



Egret Talk Story

August 27, 2009

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Our school year is well underway. We welcomed our Kindergarten students last week to our campus. This year our teachers continue to focus on preparing our students to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The use of technology by our teachers and students will be an increased focus this year. Those of you, who watched the simulcast that began our Parent Orientation Night, were watching a student produced broadcast. That was our "kick off" MUES broadcast for the year.

We are continuing to use the web based, KidBiz program to increase our students reading comprehension ability in grades 2-5. These children have access to this program at home. Please monitor your child as he/she complete his/her KidBiz assignments each week. Our goal is that our students will have 88% or higher correct on their first try answering questions about the reading passage.

In addition to the traditional textbooks, which become outdated, our teachers will also be using, Safari Montage, which is a web based resource program that will supplement your child's classroom lessons. This program covers a wide variety of curriculum areas, is current and presented visually in an engaging manner.

Our efforts this year in going green begin with our school fundraiser, our beautiful recycled Egret bags. We hope you will find them useful to take to the markets when you shop. You will never have to worry about having multiple store bags to match each store that you shop at, because our Egret bag fits every store! Help our school and the earth at the same time.

Upcoming is our Hui fundraiser; please consider purchasing Sally Foster products as this is one of two fundraisers they hold each year. The Hui does so much for our school.

Our grade level parent events will begin soon. Look for more information from your child's grade level teachers.

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm
Principal



Get vaccinated

Influenza or “flu” can cause serious illness. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family.



Cover your cough or sneeze

Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Toss your used tissue in the waste basket.

Fight the Flu

It starts with you



Wash your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

If you touch surfaces with the flu virus, you can get the flu by touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.



Stay home if you are sick

Flu viruses go wherever you go when you are infected. Stay at home and check with your healthcare provider when needed.



A message from your
Hawaii State Department of Health



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 27, 2009

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to school. In line with the Board of Education's goal of ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for your child, I want to encourage you to please raise any issues concerning bullying, harassment, or discrimination with your school principal immediately so as to allow the principal to act promptly concerning such behavior.

The Department of Education is committed to a safe learning environment. We have done much to promote safety and awareness in our schools. The Department of Education adopted Chapter 19, which was created to address student misconduct, discipline, school searches and seizures, and other related matters. I ask you to please review Chapter 19 with your child, and contact your school administrator should you have any questions concerning Chapter 19.

Additionally, the Board of Education adopted BOE Policy #4211, which is the Anti-Bullying, Anti-Harassment, and Anti-Discrimination Against Student(s) by Employee Policy on February 21, 2008. If you believe that your child has been subjected to bullying, harassment, or discrimination by a DOE employee, please complete and submit a complaint form that can be found on our website, at the school, or you may contact the Civil Rights Compliance Office directly for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hawaii public schools. I look forward to a fulfilling and exciting school year!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Hamamoto".

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent

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c: Board of Education
Deputy Superintendent
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Complex Area Superintendents
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August 19, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("MVA") ensures that students eligible for MVA services have equal access to the same appropriate public education that is provided to students who are not eligible for MVA services. Students who are eligible for MVA services have the right to attend the school in the geographic area where they live or the school of origin if feasible. The school of origin is the school attended by the child or youth when he or she was permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

This letter is written to inform parents and guardians of students who were eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, of the right to have the student transfer when feasible to a school previously attended during that time period ("previous school of attendance") if the following criteria are met:

1. the student is or was homeless between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008;
and
2. the student transferred schools between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, for any reason.

If the student meets **both** criteria, parents and guardians have the right to request that the student transfer to a previous school of attendance. The student eligible for MVA services has the right to immediate enrollment at a previous school of attendance, until a final determination is made on the feasibility of allowable transfer. The principal of the receiving school will determine feasibility.

If your child meets the above criteria and you would like to request to transfer your child to a previous school of attendance, please contact the Homeless Concerns Office at 808-394-1394, 808-203-5521, or toll free at 1-866-927-7095, or via relay. The Homeless Concerns Office will assist you with the transfer process.

If you are unsure whether you are or were homeless within the meaning of MVA, please contact the Homeless Concerns Office at the numbers above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Hamamoto".

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent

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Parent Orientation 2009

This year our Parent Orientation began in our classrooms instead of the cafeteria. We began our Orientation at 6 p.m. with our Principal, Ms. Wilhelm, greeting every one via a closed circuit simulcast. She shared our schools commitment to providing a quality education for our students and shared that our school met our AYP goals and is in good standing. In addition she talked about some of the web based programs that we are now supplementing the traditional textbook in our classrooms. The Hui O Mililani Uka meeting was then simulcast into the classrooms. Kudos to our 5th Grade media students, with help from Mrs. Imamura and Mrs. Matsuura who produced this live broadcast!

Over 170 ballots were returned approving the simulcast meeting and Hui minutes. The Hui officers provided refreshments in our library courtyard. It was a popular gathering spot between sessions for everyone. Sally Foster representative, Elaine Peters, displayed and answered questions about the new Sally Foster items. Our Sally Foster sale will kick off September 3rd with catalogs coming home with your students.

Vice Principal, Mrs. Tao, PE Teacher, Mr. Fujioka, and Mrs. Park, Uka's CSSS were on hand to promote the



Uka "Every Day is Earth Day bags". If you have not ordered you Earth Bags, please take a moment and print the order form from the Uka website.

