



RLSMS Newsletter

Stevenson Middle School - News, updates, and announcements

May 2024

Principal's Message

Aloha Stevenson Middle School Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, I take this moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared together. This year has been one of remarkable accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our students have consistently impressed us with their academic achievements, their artistic talents, and their unwavering dedication to their extracurricular activities. They have participated in Marching Band Parades, performances at Ala Moana Shopping Center and Hawaii Theatre, Science Fair, National History Day, Space Camp, VEX/Robotics events, Geography Bee, ZONI Tour, RHS Film Fest, MLK Peace Poem contest, George Washington Leadership contest, and numerous art and performance competitions, showcasing their intellectual curiosity and their commitment to excellence.

Our faculty and staff have gone above and beyond to create a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our students. Their tireless efforts, innovative teaching methods, and genuine care for each student have played a pivotal role in our students' success.

Together, we've fostered a strong sense of community at Stevenson Middle School increasing our school average daily attendance from 80% three years ago to 92%. We've created a space where students feel supported, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

As we look towards the summer break, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you - our parents, guardians, and family members. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and active participation in school events have been instrumental in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our students.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year at Stevenson Middle School in the fall.

Mahalo nui loa,
Laurie Luczak, Principal



General Announcements

8th Grade Awards and Promotion Ceremony

****SAVE THE DATE****

Thursday, May 30, 2024

9:00 - 10:00 am

School Cafeteria



8th Grade students will be given two admission tickets to the event. Tickets and instructions will be distributed to students on Monday, May 20, 2024. Families and friends may greet 8th graders on the basketball courts following the ceremony.

A livestream feed will be available for the ceremony.

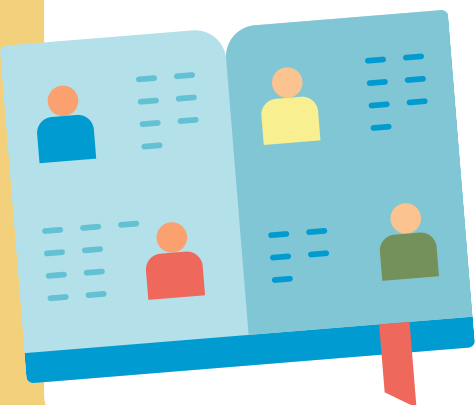
It's a uniform-free day for 8th graders.

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed on Thursday, May 23, 2024 through Advisory classes. A limited supply of yearbooks will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis on:

- Date: Thursday, May, 23, 2024
- Time: Morning recess, Lunch A and B, and afterschool
- Place: Room 106
- Cost: \$35 (cash or check payable to R. L. Stevenson Middle School; receipts will be distributed via Advisory classes)

No pre-orders or reserving of yearbooks will be allowed.



General Announcements

Free Summer Meals at Stevenson Cafeteria

Stevenson Middle School Cafeteria will serve free breakfast and lunch for children 18 years old and under (students do not have to attend Stevenson.) Meals must be consumed in the cafeteria on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meals will be available:

6/10/24-7/2/24

(Not on Tuesday 6/11- Kamehameha Day)

Breakfast: 7:15 - 8:45

Lunch: 10:30 - 12:00



Summer School 2024 Registration




 For Stevenson Middle School Students (currently enrolled or new AND enrolled)

Join us for engaging and enriching summer learning experiences!


Dates: June 3, 2024 - July 2, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Key Information

-  Location: Stevenson Middle School
-  Meals: Both breakfast and lunch will be available. Lunch break is 11:00- 11:30 am
-  End-of-Program Celebration: Join us for a fun celebration on July 2, 2024.

Registration Details:

 Use **QR Code** to register by May 15, 2024, to secure your spot! Register for one (1) of the following:

- Project Based Learning Summer Program, 8:00 - 12:30 PM
- Beginning Band, 8:00 - 10:00 AM
- Returning Band Students 10:30 - 12:30 PM



 For more information, visit our website at rlsms.k12.hi.us.



Office Messages

Meal Accounts

In-person deposits are cash only and must be made at least one day before it is needed in the account.

Deposit Drop Box is located at the front office counter. Loans will not be issued.

Parents may call the school to inquire about balances at (808) 307-3300.

We highly encourage parents to register at ezschoolpay.com to monitor the student's account, make credit card payments (for a small fee: \$0.13 convenience fee + 1.99% transaction fee) and set low balance reminders.

