hou, Uncle Frank!

CHOOSE LOVE NIGHT w/ AUNTY DAWN & SCARLETT LEWIS

On the evening of September 25th, Lihikai welcomed back Aunty Dawn, and were honored to have Scarlett Lewis host a Choose Love family evening. Ms. Lewis, the founder of the Choose Love Movement, shared her tragic personal story and how the Choose Love Movement began. Scarlett shared messages of courage, gratitude, forgiveness and compassion. photo credit: <https://www.thehealthy.com/mental-health/coping-with-anger-and-grief/>



EL FAMILY NIGHT #1

On November 9th, we hosted our first EL Family Night of the year. Our awesome EL students and their families joined us to hear about the EL program here at Lihikai and participated in a fun "Cultural BINGO" activity. Everyone shared in

new learning, prizes and a fun-filled night. EL families - Please be on the look out for an invitation to our next EL night in Semester 2!

JPO INDUCTION

Lihikai's Junior Police Officer & Ambassador Program helps students learn to be positive leaders in school and the community. You can see our JPOs helping out at our crosswalks, with after school pick up and they help on campus in other ways. Lihikai was proud to formally induct these awesome students into our JPO Program on the evening of November 15th. Congratulations to all our SY23-24 JPO Officers/Ambassadors!



SPELLING BEE

On the evening of December 1st, we held our second annual Lihikai Spelling Bee Competition. A total of 24 third, fourth, and fifth grade participants battled their spelling wits with words like *polarized*, *financial*, and *compression*. Congratulations to all our participants and winners: Winner - Naihoha Paulino; 1st Runner up - Jaysen Acoba; 2nd Runner up - Foley Tukana!



SURFER-of-the-MONTH ROLE CALL!!!

Congratulations to the following Surfers for being named "Surfer-of-the-Month" in SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, or NOVEMBER.

Kinder

SEP: Jace Garcia Lopez, Savannah Felipe, 'Aukai Hosino, Kinsey Kim, Kolokea Hauoli-Souza. **OCT:** Zachary Agustin, Belen Gonzalez-Salinas, Althea Pascua, Mackenzie Quedding, Izzabella Vinge. **NOV:** Eden Ah Wah, Buck Moriyasu, Hunter Moriyasu, Walton Nelson, Kylea Pahuwa-Makekau.

1st Grade

SEP: Julia Ballesteros, Aubrey Carino, Deanna Comilang, Carmel Corpuz, Kelia Ramento, Lilinoe Respicio. **OCT:** Kaizen Horton, Kyson-Cade Kaina, Shanaea Ramos, Amer Sanado, Lilydia Souza, Roven Tumacder. **NOV:** Tracey Casteneda, Margaux Constantino, Shysten Kealoha, Zaccheo Refaral, Ayva Sambrano, Angela Tesoro.

2nd Grade

SEP: Maiah Asuncion, Dazzlyn Bal-Feliciano, Jumel Fiesta, Paul Kajle, Kate Pagaduan, Bernice Sagrio. **OCT:** Leonard Alamar, Rowen Alamar, Ramzel Fruean, Kuihewa Kaina, Cara-Shaye Raymondo, Ryzen Ujano. **NOV:** Malia Domae, Jack Eitel, Mason Iosefa, Rine Lakmis, Bella-Rose Lind Acang, Aaliyah Oshita.

3rd Grade

SEP: Amia Lapitan, Janelle Pascual, Yara Parilla, Alexia Tadena, Lois Virginio. **OCT:** Aleena Calma, Daniel Cano, Lianna Dela Vega, Ruthea Limbania, Riley Tabon. **NOV:** Skyjah Igarashi, Riley Irinata, Jeremiel Bala, Stella Domingo, Cloude Matela.

4th Grade

SEP: Trace Ai, Juliana Almogela, Yijhea Bezs Bautista, Juliann Palpallatoc, James Udarbe. **OCT:** Arilyn Aurelio, Rylen Hauoli-Souza, Itezen Igarashi, Jaedon Manuel, Liliana Matsui. **NOV:** Keidence Ioane, Tahlia Cagat, Jorbedrik Emejwa, Skyler Evangelista, Geo Camungao.

5th Grade

SEP: Denna DeCambra, Hunter Greig, Jordan Losano, Junah Mori, Xander Remigo, Hosea Tabisola. **OCT:** Alexander Alejo, Ma. Vanessa Castillo, Florenz Manzanillo, Jhiani Pakele, Veronna Santiago. **NOV:** Kenneth Garcia, James Iniba-Lee, Mia Rojas, Wizzy Soriano, Luke Tanaka, Javier Tadena.

You can be Surfer of the Month too! Remember to follow the GLOs, be responsible, respectful, and safe, and choose love every day.