

E K O M O M A I

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

In 1990, researcher Jerry Sternin was sent by Save the Children to fight severe malnutrition in rural communities of Vietnam. When his team of researchers arrived, they determined the cause of malnutrition was poor sanitation, poverty, and the lack of education. These were enormous issues, too big for a team of researchers to make a difference. What they did instead was send local women into villages to see if they could find occurrences where children were bigger and healthier than the average child. Two villages were noticeably different, where the children were not malnourished. Sternin asked the question, "What are the mothers of the healthiest children doing differently? What they found were three strategies that the mothers employed. First, most families in Vietnam were eating two meals each day; the mothers of the healthier children took the same amount of food and broke it

into four smaller meals spread throughout the day instead of two larger meals, making it easier for a malnourished stomach to digest. Second, they were adding the brine shrimp that grew in the rice paddies to their children's diet (this was not common as the shrimp were stigmatized as low class food). Third, when serving their children, they were ladling from the bottom of the pot, making sure the kids got the shrimp and greens that had settled during cooking. Sternin called these families "bright spots" – they were producing amazing results with the same resources available to others. (Story taken from: Heath, Chip and Dan Heath. *Switch: How to Change When Change is Hard*. New York: Broadway, 2010. Print). Similarly, Hanalei School recently received the 15-16 School Year Smarter Balance Assessment results. In looking at our student achievement scores, we also made a conscientious decision to identify the "Bright Spots" in our school data. We are asking the question: Where are the students making the greatest gains and

OCTOBER 2016

Important Dates:

October 25 - Picture Make-up Day
 October 28 - Principal Coffee Hour @ 7:45am, Cafeteria
 October 31 - Halloween Parade @ 8:15am followed by Halloween Fun Run

 November 7 through 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:50 dismissal
 November 8 - Election Day (No School)
 November 11 - Veterans Day (No School)
 November 24 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
 November 25 - No School
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how do we replicate those experiences so more students are making greater gains this year? This will be one of our focuses all year and we're really excited about the possibilities.

*Mahalo,
 Tahara'a Stein, TA Principal*

PRINCIPAL COFFEE HOUR: FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH, CAFETERIA

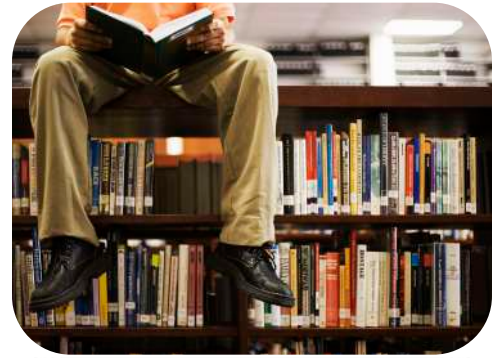
Please join Taraha'a Stein as she shares the results and provides information about of SY15-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results (SBAC). All testing students in grades 3-6 received the printout of their performance. Please join her to learn more!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES- STUDENTS TAKING THE LEAD

Parents, mark your calendars for November 7-22 for the Hanalei School Parent Teacher Conference days.

School release time will be at 12:50 over the course of those ten days.

Why does Hanalei School need ten days for conferences? It's a logical question. Parent conferences traditionally consist of the teacher and parent sitting down to look over grades and student work. The Hanalei Staff has been preparing students to lead their own conferences. This is a tremendous undertaking. Students are learning to evaluate their own work samples, set their own academic and behavioral goals based on their first quarter performance, compile their portfolios, and then present their information in an oral format. Most classes will be using a student-led conference style and these take time. The payoff is an invaluable learning experience for our students.



WELCOME TO THE HANALEI 'OHANA

The most important part of any organization is it's people. After the school year started, we hired a number of support staff to fill the needs in our classrooms. We wanted to take time to introduce our newest editions:

- Mrs. Mary Stitley is working in our second grade classroom, supporting Mrs. Hawkinson's second grade class.
- Mr. Jivan Hertzog is mentoring in the 5th grade classrooms; with larger numbers in grade 5, Mr. Hertzog is supporting students in mathematics with Ms. McDonald.
- Mrs. Alegria Quane is providing enrichment and intervention to students in K-6. Mrs. Quane is working and planning with all teachers to support students with stretched learning activities for some and re-teaching of concepts for others.
- Mrs. Presy Yoder is our new Office Assistant. She's supporting the work that happens in the front office.
- Ms. Rebecca Hart is not new to Hanalei School but she is new to the Educational Assistant position in grade 2. She is also working in grade 6 to support English Language Arts.
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Please welcome our much needed support personnel!

