



# Egret Talk Story

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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already into our second month of school! Our renovations are continuing with C building being currently renovated and buildings F and E to follow. Our Library is back in order due to the efforts of our teachers, custodians and our wonderful parent and community volunteers.

Our volunteers are important to us. If you are interested in volunteering at our school, contact our PCNC, Mrs. Tansey. She will work with your schedule to set up a time; call her at 627-7303 ext 233 or email at [norma\\_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us) to arrange an appointment. Volunteer training and forms need to be completed annually. Parents volunteering for field trips also need to complete the training and forms.

Our Parent Orientation went smoothly and we appreciate your constructive comments from the Parent Orientation evaluations. A very special thank you to the Arnold family and Hui O Mililani Uka for the generous support of our school with wonderful door prizes from Jungle River Mini Golf and Jamba Juice.

It's time for our annual Federal Survey. These will be going home this week and we need them to be returned the following day. They need to be completely filled out for each of your children. These surveys are very important as the information provides additional funds to our State as well as our school. We have been able to purchase the computers our classrooms with these funds.

Lastly, we need your assistance and cooperation in following our traffic safety rules. Morning and afternoon drop off is always crowded. Please help us by using the crosswalk and not jaywalking. We are concerned about the safety of you and your child and do not want anyone to get hit by a car. Please help us by using the designated cross walk in front of the office. Thank you for helping us keep all the Uka Ohana safe!

Much Aloha,

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Principal

#### **Safety Alert:**

Please warn your child to NOT pick up caterpillars from plants. We have identified the Stinging Nettle Caterpillar on our campus and are in the process of removing them. If touched, they can give off a painful sting.

## Parent Orientation 2010

Thank you for the tremendous turn out at Parent Orientation. The sign in sheets put attendance at 199 parents in the cafeteria with 147 parent evaluation forms strongly agreed and 55 agreed the night helped to prepare for the school year. Thank you for your comments!

Mahalo to the Arnold Family (parents of twins in Kindergarten) for supporting Mililani Uka with wonderful door prizes from Jungle River Golf! Our end of night top door prize of an Annual

Family 4 Pass to Jungle River went to Ian Bede from C202. The students who earned a free Jamba Juice were 1st grade Brayden Benicta; Third grader, Michael Mullen; Pre-K, Camryn Taoka; 5th grader Damien Santiago, and 4th Grader Lucia Mumma.

In the cafeteria we drew raffle tickets and our door prize recipients are picture at the right: Keira Schreckengost, Kayla Tansiongco, Valaree & Kali Peters, and Katelyn Ellazar. Congratulations!



## Hui 'O Mililani Uka News

Thank you to all the parents who returned donations with the Hui welcome letter. To date, we have netted \$1270.00 from donations. We extend an invitation to all the parents interested in assisting the board to attend the upcoming September 9 meeting held in the PCNC office at 5 p.m.

The Great American Opportunity sale packets were sent home with your child on September 2. All catalog orders are due back to the PCNC office by September 23, but don't forget you can order online year round and we will continue to earn a percentage! Let your mainland friends and relatives know they can support your child through online orders! Return your "I sold" coupons by 9/14 to earn a prize duck and chance for the cash drawing.



Don't forget to register online for Safeway's eScrip program and help the school earn money with your everyday purchase of groceries. Items with the school bus tags are part of the Back to School savings program with 10% coming back to your designated school. Visit [www.backtoschools.escrip.com](http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com) before October 13 to select Mililani Uka and enter the redemption code at the bottom of your receipt.



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS

While this newsletter is being compiled, there are volunteers in the PCNC office clipping and counting Campbell soup labels and Box Tops for Education labels.

Currently they have counted almost \$200 in Box Tops!

Thank you Uka ohana for clipping all of those UPC labels / coupons and sending them in to Mililani Uka. Both Box Tops and Campbell's soup points are redeemed for school supplies and equipment. Mahalo for your support!



## Community Corner:

### **Pre-school Programs for Parents and their keiki!**

Kulia I Ka Nu'u- Hawaiian Based Montessori Preschool

Prepare your keiki for school success with an interactive 24 week curriculum for parent and child or HIPPPY- Home Instruction for parents of pre-school youngsters.

Free kindergarten readiness program for 3 and 4 year olds. This parent involvement school readiness program helps parents prepare their child for success in school and beyond. Both programs are sponsored by Keiki O a 'Aina Family Learning Centers.

To register please call 808-843-2502 or online at [www.keikiokaaina.org](http://www.keikiokaaina.org)

### **Please participate in the Military Family Survey – [www.hawaiikids.org](http://www.hawaiikids.org)**

Military parents and students have the chance to voice their opinions about school in Hawaii and the special stresses and opportunities you and your child(ren) have experienced. Why complete the survey?

