



Egrets Talk Story

April 17, 2009

Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Dear Mililani Uka Parents:

Principal's Message

Have you noticed some changes at our school? In our efforts to improve the safety of our students 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. We are noticing that traffic flows smoother through the parking lot when cars are not parking or dropping off students in our Red curb area. 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.

Next year all school calendars except those multi-track schools will be more standardized. We will have a one week Fall Break, a two week Winter Break and a one week Spring Break.

Another change for next year will be our joining the other elementary schools in our complex by updating our bell schedule. We will now end school at 12:30 on Wednesdays. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday school will end at 2:15pm. With that change it will be easier for the schools in our complex to work together to improve learning.

A very big change for us next year will be the renovation of our school! Our classrooms will be getting a makeover! This is the first major make-over since the beginning of our school in 1974! And this coincides with a special event... next year is our 35 Anniversary!

It's hard to believe that school is almost over. While this year has been an exciting and fun school year for us, next year looks to be an even more exciting one!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm

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VIEWPOINTS 2008-2009, PROGRAM #7 VIA DOE CHANNEL 56
Airing April 16 to May 5

The ViewPoints television series continues to provide a venue to communicate issues, concerns and accomplishments of education in Hawaii's public schools. In ViewPoints program #7, "The Department of Education: Dealing with the Economy," host Lynne Waters is joined by Hawaii State Board of Education Chair Garrett Toguchi and Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto. Chair Toguchi and Superintendent Hamamoto discuss plans for spending the federal stimulus funds and how proposed general fund reductions and restrictions may affect the DOE's budget.

The half-hour ViewPoints program will air on Thursdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on DOE cable channel 56 from April 16 to May 5. Please check the Teleschool website at www.teleschool.k12.hi.us for a complete listing of the ViewPoints program schedule. Additional showings via PBS Hawaii, KHET cable channel 10, Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Energy Efficient Resolution Challenge

At the February Recognition Assembly students who turned in new resolutions to save energy had a chance to be recognized with a small treat. The following students names were drawn during the K-2 Assembly: Ashley Lavarias, Erin Lavas, Samantha Lohmann, Jasmine Chase, Kacey Murakami, and LaZelle Hayes. At the Grade 3-5 Assembly Noah Kochi, Isis Curviel, Serena Holm, Stephanie Koza, Tiare Mamalias, and Liana Brown-Cayetano had their resolutions selected. Mahalo to all the parents for supporting the HECO Challenge.



Grade 3-5 HECO Resolution Challenge honorees

Mililani Uka Egrets Wins a Computer!



Father and son, Sam and Zion Vaoifi, started their day off with a healthy breakfast.

National School Breakfast Week was March 2-6, 2009. Here at Mililani Uka, staff and students participated in a challenge to improve our wellness habits by starting the day off right with a nutritious breakfast. Studies have shown that children who start their day with a nutritious breakfast: perform better on tests, are more alert, pay attention better and are sick/tardy less often.

Meadow Gold teamed up with the Department of Health and the DOE to promote the benefits of a nutritious breakfast by offering a FREE computer to the top ten schools with highest percentage increase in their average breakfast count. Mililani Uka's students responded with an 83% increase in their school breakfast count!

This week, Mr. Albert Oh of Meadow Gold came to Mililani Uka Elementary to personally present a \$1500 certificate to Vice Principal, Kawai Tao. The prize money will be used to purchase technology equipment for Mililani Uka's students.

Principal Heather Wilhelm, "It was a great opportunity for our parents to come and enjoy breakfast with their children. On top of that, they learned that breakfast in school is a great value at only 35 cents for a student breakfast! We hope that this challenge will help our families continue with this healthy habit."



Vice Principal, Kawai Tao and Mililani Uka students, Matthew Schaefer and Tayla Kawahara, accept the \$1500 prize from Meadow Gold Area Sales Representative, Albert Oh.

