



# Parent Newsletter

**Mokulele Elementary School**  
*50 Years of Mokulele Pride*

## Upcoming events

### March 2020

#### March 2

Read Across America  
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

#### March 4

SCC Meeting  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PTO Meeting  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

#### March 10

Spring Picture Day

#### March 11

MES Showcase  
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Parent Coffee Hour  
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM

#### March 12

MES Showcase  
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

#### March 13

Quarter 3 Ends

#### March 16-20

Spring Break  
**NO SCHOOL**

#### March 26

Prince Kuhio Day  
**NO SCHOOL**

#### March 27

VIP Lunch

## Principals Message

Aloha Mokulele 'ohana!

February just flew by and we find ourselves in March! In just a couple short weeks, third quarter will be done and we will take a short break (Spring Break: March 16-20) before starting the final quarter of the school year. It is amazing how much everyone has grown and learned so far this year. Some of our accomplishments will be on display during the Mokulele Showcase. Come and see the amazing learning products in the cafeteria on March 11 and 12 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

On a more serious note; it is difficult to ignore current events and the potential impact the Coronavirus could have on everyone's lives in the near future. While the topic is complicated enough for the adults, it can be a challenge to explain it to our young students in a way that is clear and alleviates some of their stress. I hope the comic that you can download from this [link](#) can be helpful. You can even fold it into a little booklet to share! (Click on this [link for folding instructions](#).)The information is based on an interview on National Public Radio with [Tara Powell](#) at the University of Illinois School of Social Work, [Joy Osofsky](#) at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and Krystal Lewis at the National Institute of Mental Health.

Spring starts on March 19<sup>th</sup>! It seems like a great opportunity to come together for a Campus Beautification event. This will be a small gathering of volunteers on Wednesday, March 18 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Depending on how many people RSVP, we will coordinate projects that can be accomplished within a couple short hours. Possible projects include planting a few trees, cleaning the raised garden, and trimming some areas along 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Please RSVP using this form: <https://forms.gle/xrZG5qP6DdibWxLd6>.

Finally, thank you for completing this year's School Quality Survey. If you haven't been able to complete it yet, please do before March 13<sup>th</sup>. We value your input and hope to have 100% of the surveys completed.

Aloha,  
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*E malama, e a'o aku, e lawelawe me ke aloha. To care, to learn,  
and to serve with compassion.*





## Grade Level News

Each month our Grade Level News will feature highlights about school life at Mokulele Elementary School. Enjoy finding out more about what happens at the Home of the Flyers.

### Kindergarten:

The Kindergarteners are eager to welcome the month of March with Spring time activities. The classes have been very busy with field trips and projects. We will be learning about Dr. Suess, Girl's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring. Please remember, your child's zoo animal project is due on Tuesday, March 3. Please be on the lookout for the Charles "the reptile man" King permission form at the end of March. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your Spring Break.

### Grade 1:

Please use it daily! The JBPHH Dental Team presented each child with a toothbrush and toothpaste and lots of information to keep their teeth sparkling white and healthy. Brush twice a day and keep those cavities away! All of the bad spirits were chased away when the Chinese Lion Dancers came. We learned many of the traditions that the Chinese do to celebrate their 15 days of New Year's festivities. We are sure to have a LUCKY 2020 after feeding the lion LISEE! The 3rd day of March is Hinamatsuri, meaning Doll's Festival, also known as, Girl's Day. We will learn about this special day that is celebrated in Japan and increase our awareness of their culture. A visit to the Honolulu Festival on March 6 will allow us to experience more of Japan and other cultures along the Pacific Rim. We appreciate all of the time and effort that was put into assisting your child in completing their Third Quarter project. This month we will continue our studies on animals and plants and the features that allow them to survive and grow. Be sure to visit the MES Showcase on March 11 and 12. *"LIFE DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT WE BE THE BEST ONLY THAT WE TRY OUR BEST."* H. Jackson Brown Jr.

### Grade 2:

Hello Spring...Farewell Winter

Our 2nd Graders have been studying about Government and the Presidents of the USA and how our country's leaders had a contribution towards helping shape the USA. Please come to view and visit their work at our annual Mokulele Elementary Showcase on March 11 and 12th.





Grade 3:

Third graders have been working on the *Animals in Winter Research Project*. First, students selected the animal they wanted to do research on. They are learning how to look up information on their animal's physical characteristics, habitat, diet, adaptation, and interesting facts. Through this **STEAM** (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) project, students are learning how to write a Rough Draft, edit, and finally make a Final Draft. The most enjoyable part is when they create a Diorama of the animal in its winter environment. Clearly, this is an exciting project!