- No policies, procedures or practice can be initiated without data to determine the need.
- USPACOM has teamed up with UH and Johns Hopkins University to complete the study.
- Includes all military families with school age children.
- Longitudinal study spanning a few years will include information for after PCS move from Hawaii.
- Simple, easy to complete survey can be accessed from any internet location.
- Students who voice their opinion with parental permission are entered for a chance to win prizes for participation.
- Deadline to complete survey is November 15, 2010.

### **2010 Fall Sign ups are open for Flag Football, Basketball and Cheerleading**

Register online at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or by calling 394-1100.

Flag Football deadline to register September 28. Basketball deadline to register October 4.

Cheerleading deadline to register September 26.

### **Keiki O Ka 'aina - Free monthly MCP mentoring events:**

Designed to match volunteer mentors with a child between 4-16 years whose parent is incarcerated. Children must live on Oahu. Mentor and child meet min. 4 hours/month. For more information contact 808-843-2502 or email: [memorykoka@yahoo.com](mailto:memorykoka@yahoo.com)

### **School Community Council Update**

School Community Council elections were held at the first meeting of the SCC. This year Ms. Kathi Uyemura, K teacher, will be the chair; parent member, Cristina Vocalan is vice chair. Norma Tansey will be the secretary with Julianne Dennison as second secretary. Uka's School Community Council meets one Tuesday per month at 5 p.m. in the Library. Dates are published on the website and monthly Talk Story event calendar. Upcoming dates are September 7, October 12, November 1(a Monday due to Election Day) and December 7. The SCC members have been asked to attend the Mililani Complex training held at Mililani High School on Tuesday, September 14 starting at 5 p.m. in the Library. Please RSVP to Norma Tansey at 627-7303, ext. 233 if you plan to attend.

### **UKA VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Mahalo to all our volunteers who made time to assist in our school with boxing & unboxing our library! Without you, we would still be lost in a pile of boxes! Thank you each and everyone!

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 7-10 Week B  
 7 **SCC Meeting- 5 pm Library**  
 8 Student Council Meeting 12:30  
 9 Gr 1 FT Makaha Farms (P6/P11)  
**Hui Meeting 5 p.m.**  
**Flu Clinic Forms Due**  
**Federal Survey Cards due**  
 10 **HI 5 Recycle**  
**Hui Jamba Juice Sale 2:15p.m.**  
 13-17 Week A  
 14 Complex SCC Training 5 p.m. MHS Library  
 16 **Papa John's Night - Eat Pizza!**  
 Gr 1 FT Makaha Farms (P 9/10/12)  
 20-24 Week B  
 23 Hui Great America Sale ends  
 MHS Homecoming Parade  
 24 1st Qt. Recognition Assembly  
 27 Week A  
 Kindergarten to Waimea (P4/H3)  
 28 Kindergarten to Waimea (H2/P5)  
 30 PreSchool /Kinder to Waimea (P3/D4/D3)  
**Grade 1 Parent Math Brunch 8 a.m.**

### October

- 1 **Get Moving, Get Fit** 8 a.m.- Noon  
 First Quarter Ends

### October 4-8 Fall Recess- No School

- 11 Furlough Day- No School  
 12-15 Week B - **Safety Week**  
 12 SCC Meeting 5 p.m.  
 AFP Parent Input 6 p.m.  
 13 **Wear Red - Be Drug Free**  
 Student Council Meeting 12:30 p.m.  
**Grade 5 Star Party Event**  
 14 **Wear Purple for PHP day**  
**Grade 4 Parent Activity**  
 Hui Meeting 5 p.m.  
 Papa John's Night- Eat Pizza  
 15 **Wear Blue for School Spirit**  
 HI 5 Recycling  
 18-22 Week A  
 20 **Flu Clinic**  
 21 School Picture Group & Make Up Day  
 22 Student Council Shoebox collection  
 Grade 4 to PCC  
 25-29 Week B  
 30 Craft Fair at Uka!

### Student Lead Conferences

**12:30 Dismissal**

**October 25- November 5**

**November 2- Election Day - No School**

### Get out and VOTE!

Mililani Uka is demonstrating civic responsibility by participating in Kids Voting Hawaii 2010. Information will be sent home regarding voting dates for the Primary and General Elections. To learn about Kids Voting Hawaii, log on to [www.kidsvotinghawaii.org](http://www.kidsvotinghawaii.org).



### -----September 9th Deadline-----

### Federal Survey Cards: Why turn them in?

The Federal Survey cards will be sent home on September 8! Please take the time to complete these cards and return them to the school on the **September 9** deadline date. These cards are what determine how our school gets funding via the Weighted Student Formula. Thank you in advance for your cooperation returning these forms on time!

### Stop Flu At School

Again this fall the State of Hawaii Department of Health will be offering free influenza vaccine to students and teachers in Hawaii's schools. Immunization is the single best way to protect against the flu, and parents who want to reduce their child's chances of getting the flu should get them vaccinated. Please return your flu immunization forms by September 9th! Mahalo!