Community Corner

Free Summer Camp for Military Kids

Operation Purple is sponsored by the National Military Family Association and offers a free week of fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. Camp days are scheduled for July 12-17 or July 19-24. Camp is located in Kapolei, Hi. Visit www.operationpurple.org for registration information or additional locations and dates.

Operation Military Kids is sponsoring a **Speak Out for Military Kids** (SOMK) day camp for military and non-military youth in Hawaii from April 24th-26th. SOMK is an educational program designed to raise the awareness of issues facing military families. Through youth-led simulations, interviews, and research participants find out firsthand what military families go through. Based on their experiences, SOMK participants become members of speakers' bureaus and develop lectures, public service announcements, videos, and other materials to share their experiences with others in the community. In addition to building public awareness about issues facing military families during mobilization and deployment, SOMK provides its youth participants with the opportunity to gain valuable leadership, research, organization, technology, and public speaking skills. Contact the PCNC office for more details at norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us

Kama'aina Kids Flag Football

Registration Deadline: April 24, 2009 for Season dates: May 3rd to June 27th. Cost is \$95.00.

All games played at Ala Puumalu Community Park. Email: flagfootball@kamaiinakids.com or call 356-9947.

Kama 'aina Kids Summer Day Camps

Kama 'aina Kids offers summer day camps island wide from June 9 - July 29 for Grade K-5 students and specialty camps from June 15 - July 24 for Grade K-8 students. For detailed information or registration you are invited to log on to www.kamaainakids.com or call 262-4538.

Future Flight Hawaii Family Exploration Program

A space themed educational program open to students in grades 2-5 and their parent. This two-day program information can be found at <http://www.higp.hawaii.edu/futureflight/>

HPU Community Outreach Summer Reading Program

Classes are offered in Honolulu, Pearl City, Kaneohe and on campus for students 4 years to adult. All classes meet once each week. For more information or to register call 1-800-978-3532 or visit the website at www.hpu.edu/reading

Aloha United Way 211

The Hawaii State Board of Education and Department of Education have partnered with Aloha United Way to provide students, employees, and families with information and referrals on everything from crisis intervention to job training.

By dialing 211, people can seek information or assistance for themselves, a friend, or a family member about basic needs. The service is toll-free statewide, confidential, and available from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on normal business days. Interested individuals can also access 211 by visiting the AUW website at www.auw211.org.

Free or Low Cost Health Care

Do you know a child who needs free or low-cost Health Care? Quest and Medicaid cover children and youth up to age 19. To find out if you qualify make a free call by dialing 211 or log on at www.coveringkids.com for more information.

*May Day Program
"We Are The World"
Friday, May 1, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
Kuahelani Park Court*

Photo Zones: Due to the newly renovated court, the May Day seating has been changed. Our VIP guests will be seated on the elevated grass area and Video by Jen will have a stage for cameras along the park fence near D building. To allow for parent photo opportunities, we will have a photo zone along the rock wall and along the fence. Please do not sit or place folding chairs in the photo zones or block the entrances to allow parents from all grade levels the ability to get closer to film their student.

May Day Drop off and Parking: Make May Day Walk to School Day! Many special guests have been invited to join us for our May Day program and we know parking spaces will be limited on May Day. Therefore we ask for your assistance and consideration as you drop off your student for this special day. Please walk to school if possible. There are only 4 handicap slots in the front lot to be utilized by official handicap placard holders. After these stalls are full, we will allow for handicap drop off at the curb, but parking must be off campus. Please utilize the rear cul-de-sac only for dropping off of students. No cars can be parked in the cul-de-sac as this is a fire lane and anyone parking there may be ticketed and/or towed. Thank you for your cooperation!

✓ Check this out!

Go Online with Help Hawaii Schools .com

The Department of Education has launched the Volunteers and Partners Program. The goal of this program is to help our communities connect with our public schools in an effort to support our keiki. Everyone is encouraged to register online as a volunteer and/or donor. This includes businesses, faith based organizations, community groups and individuals.

