

July 5, 2024

Aloha Lihikai 'Ohana,

Hello! Hard to believe we are halfway through the Summer Break and in no time, the new school year will start. I just wanted to touch base with you to be sure you have ample time to prepare your child(ren) for the new school year.

Important information and dates:

- **Wednesday, August 7th - students first day of school**

- Students' start time is 7:50am; please be on campus before this time.
- Kindergarten students will also start on this day, but will follow a different schedule August 7-9; this will be provided later.
- Students are expected to wear a uniform T-shirt and appropriate pants/shorts/skirts and footwear (details of dress code provided later).

- **All student school supplies are being provided**

- No need to shop for sales or stand in lines; we will provide school supplies for your child's classroom needs, Grades K-5.
- Please note - your child's teacher may ask for specific items whenever the class works on projects. These requests are beyond the supplies we provide for daily work. Thank you for cooperating with these requests!

- **Meal Account and Bus Transportation**

- Please complete a Meal Application for sy24-25.
- Each application counts towards the calculation of Lihikai's status as a Title I school. Qualifying for Title I status allows us to receive additional federal funds (this school year's applications will count for sy25-26), which are used to provide student supplies K-5.
- Whether or not you think your household qualifies for free or reduced meals, please complete and apply. Here is the link to the EZMealApp, an online application system. [EZMealApp](#) Thank you!
- Requirements for bus transportation service and how to apply can be found in the School Bus Handbook. Here is the link [School Bus Handbook](#).
- Please note that there is a deadline to apply for each quarter's service and it takes time for applications to be approved. Please don't wait!

I'll have more to share as we get closer to the start of school. Meanwhile, continue to enjoy the summer break!

Mahalo nui,

Barbara Oura Tavares, Principal