



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KAHULUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Aloha Kahului Elementary School Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! During these unusual times, we are very happy to be greeting your children—even if it is virtually—and we are ready to get back into the routine of school. We have missed everyone so much!

Below is a schedule of what to expect now that we are 100% distance learning for the first quarter. This schedule was designed with three purposes in mind: (1) to provide our students and families with the learning tools and social/emotional support they need to begin this school year; (2) to quickly recover instructional opportunities lost during the fourth quarter of last school year by teaching essential standards from the previous grade level; and (3) helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and academically by ensuring a strong start.

August 17	Technology and classroom supply grab-and-go pick-ups (3-5) Teachers will call families to make contact and answer questions (PS & K-2)
August 18	Technology and/or classroom supply grab-and-go pick-ups (PS & K-2) Teachers will call families to make contact and answer questions (3-5)
August 19	Students' first day online with teachers (welcoming activities, distance learning routines and procedures, and technology checks)
August 20	Students' second day online with teachers (welcoming activities, distance learning routines and procedures, and technology checks)
August 21	NO SCHOOL – Statehood Day
August 24 – September 11	Academic Recovery Instruction: Students will learn essential Reading, Writing, and Math standards from the previous grade level (1-5) Distance Learning Readiness and Family Projects (K)
September 14 – October 2	Regular academic instruction based on grade level standards

While we are 100% distance learning this quarter, school breakfast and lunch are still available for your child at the school via drive-through. *(This is different from our grab and go meals last school year, as meals are not being served to the whole community; nor are they free.)* If your child qualifies for free meals, this will still apply. If your child does not qualify for free meals, you will need to ensure that your child has money in his or her meal account at school. For health and safety reasons, there will be no cash or checks exchanged during meal services. Please stop by the main office to make payments.

Breakfast and Lunch Schedule:

7:00 – 7:40	Breakfast
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch

Note: Meals must be consumed off-campus and within 2 hours after being picked up.

This is going to be a challenging school year for everyone because of so much uncertainty. Please know that I am committed to doing everything I can to keep everyone safe while providing an educational experience which will help each child reach his or her greatest potential. My goal is for your children to get to know me not only as their principal, but also as someone who cares deeply about them.

The first weeks of school often can be stressful for students and families under normal circumstances. This is especially true now when nothing seems to be normal anymore. It may be helpful to have conversations about school with your child to ease this stress. For example, you might share what your favorite grade or subject was when you were in school and why. Or, ask your child what his or her goals are for this school year and why. In addition to easing the stress, you will be helping your child practice important academic skills.

If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's education, please call me at (808) 727-4700 or email me at sue.forbes@k12.hi.us.

Mahalo and sincerest wishes for a fantastic school year! We've got this!

With warmest aloha,

Sue Forbes
Principal