Earth Day Bag Challenge

Each student who sells over 25 bags is entered in a special drawing for a goody bag and the class who sells the most during August will win a special activity of fun and fitness.

Bags sell for

1 Bag =	\$ 4.00
3 bags =	\$10.00
5 bags =	\$15.00
10 bags =	\$25.00
25 bags =	\$62.50

SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Safety of our students has always been a top priority at Mililani Uka. From time to time, we all need reminding about putting safety above convenience. We ask each parent to read this message carefully in hopes that we can decrease the risk of injury for our students. As we observe the morning and afternoon traffic, several unsafe practices concerns us and we would appreciate the support of parents and families in addressing these safety concerns.



Recently, we revised our pick-up and drop-off areas in our school's front parking lot to make it safer for students to arrive and depart. Please do NOT park or stop along the RED curb as this will hold up the flow of traffic. Pick up and drop off only along the YELLOW curb. The area directly in front of the school office is now a no stopping zone and there should be no parking or stopping there.

CAUTION!

It is not safe to ask your child to walk out into the parking lot to be picked up. Please pull forward as much as you can along the YELLOW curb to pick up and drop off your child. Students are instructed to not walk out into the flow of traffic to get in their cars...cars must be at the curb for pick ups. It may take a little longer to drive around the lot, but in the long run, what's a few minutes compared to a child's life?

At the rear of our school, please obey the law and do NOT park in the cul de sac. We need to be good neighbors and it makes it unsafe for everyone when a few parents choose to park in the no parking zones. Please do not park in the parking lot of the townhouses as this creates a problem for the residents and our neighbors. Please model good citizenship for our students.



After-school, students are instructed to go directly to their destinations. They should go directly home, to their after school care providers or in front of the library to wait for their rides. Recently, many students are playing at the public park afterschool. We strongly urge parents to reconsider allowing their children to do this. The park is not on our campus and there is no adult supervision by the school. There have been several incidents of conflict that arise from unsafe playing involving Uka students and older teens at the public park. We recommend that parents not allow their elementary age children to play at the park unsupervised.



Please speak with your children about using the crosswalks and traffic signals and obeying all traffic rules when traveling to and from school. Be sure that the route that they are taking is one that has been approved by you to be the safest route to school. There are times that children may be taking short cuts that may not be the safest choice. Please discuss with your children about making good decisions concerning their personal safety.

With your help, we can all help to keep our children safe. Thank you for your continued support of our safety efforts.



Get Moving...Get Fit!

Physical Fitness Day at Mililani Uka

Friday, September 11, 2009

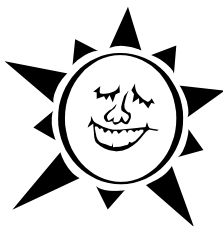
Your child will be participating in a school-wide Physical Fitness event. Each class will participate in three different healthy physical activities.

Grade PS-2 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grades 3-5 from 10:15-11:25 a.m.

As part of our State Health standards, make sure your child practices personal safety in the sun.

Please have your child come to school with



- sunscreen already applied
- wear closed shoes (sneakers)
- a hat, if needed
- bring your water bottle to the field

Volunteer are needed to make this event a success! Please join us!

Hui O Mililani Uka

The Hui would like to thank everyone who came to the General Membership Meeting, and all those who were able to join us at the library for refreshments as well. We truly hope you enjoyed the orientation as much as we did, and appreciate the time it took for you to fill out the ballots. All of your comments, both positive and negative, will help to improve the effectiveness and quality of possible future telecasts. Although we were not able to personally meet everyone that evening, having many of you come out to the library after the orientation sessions meant a lot to us. Many of you enjoyed the telecast, but there were a few concerns that we will be sure to address in considering future telecasts. It was a learning experience for all those involved, including the summer school Media Camp kids who broadcast it live from F-8. Mahalo to all of our parents, students, and staff for a wonderful and informative evening!

Uka Calendar

August

28 Volunteer Training 1 pm- PCNC

31-4 Week A – JPO Platoon A Duty

September

1 School Picture Day

Flu permission forms sent home

SCC Meeting 5 p.m. Library

2 Wear Red – Drug Free Day

3 Sally Foster Sale Begins

Wear White/Grey/Purple for Purple Hands Pledge

4 Wear Blue – HI5 Recycle Collection

7 NO School- Labor Day

8-11 Week B – JPO Platoon B Duty

8 4th Grade Parent Night Library 6:30 p.m.

9 Kindergarten Brown Bag Lunch

Papa John's Pizza night

10 Hui O Mililani Uka meeting 5 pm-

Office conference

11 Get Moving, Get Fit event

Flu permission form deadline to return

14-18 Week A – JPO Platoon A Duty

16 3rd Grade Rotary Keiki Vision

Student Council meeting 12:45- 1:30

18 Sally Foster sale ends

20 NIKETOWN RACE- WAIKIKI

21-25 Week B – JPO Platoon B Duty

23 Grade 1 Parent Lunch

24 Grade 3 Parent Night

25 First Quarter Recognition Assembly

Grade 5 Star Party Night

30 Grade 2 Parent Workshop

October

1 Hui Meeting

2 First Quarter Ends

MHS Homecoming Parade (JPO/SC)

5-9 Fall Recess NO SCHOOL

28 Flu Vac Clinic at Uka

30 Uka's Fall Fest 5-8 p.m.