Meal Balance Transfers

All students with negative balances in their meal accounts must deposit money before the last day of school. Negative balances cannot transfer over to the next school year. Parents may call the Office to check meal balances or use ezschoolpay.com.

6th and 7th Grade: Your eTriton (meal) accounts remain active next school year. If you are transferring to a private school or moving out of state, please notify Heidi Yasuda in the Office. We need to refund your balance.

8th Graders: Your accounts will transfer over to any DOE high school (Roosevelt, McKinley, etc.) If you are transferring to a private school or moving out of state, please notify Heidi Yasuda in the Office. We will refund your balance and close your account.

Office Messages



Student Absences

Parents may either call (808) 307-3300 or submit an online form to report a student's absence by 8:30 a.m.

To submit online: go to our school website, rlsms.k12.hi.us, click Forms from the homepage, then click Absence Request Form.

If absences are not reported, a robocall will be sent out.

Uniforms for the 2024-2025 School Year

Please see the chart below to find what uniform your student should wear next school year:



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade

To order school uniforms,
visit kulathreads.com/collections/stevenson-middle-school
or go to our school website.

Registrar's Corner

Parents of 6th and 7th Graders

If your child is not returning to Stevenson Middle School for next school year, please notify Stevenson Middle School's Registrar's Office of your change. For example: moving to the mainland, foreign country, to another school district, or accepted to a private school. Click on the Request for Release link to access the Form and turn it into the Registrar's Office: [Request for Release Form](#).



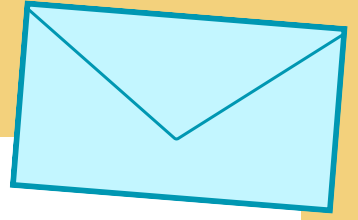
Parents of 8th Graders

If you are moving to the mainland or foreign country after this school year, you need to notify Stevenson's Registrar's Office of this move. Paper work must be prepared for the next school and we need to remove your child's enrollment from the Hawaii DOE High School.

If your child has been accepted to a private school and you will not attend a Hawaii DOE High School next year, you must notify Stevenson's Registrar's Office of your change. Paper work must be prepared for the private school and we need to remove your child's enrollment from the DOE high school. Click on the Request for Release link to access the Form and turn it into the Registrar's Office: [Request for Release Form](#).



Registrar's Corner



For All Students:

Change of Address, Phone #, Email address

If you have a change to your physical/mailling address, phone number, or email address you need to complete and submit an official Student Information Update Form (SIS-II) for physical address changes, attach a current proof of residence (rental agreement, utility bill, mortgage statement).

Student Information Update Form SIS-II and Proof of Residence Acceptable Documents handout can be downloaded off the Stevenson Website: rlsms.k12.hi.us. Turn in completed forms and documents to the school office as soon as possible.

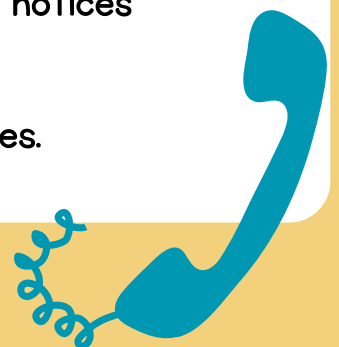
The Importance of Up-to-Date Records

It is very important that we have your correct physical and/or mailing address for the following reasons:

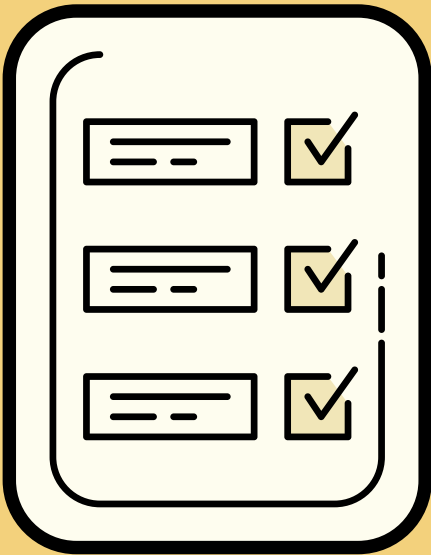
- To receive SPECIAL School mailings.
- To receive Report Cards.

It is very important that we have your correct phone number and email address for School Personnel (Teachers, Counselors, or Administrators):

- To contact you for any concerns, updates, emergent notices regarding your child.
- To inform you of important school notices and updates.