Grade 4:

March will be a busy month for us... First up is Spring Pictures on Tuesday March 10 - Don't forget to brush your hair, wear your nice clothes, and SMILE for the camera. :) Next.. Student Showcase on Wednesday & Thursday (March 11 -12)- Come down to our Cafeteria to see the talent our 4th graders have as well as the rest of the school. Don't forget that Friday the 13th is the last day of the 3rd Quarter. Weather permitting we will be testing our solar ovens on Friday as well as celebrating PI day during our Passcard celebration. March 16 - 20 is Spring Break! Have a fun filled week!

Reminder: Field Trip forms and Money are Due on March 11. Our field trip will be April 9th to the Taro Patch.

Grade 5:

Ms. Luckie's class is doing their best to help those in need. The 5th Graders are currently collecting food for Hawaii's Food Bank, and they donated \$45 of their recycling monies to help save the koala bears living in Australia's devastating wildfires.

Grade 6:

Happy Saint Patrick's Day. The sixth graders are planning our annual field trip to China town on March 31st. We may make others green (idiom) with all the "swag" we will be bringing back. Our Chinese artifacts are sure to be delightful and delicious (alliteration). We are learning about Classical and Post-Classical China and will begin our journey along the Silk Road later in the month. Our virtual trip will span different cultures, languages, religions, time periods/events, and geographical highlights. Our teacher's personal favorites are "The Trail of Bones", the Taklamakan Desert, and the bubonic plague. Doesn't this sound so fun? We can't wait to begin. Hope we are prepared with the right equipment and skills. Math is another area filled with dangerous pitfalls. We have learned about algebra and must be careful when applying our Order of Operations and solving for the unknown variables. The worst part is creating algebraic equations and inequalities for real world situations. The beginning of March will see the com ple tion (assonance- long e sound) of our Science Fair Projects. Please come to the MES Showcase and see all our hard work. You may even learn something new.



# Kindergarten Registration IS Open

- ❖ Child must be 5 by July 31<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Must bring proof of base housing agreement when you come by the front office to fill out the registration packet
- ❖ Must have birth certificate to ensure the age requirement is met.
- ❖ Prior to the first day of school please bring copies of the up to date immunization record, school physical and the TB clearance.





# Mark your calendars for the MES Showcase!

This Year's Theme: Mokulele's Got Talent!

Showcase Dates: March 11 & 12, 2020

Times: 7:30 am - 5pm

See you there!



## Important Notice

- Yearbook order forms are now available.
  - You can order your yearbooks by going online to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and use yearbook code 1603220 or by filling out the order form and having your child return it to the school
- No school March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Spring Break.
- No School March 26<sup>th</sup>. Prince Kuhio Day.
- A friendly reminder that the schools dumpsters are for the school only. Outside trash is not allowed and the school gets fined. Thank you!
- If you have not done so yet, please notify the front office if you are not returning next year.
- A friendly reminder that the last day to write checks to the school is April 15. After that we can only accept cash.



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**Vision**  
Mokulele Elementary School is a Tribes school where all learners succeed in a safe, positive place that values relationships and relevant learning.

**Mission**  
The mission of Mokulele Elementary School is to provide our students with the skills, knowledge and resiliency to be successful life-long learners in a rapidly changing world.

**Motto**  
"E malama, e a'o aku, e lawelawe me ke aloha" means  
"To care, to learn, and to serve with compassion."

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE

[www.uniformsbytcc.com](http://www.uniformsbytcc.com)

### Mokulele Elementary School NOTICE & REQUEST FOR ACCOMODATIONS

If you are an individual with a disability, please contact the following personnel at 421-4180 to make arrangements for reasonable modifications and accessibility to school events. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your request.

### CONTINUOUS NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion.

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## *WANT THE SCOOP?*

Join your Mokulele Elementary PTO  
On the MES Playground for the annual

## SPRING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Friday, March 13th  
3:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Ice Cream Cups \$.50 ea.**



**\*Register to win a "Back to School" Basket\***





**We are currently looking for a person that could work a couple hours a day as a:**

**Adult Supervisor:**

Duties include supervising the students during lunch time, helping them get settled and keeping order, walking the students out to recess after lunch, and helping the cafeteria staff with light cleaning. Adult Supervisor will also assist in the library shelving books.

*Schedule: 10 hours/wk*

*Compensation: \$10.10/hr*

**Classroom Cleaner:**

The Classroom Cleaner's hours will be 3:00PM-5:00PM Monday through Friday on days that school is in session.

*Schedule: 10 hours/wk*

*Compensation: \$10.10/hr*