RE-ROUTING BUSSES IN THE AFTERNOON

As we all know and experience, the traffic and congestion in our parking lot has been an ongoing concern. We have approval to re-route the busses in the afternoon to pick up the students on the access road adjacent to the Cafeteria. **Effective Tuesday, November 1, students riding the first round of busses will load their bus from the new location.** We anticipate this creating a safer curbside pick up process in the main parking lot while still being efficient and safe for our bus riders. If your child rides the bus, we will be training students on the pick up procedure prior to implementation. The arriving morning busses and second round riders will continue to drop off and pick up at the main parking lot location.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA

Halloween Fun Run (Jog - a - Thon) ~~~ October 31st

Please have your keiki ask family, friends, neighbors and the community to support Hanalei School. This is our 2nd largest fundraiser of the year! All funds raised supports PTSA programs such as Music, Art, PE, Gardening, Drama, Technology and much more. We also support our students, teachers and staff providing much needed funds in many areas. Let's make this fun event and fundraiser a HUGE success!! Donation envelopes are due October 31st. We need your help, you can reach us at hanaleielementaryptsa@gmail.com Also check our Facebook page @ HanaleiPTSA



SHOUT-OUT TO ENRICHMENT TEACHERS

We've learned that our very best programs result from instructors who love what they do, and have the patience, creativity and desire to share it with young people. This describes our Enrichment Teachers, professionals in their fields who share their passion with our students. Let's meet them:

- Nancy Cohen- organically integrating science lessons through **gardening**
- Jeremy Brown & Carrie Fox- teaching our students an appreciation for **music**
- Patty Irons, Selina Satterlee & Jen Gagen- stimulating the imaginations through **art**
- Kari Derr & SJ LeHoven- shaping up our students with **Physical Education**
- Kumu Mala and Kumu Naomi- immersing the students in culture through **Hawaiiana**

EMBODYING THE HANAIE SCHOOL MISSION

Our school mission reads: "To empower the school community to take responsibility for meeting the educational needs of all our students and to foster a desire for lifelong learning." There are many people in our community who are helping Hanalei School fulfill this mission every day- we wanted to take some time to acknowledge their support, we couldn't operate the way we do without their help:

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- Northshore Rotary- volunteers, resources, and manpower
- Northshore Lions- campus projects such as 3 new kindergarten picnic tables
- Randy Boyer & Aloha Roofing Supply -donated lumber for picnic tables
- Aloha Angels- fund our after school mentoring clubs and adopted classrooms
- Limahuli Gardens- allow students to use the gardens as an extension of the classroom
- Parent Volunteers- reading daily, Market Day, helping with clubs, donating pizzas, caring for the garden, chairing committees, sitting through planning meetings and problem solving with administration.
- PTSA- fundraising, budgeting for enrichment programs & technology for students
- Waipa- supporting students in their after school program with transportation & fun
- Retro Farms- initiating the Pink Pineapple Project



We thank our parents and community members from the bottom of our hearts. We are honored by your support and commitment.

ALOHA: WHAT IT MEANS TO MY OHANA AND YOURS

by Lahela K. Chandler Correa

Aloha has become a universal word, heard all around the world. What does Aloha mean to you? Here is what one Hanalei School student says,

*When I think aloha, I think love.
I think of a beautiful flying dove.*

*When I think Aloha, I think fun in the sun
Just make sure to use your sun balm*

*Aloha means hello
And you should love the spirit of aloha like jello*

*"Aloha" every day
It's really all I say*

*Aloha means "hi"
But when you leave it means goodbye*

*There's a lot of aloha in may
Especially May Day*

Aloha

Hanalei School students are being given a unique opportunity to become ambassadors of Aloha. In select grade levels, students will be exploring character building lessons through culture, language, and customs of the Hawaiian people in order to perpetuate Aloha in and out of school. Author and Kauai native, Lahela Chandler Correa and Co-Author, Ann Hetteringer, are working with Hanalei teachers to provide students with learning through stories to engage with values such as respect, love, kindness and many others. When your child comes home with their *Aloha Book*, you'll want a copy of your own.

FARM TO SCHOOL

This October, Hanalei School's Wellness Committee will be taking steps toward establishing a "Farm to School" Program. Our Committee will be working with the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture, District leadership and the USDA Farm to School Staff.

We applaud Hawaii's Department of Education for setting nutritional goals, one of

which sounds like this:

"School meals feature fresh and minimally processed fruits and

vegetables from local sources to the greatest extent possible. The Department's School Food Service Branch is

collaborating with vendors and farmers to ensure the use of fresh and minimally processed fruits and vegetables in all meal programs."

Over the past decade, the farm to school movement has exploded across the United States, reaching millions of students in all 50 states. Farm to school is an important tool in the fight against childhood obesity and food insecurity. In addition to improving child health, when

schools buy local, they create new markets for local and regional farmers, a win-win scenario!

Malama Kaua'i, a nonprofit working toward a sustainable Kaua'i, has already implemented Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Programs in Kaua'i Charter Schools and will now assist our campus in producing a Farm to School Plan.



Farm to School information provided by Rosemary Vail, SCC Community Member

Kelley Doi Page 5 10/24/16 More information can be found at:

- 10 FACTS ABOUT LOCAL FOOD IN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/f2s/FactSheet_10_Facts.pdf

- RESEARCH SHOWS FARM TO SCHOOL WORKS

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/f2s/FactSheet_Research_Shows_F2S_Works.pdf