

# E K O M O M A I

## A Year in Review

This year was one for the books! We started the year emphasizing the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards. Our goal was to have students experience science in a rigorous, exploratory and hands on way in all grades K-6. We achieved that! Our students loved learning science as evidenced by the STEM and garden labs happening in every class. The students' response to science with "yes, we get to do science today" instead of what one might expect was heard across campus.



## May/Summer

May 28 - Memorial Day ( No School )  
 May 29 - 6th Grade/teachers kickball game 8:30am  
 May 29 - Student of the week/End of year assembly 10:00am  
 May 29 - Authors Day 12:00pm  
 May 30 - 6th Grade Graduation 8:30am  
 May 30 - School dismissal at 2:05pm  
 May 31 -Market Day 10:15am, last day of School, 12:50pm dismissal

**August 6, 2018 - First Day of School**

*Newsletter is posted on our website:*

<http://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us/>



## Hanalei School May Day 2018



## A Year in Review - Continued

### WASC

We also started the year continuing our goal towards obtaining school accreditation. Our staff spent over one year preparing a self-study report to identify areas of strength and challenges based on demographic, program, and achievement data points. In April, 2018, the accrediting commission, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), awarded Hanalei School a six-year term of accreditation with a mid term report- this is one of the highest terms of accreditation possible! Although this is simply stated here, that feedback from an external entity validating the educational programming at Hanalei School was extremely satisfying. That commendation gives Hanalei School a chance to celebrate continual growth and supports our efforts towards excellence every day.



### Flood Relief Efforts

Then the rains came down and everything seemed to be re-prioritized. It was a difficult time for many but it was also an amazing showing of aloha and what a community can do. The outpouring of support from within our community, across Kaua'i and across the State was beyond what words can describe. We saw our lifeguards and families transporting equipment and supplies on their boats and jet skis into Wainiha, we saw truck loads of people arriving in Hanalei town and going door to door to help with dump runs, we saw families opening up their homes to provide temporary housing, we experienced supplies upon supplies being donated in every way possible, people making lunches and bringing them to volunteers, people on the mainland sending cash donations to help those flood affected. It was quite overwhelming but incredibly heartfelt. Although our community will continue to rebuild now and for many months to come, we have the opportunity to come out stronger and better prepared for whatever the future brings.

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This has been a wonderful and complex school year. We are all looking forward to a little down time this summer before we are back up and running into the 2018-19 school year. Please enjoy your summer and spending time with family.

## Hanalei School ~ Clean Up