Registrar's Corner



Report Cards

- 4th Quarter Report Cards will be mailed out on June 13, 2024.
- Official transcripts will be ready from June 13, 2024.

Middle School Promotion

All students must earn a unit in each core area of English, Math, Social Studies, and Science to earn a promotion to the next grade level.

Any student failing a core class will be **RETAINED** at the end of the school year.

A total of 12 core subject units must be earned for promotion to grade 9.

If attending summer school to make up a failed core subject, the student and/or parent will be held responsible for bringing the final summer report card to the Stevenson Middle School Registrar's Office to gain promotion and/or insure proper course credit. Promotion to the next grade must be done before the start of next school year, August 5, 2024.

Parents/Guardians of any student in danger of failing a core subject, should consult with their Counselor as soon as possible.

Counselor for Students Last Name A-L: Tricia Araki 307-3333

Counselor for Students Last Name Lu-Z: Christopher Heaton 307-3332

EL Program



WIDA ACCESS Scores

Hello parents! The WIDA ACCESS scores for 2024 will be coming out on May 15th! Please look out for the hard copy of your child's report that will be mailed home. Each student will be reviewing it with their EL Teacher and reflect on their growth and areas of need.

Thank you!
Ms. Amano, Ms. Kashimura, and Mr. Oh

Mini Courses

Patio Gardening

Aloha Students and Families,

Students in the Patio Gardening Mini Course were able to use the last period of each day during SBA testing to spruce up a few patio spaces on campus. Students experimented with planting Sweet Corn, Purple Eggplant, Bell Peppers, Rosemary cuttings, Basil, and a couple varieties of indoor plants.

They were excited and eager to get their hands into the organic soil, roots, and dirt. No one complained! All helped to pitch in and made each day together a productive one. Students will take on the watering of these plants in pairs. Those who wanted to take home a plant to grow at home had the option to choose one for either indoor or outdoor gardening. Hoping the hobby will "take root" and "sprout" 🌱 for them somewhere in their futures!



Mahalo,
Ms. Amano

Student Body Government

Honolulu District Pre-school Play Day

Mahalo to twelve hard working Stevenson students who helped pre-school children with an array of indoor and outdoor activities at the Honolulu District Pre-school Play Day on April 19, 2024.



Students played and engaged with the pre-schoolers and it was a FUN day for all!

Stevenson Band and Orchestra

Parade of Bands April 5th 2024

Parade of Orchestras April 13, 2024

Congratulations to our Adv/Inter Combined Band and our String Orchestra who received their ratings from their performances in April. We're all extremely proud of you and your hard work.

Stevenson Adv/Inter Combined Band
Parade of Bands Rating - Excellent (II)

Stevenson String Orchestra
Parade of Orchestras Rating - Good (III)



Parade of Orchestras Plaque 2024 with Orchestra officers Quincy Higa, Kelly Mae-Daculiat, and Emily Lau

Punchbowl Music Fest April 16

and 17

and OBDA Honor Bands

Concert April 21st



Congrats to all who performed in the OBDA Honor Bands East and Beg Honor Bands East

Concert!

Our Beginning Band and Adv/Inter Combined Band performed in our district band festival alongside Kawanakoa, Ke'elikolani and Washington Middle Schools at Hawaii Theater on April 16 and 17 respectively and all did extremely well. Some nominated students from each school performed in a district Honor Band! We're proud of all of you!

- Samantha Ancheta Percussion
- Mason Badiable Trombone
- Gianne Blanco Clarinet
- Joshua Camara Trumpet
- Danny Chen Trombone
- Caelyn Cheng Percussion
- Allie Feng Flute
- Daniel Gomes III Tenor Sax
- Jayden He Flute
- Laila Meredith Percussion
- Kellen Nakano Clarinet
- Kristin Ng Clarinet
- Piikea Ranis Alto Sax
- Chloe Reyes Oboe
- Celeste Reyes Alto Sax
- Lacey Royce Baritone
- Kyson Saiske Trombone
- Jaysha Tokuda Alto Sax
- Reagen Yee Flute

8th Grade Band and Orchestra Celebration Day!

May 4th 2024



Thank you Class of 2024 for your continued perseverance, hard work, grit, dedication and love for music, performing and for our band and orchestra. It's been nothing but a pleasure to watch you grow, learn, and perform and to guide you along the way. I'm extremely proud of each and every one of you. I wish you nothing but the best in anything and everything you do. I hope you enjoyed your 8th grade celebration day on

May 4th!

