Ho'okena Elementary School

Na' Ali'i News

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Winds on the Mauna Loa saddle bring winter temps to Ho'okena

Upcoming activities/announcements:

- ✓ 3-4th grades fieldtrip to Pu'uohonua o Honaunau for the Makahiki games
- ✓ 1/15 -16 No school for students (Martin Luther King holiday and PC Day for teachers
- ✓ 1/12 Grade 5 Konawaena Middle School Orientation
- ✓ 1/19 HCFCU deposit day
- ✓ 1/22 SCC meeting 2:30 in Cottage C
- ✓ 1/24 @ 1:15 pm in the cafeteria: 2nd quarter Awards Assembly
- ✓ 1/25 Extended Day for teachers AITS PD
- ✓ 1/25 School Store

Read, read, read!!!

Dear Parents,

We are hoping that all of our parent and student community had an enjoyable winter holiday break. I know it was anticipated by all of us. Thanks again for the turnout at our first annual Winter Literacy Night. We will be hosting a math literacy night in February. Please plan on joining us.

On Wednesday, January 10th, **Auntie's Angels and The Fish Hopper** hosted our Top Readers (one per grade in K-5). Mrs. Snell-Quirit and Mr. Nakayama met me at the Fish Hopper in Kailua town for breakfast compliments of Jan Benlein and Sam Johnson. There were lots of surprises for the students starting with breakfast, kukui nut leis, and certificates from Auntie's Angels. The General Manager of Fish Hopper donated 30 dictionaries; each one of our Top Readers got one to take home. After breakfast they walked to the Hulihe'e Palace for a private tour and then to the library where they were able to select three books to take home for their private libraries. On their way home, Auntie's Angels treated them to lunch at McDonald's. All in all they had a spectacular time. The sponsors were so impressed that they have decided to take the top two from each class for the year-end Top Readers celebration.

Thanks to all the parents who stopped by for coffee and treats. Today our custodian treated parents and us with homemade bread pudding; yesterday he treated everyone with corn bread and I hear tomorrow is homemade banana bread. Thanks Uncle Shane. Make sure you stop by tomorrow and the first week of each quarter for coffee and morning baked treats. Thanks to Ms. Snell, Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Nakayama, and Emily for getting the early morning coffee brewed.

Included in today's newsletter are the rules for the upcoming Site is Beautiful poster contest sponsored by the District 50 Lions Club. The deadline is February23rd. Please check it out and have your children submit their posters by the deadline.

New Year's the time for all of us to reflect on our past and make resolutions to do better. What are *your* New Year's resolutions? We have resolved to have our students achieve the most they can, celebrate their achievements, improve our teaching and services to students, become life long readers, good decision makers and problem solvers. Please join us in achieving our goals and partner with the school to give our students their best possible learning experiences. Mahalo!

TOP READERS ANNOUNCED

First semester Top Readers were announced and taken on a fieldtrip to Kailua Kona to celebrate their reading successes. Some students were ones who read at the highest lexiles, others were the lead AR readers with most points earned, and others showed the largest gains in terms of improvement on their reading scores on the STAR assessment. So Top Readers can be the highest achievers or those who have put the most effort or showed the greatest gains. We celebrate all of these achievements.

Last semester's Top Readers were: Noah Camacho, kindergarten; Leah Stewart, first grade; Caden Morton, 2nd grade; Kauhane Moses, 3rd grade; Khemrald Pacanza, 4th grade; and Hailey Kaluau, 5th grade. Congratulations to these students. They each received a dictionary compliments of Sam Johnson, GM of the Fish Hopper and certificates, leis, breakfast and lunch compliments of Auntie's Angels. Mahalo to our community supporters. They also had a private tour of the summer palace and a trip to the Kailua library where they chose 3 books per student for their own collections.

Due to the overwhelming response, the community partners have agreed to include *two students from each class* for the upcoming semester so students put your reading hats on and vie for the title of Top Reader! Additionally, we will be holding monthly reading celebrations and will take the top 12 readers in each class for a pizza and ccokie party.

SIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL CONTEST BEGINS

See the enclosed rules and deadline information for details on the Lions Club poster contest. Deadline is 2/23/18.

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PROGRAM

So finally, we have been able to start the weekly Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. Today our students enjoyed 4 oz. of cubed cantaloupe. Each Thursday or Friday, depending upon the time and day of delivery, we will enjoy at least one fruit or vegetable attempting to increase students' awareness of and the healthy benefits of including fresh fruits and vegetables in their diet. We attempt to introduce students to unfamiliar veggies and fruits as much as possible. Some weeks, we will offer both fruits and vegetables.

NEW RESOURCE CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

Starting at least by January 22nd (depending on employee clearance), we will be giving students more of what they love, Physical Education. In a recent survey that the Student Council conducted, students indicated what they wanted more of....they responded Student Voice, Physical Education, Art and Garden. So we were able to

give them just that. Ms. Juleea Loewe-Llanes will be instructing our students in gardening/beekeeping. She will be assisted by a new hire, once cleared. Our PCNC, Lynn Roberts will be teaching art as well as working in the library making the library accessible to students at least three days a week. We also have two additional art projects ongoing at the school. We received an AITS (Artists in the Schools) grant co-sponsored by SKEA and have Jin-an Wong, Artist, working with our teachers on how to incorporate art into their instruction as well as working directly with the students in grades 3-5 once a week for 10 weeks. Additionally, SKEA is also providing artists to work with our students in their classrooms on a weekly basis. Mahalo to all of our community people for reaching out to our Ho'okena students and providing these enriching activities.
Additionally, we hope to have special sessions on lauhala weaving later on this quarter. Also, Patrick Kim, district special education resource teacher, will be joining us on several if not all Mondays starting 1/22 providing a structured PE program. We have also hired a Part Time Teacher, Ms. Jodie McAtee who will be teaching the Monday-Tuesday PE classes during resource time as well as being available for additional PE during the week upon request from classroom teachers. She will also work with small instructional groups in the classrooms as needed. Let's welcome her to our Ho'okena ohana.

BUS RIDERS OF THE WEEK

December 18 to December 21	Javin Hahn and Mailea Naihe	Loihi Umiamaka
January 8 to January 12	Lucas and Zachary Herwig	Taven Losalio

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The students of the month of December were as follows: Pre-K: Emmie Bosmans and Jade Hahn. For kindergarten, Noah Camacho; for 1st grade, Ryder Fulkerson; 2nd grade, Timoteo Casuga-Llanes; for 3rd grade, Cyrus Kaupu; for 4th grade and Douglas Fulkerson for 5th grade. Congratulations students for your selection. These students will be recognized at the Quarter 2 Awards Assembly.

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