Registration is done at www.helpahawaiischools.com. This process takes a few minutes and allows you to search for specific volunteer opportunities and donation needs published by our public schools. As a volunteer and/or donor you may search for opportunities and/or donations that match your personal interests, availability and expertise. For additional information, please contact the Department of Education, Volunteers and Partners program specialist, Sheli Koga @586-3710.



**Thank you for your support of
Mililani Uka Elementary School!**
We really appreciate our *volunteers*.
Would you please register online today?

It's easy to do . . .

- 1- Go to www.helpahawaiischools.com
- 2- Click on *Register to Volunteer*
- 3- Answer the questions for a background check & authorization
- 4- Please fill out *My Information* - you may come up with your own *User ID* and *Password* and write them down

USER ID: _____ PASSWORD: _____

- 5- Then fill out *How I would like to help* choosing the areas you are interested in
- 6- Next fill out *Where I can help* and choose Mililani Uka
- 7- You may next pick *My Availability* and *My Affiliations*
- 8- Finally click the ***SUBMIT*** button so it will be saved

**The necessary information is your name, date of birth, id/password,
phone number and e-mail!**

This website will also help you when you want to know what is happening at Mililani Uka Elementary. You can go to www.helpahawaiischools.com anytime and see what opportunities are listed. This is going to be a great tool for all of us.

Mahalo for registering!

Summer school at Mililani Uka Language Arts and Math enrichment

Held Monday, June 15, 2009 - Monday, July 6, 2009

Time: 8:00 - 12:00

For: Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4/5 (combination class)
One class per grade level

Space is Limited!

Tuition: \$80.00

Registration is in the school office on these dates:

Current Mililani Uka students: April 20 - 22, 2009 7:30-4:00

All other interested students: Thursday, April 23 - Thursday, April 30,
2009 starting at 7:30 am. in the office

SAFETY ALERT!

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 after school. 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.

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Uka Event Calendar

April

20-24 *Week B- JPO Platoon B (D5/6 Shadowing)*

HSA Make up testing

22 Used Shoe Collection 7:1-7:55 a.m. library

Grade 4 Big Island Chaperone meeting 6:30 p.m. Library

24 **Recognition Assembly-** Grades K-1 at 8:30

Grade 2-5 at 9:05 a.m.

27-1 *Week A- JPO Platoon A(D7/8 Shadowing)*

27 911 Seminar Lifesaver Workshop 8 a.m. Cafeteria

29 Dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

May Day Greenery Drop off 7:15- 7:45 & 2:45-3:15



May

1 **May Day program 8:30 a.m.**

Early Dismissal 1:10 p.m.

4-8 *Week B- JPO Platoon B*

4 SCC Meeting 5 p.m.

Mad Science Grade 4

5 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

6-8 Grade 4 Big Island Trip

6 Wear Red for Drug Free Schools

7 Character Counts wear white or orange for faïress
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8 Wear Uka Spirit Blue

Student Council HI 5 Recycling 7:15-7:55 a.m.

11-15 *Week A- Grade 4 D5/6 JPO Duty*

15 **Grade 5 JPO Drill Competition**

18-21 *Week B- Grade 4 D7/8 JPO Duty*

22 No School – Waiver Day

25 No School – Memorial Day

June Healthy Start to Summer

1 Fruit Day - Bring fruit for a snack and wear clothing to match

2 Veggie Day - Bring vegetables for you healthy snack

3 Wear Red for a Healthy Heart

Get Moving, Get Fit Fitness Event

PS/K/1/2 from 8:30-9:45

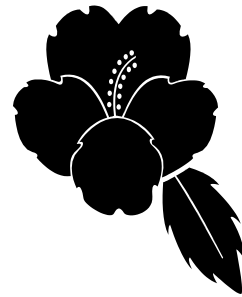
Grades 3/4/5 from 10- 11:25

4 5th Grade Banquet

5 Final Recognition Assembly

8 Aloha Assembly 8:30 a.m.

Last day of school: Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.



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