-Mr. Shinbo

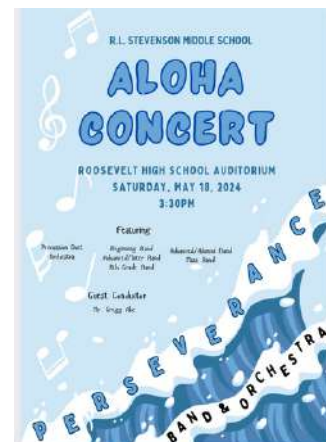
Band and Orchestra Boosters! If you have a child enrolled in Band and Orchestra for the SY 2024-2025 year **WE NEED YOU!** We are looking for booster members and officers. Help us create even more exciting opportunities for our students in performances and events! If you are interested please contact Mr. Shinbo!

marcus.shinbo@k12.hi.us

OUR FINAL EVENT ALOHA CONCERT 2024!

May 18, 2024 3:30 pm at Roosevelt HS Auditorium

We'd love to have you if you can make it!





Afterschool Activities

ZONI trip to Washington DC

The students who signed up to go on the ZONI trip to Washington DC had so many wonderful experiences during their week together.



They stood on the threshold of the bedroom where George Washington took his last breath when he passed away from epiglottitis at Mount Vernon. They stood right in front of the Ford Theater, where Abraham Lincoln was shot in the head and then they walked across the street to stand in front of the house where he passed away nine hours later. They stepped onto the "foreign soil" of the Canadian embassy, which is the only foreign embassy with a direct view to Pennsylvania Avenue where the President passes during his inauguration (a symbol of both our political and geographic closeness to Canada).

They stood inches away from the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights inside of the National Archives, and they stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" speech.

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Afterschool Activities

ZONI Trip to Washington DC (cont.)

Some of the best personal highlights for me, included the opportunity to tell the students about some of my friends who are buried at Arlington National Cemetery and giving them a chance to place their first coins on a military tombstone.



They performed the Stevenson morning oli and sang Hawai'i Pono'i in front of the statue of King Kamehameha in the US Capitol. They found the Hawaii state pillar at the National WWII Memorial and stopped to take frottages of the names of Vietnam veterans from Hawaii who are listed on the National Vietnam Veteran Monument Wall.

It was a wonderful trip that we hope everyone will cherish their memories from forever.

Dr. Pratt

Sign Up for Next Year's ZONI Trip!

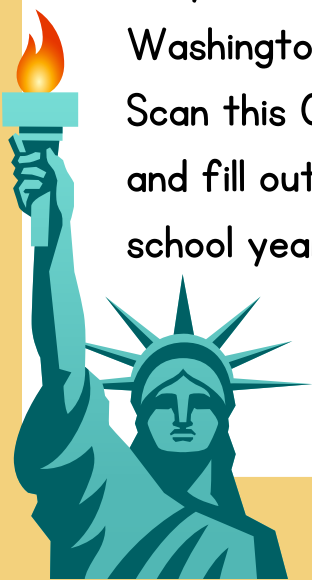
STEVENSON 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS:

Do you want to go to New York and Washington DC next February?

Scan this QR code if you are interested and fill out the form by the end of the school year.



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Educational Tours
 Designed by Educators,
 for Educators.

ZONI TOURS
 Travel. Experience. Educate.

Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School

New York and Washington D.C Trip Tours

Explore the rich history and iconic landmarks of New York City and Washington, D.C. in just a few days. Begin your journey by visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to learn about immigration history. Reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum to gain insight into the events of September 11th. Then, head to Washington, D.C. where you'll delve into American democracy. Explore the Smithsonian museums, pay respects at Arlington National Cemetery, and tour George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. Get a firsthand look at the political institutions with visits to the White House and U.S. Capitol. Wrap up your tour at the National Archives to view the foundational documents of the United States. This trip promises educational experiences and lasting memories for all participants.

