

October 13, 2023

Aloha Parents/Guardians,


I hope you and your 'ohana have been enjoying the Fall Break. We appreciated your understanding and flexibility through a challenging Quarter 1. In the days ahead, we will continue to do our best to bring out the best of each and every one of our students.

On October 6th, your child should have brought home a Parent Teacher Conference Form for you to complete; it is due on October 16th upon return from Fall Break. I want to clarify that we plan for an in person Conference; however, there are options to choose from listed at the bottom of the form if you are unable to attend an in person Conference. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and have your child return it on Monday to his/her teacher.

Looking ahead to Quarter 2 and the remainder of the school year, the following are things we still need your cooperation to help keep our daily operations smooth and efficient for our school 'ohana.

- **Attendance** - We look forward to and expect to see your child in school every day. Should there be a need for your child to be absent, please notify his/her teacher. As a reminder...attendance is mandatory and it is tracked by State offices.
- **Bus transportation** - All school bus applicants (both paid and free-status riders) must apply on a quarterly basis per the schedule provided below:
 - Quarter 1: July 17 to Aug. 31, 2023
 - Quarter 2: Sept. 18 to Oct. 31, 2023
 - Quarter 3: Nov. 27, 2023 to Jan. 31, 2024
 - Quarter 4: Feb. 19 to April 30, 2024
- **Meal account** - be sure that your child's meal account has adequate funds for purchase. *Remember...*there is a charge for ala carte items and 2nd meals [breakfast and lunch] regardless of the student's meal account status - paid/free/reduced.
- **School uniform** - Lihikai's uniform T-shirt must be worn daily unless exempt for an occasion - i.e. picture taking, specific color day, etc. Also, students must wear appropriate bottoms with their uniform T-shirt. For example - shorts must not be shorter than arm/fingertip length against their side, jeans with cuts should not be above the knee.
- **Off-loading/Loading of private vehicles** - please be sure your child(ren) is exiting/entering from the passenger/curb side of the vehicle and not from the driver/open traffic side. If necessary, move the car seat to the passenger side of the vehicle to avoid entering/exiting into moving traffic or for your vehicle door to be open in moving traffic.
- **Speed limits** - please be mindful that the speed limit on campus, from entry to exit, is 5 mph.

Quarter 2 - brings more learning, deeper understanding, new struggles, more growth...for all and it's right around the corner. Enjoy the weekend...see you Monday!

Aloha and mahalo,  Barbara Oura Tavares, Principal - Lihikai Elementary School