Your Package Includes

- Roundtrip airfare
- Hotel accommodations
- 1 free teacher for every 15 paying students
- All transportation between cities and within the itinerary
- Five Lunches and Dinners
- Breakfast each morning at hotel

6 Days Itinerary



Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Tours



Times Square Walk



Empire State Building



Mount Vernon



Arlington Commentary Private Guided Tour



U.S. Navy Memorial, U.S. Capitol Building, White House, World War I and II Memorials, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, The Iwo Jima Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



Tour and Lunch at The National Gallery



American History Museum



Air and Space Museum



The Museum of Natural History

**5 NIGHT
 6 DAYS
 DATES**
 2.11.2025 to 2.17.2025



PRICE

Single



\$3,399

Triple



\$2,799

Double



\$2,899

Squad



\$2,699



Afterschool Activities

Geography Bee

Congratulations to our Geography Bee Team members who qualified to compete at the national level for the International Academic Competitions Geography Bee in Orlando, Florida May 22-27, 2024!

6th grader Ikaika Rodriguez-Nakahara

8th grader Miles Lewis

8th grader Farhan Shams

These three students will represent Stevenson Middle School and the state of Hawai'i during a week-long grueling competition. Wish them the best of luck!

Dr. Pratt



National History Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUCCANEERS WHO QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS!

Only students who took First or Second place were allowed to advance from the state level fair on Saturday, April 20th. The fair did not promote Third place finishers, runner-up candidates, nor Community Award winners. TEN out of our TWELVE competitors brought home gold or silver medals at the state fair!

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Afterschool Activities

Stevenson's NHD Reps

The students traveling to Washington DC to represent the state of Hawai'i this June are:



Kayla Kakesako and Paige Kawana

1st Place Junior Group Documentary - Executive Order 9066:
A Turning Point For Japanese Americans and Civil Rights



Jaylen Ikehara, Terren Lam, and Jacob Nakasone

2nd place Junior Group Exhibit Activating the Internet: A Point
of No Return



Scarlet Smith and Miya Loo

2nd Place Junior Group Website - Radio: A Turning
Point in Connecting Our World



Leila Song, Reika Birn, and Nalani Yamamura

2nd Place Junior Group Performance - A Nuclear
Turning Point Of No Return



Aran Sinnaduray was also awarded the Ali'i Award for
students demonstrating heart, resiliency, and dedication
throughout the transformative journey of Hawai'i History Day.



Please congratulate these students for making
it this far and wish them the best of luck in
their upcoming final level of competition on
June 7-15, 2024!

Afterschool Activities

2024 Honolulu Science & Engineering Fair Junior Division

Congratulations to all scientists who competed at HONSEF!



Back Row (left to right): Christopher Li, Jason Nguyen, Jace Okamoto, Preston Harada, Jaylen Ikehara, Jacob Nakasone, Kayla Kakesako, Quincy Higa, Ava Badiable, Paepae Manoa, Mia Hudson

Front Row (left to right): Brayden Au, Aran Sinnaduray, Jonah Allgood, Terren Lam, Luke Rosa, Paige Kawana, Lillian Yim, Scarlet Smith, Reika Birn, Nalani Yamamura



Left to right:

Paepae Manoa, Quincy Higa,
Jonah Allgood, Jace Okamoto,
Luke Rosa, Preston Harada





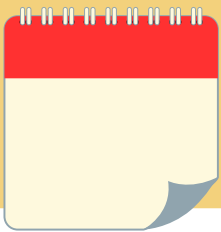
Stevenson APT

Thank you students, families and teachers who participated in our annual Campus Beautification Day in April! A special mahalo to Boy Scouts Pack 35, Boy Scouts Troop 35, Roosevelt JROTC and Representative Andrew Garrett for coming out to support Stevenson. Together, we made big improvements to the greenhouse and were also able to clean up other areas around campus for students to utilize and enjoy.

This month, the APT hosted a luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week to acknowledge our teachers for their dedication to our students and school. Thank you for all you do and enjoy the summer vacation!

As this school year comes to an end, we want to thank the parents and families who have participated in our parent engagement and fundraising events. Your contributions allowed us to fund learning opportunities and enrichment for our students. If you are interested in being more involved, we welcome you to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 4:30pm via Zoom, or please reach out to us (rlsmsapt@gmail.com) anytime.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to your continued support next school year!



Important Dates

- May 15, 2024 - 8th Grade Class Day
- May 21, 2024 - RLSMS SCC Meeting #6
- May 24, 2024 - Aloha 'Oe: Farewell Dinner
- May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day (no school)
- May 30, 2024 - Last Day of School + 8th Grade Awards and Promotion Ceremony



For more information and up-to-date info visit our Website

<https://www.rlsms.k12.hi.us/>

