



# Egret Talk Story

## January 22, 2010

### Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Welcome to our Mililani Uka Ohana!

## Principal's Message

Our staff is growing and we are fortunate to have some very special and talented individuals join our Uka staff. Please welcome the following people to our learning community.

Mrs. Angeli Palompo, an experienced teacher, has been serving as our part-time teacher in the SIS Reading Support program and has now accepted a full time position as our newest 3rd grade teacher. She is a parent of two boys at Mililani High School and one at Mililani Middle School. She is impressed with the sense of "community" here at Uka and especially appreciates the strength of the teaming spirit within the Grade 3 teaching team.

Ms. Jessica Kaminaga is a recent graduate from University of Hawaii-West Oahu and is a member of their first graduating class in Elementary Education. She has been working at Mililani 'Ike Elementary and Mililani Mauka Elementary so she is quite familiar with our Mililani Complex initiatives. She takes over our Kindergarten class in H2 from Mrs. Reina Loughlin who is on maternity leave for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Kaminaga thinks that one of the best things about working with Kindergartners are seeing their adorable smiles and receiving their genuine hugs! She shares, "I think that's one of the best parts of teaching... seeing how much they grow in a short amount of time."

Ms. Lindsey Lowe is a recent graduate from Ohio University and has joined our Special Education department as a resource teacher. Ms. Lowe will be providing support to our students with special needs. She has jumped right into the Uka team by volunteering time after school helping our jump rope team. She recently ran the Columbus and Boston Marathons and hopes to soon add the Honolulu Marathon to the list.

Ms. Kristen Gibbs is a recent graduate from the University of Santa Barbara. She takes over the QUEST program from Mrs. Ann Imamura who retired in December. Ms. Gibbs will be helping our QUEST students develop their complex thinking skills as they explore the scientific inquiry process. She has been overwhelmed with the warmth and kindness of the staff and students of Uka and is excited about being a part of our Uka family.

Lastly, we bid a fond "aloha" to our QUEST teacher, Mrs. Ann Imamura. After 21 years in the Hawaii Department of Education and 11 years at Mililani Uka Elementary, Mrs. Imamura has earned a well deserved retirement. Of course, she will be very busy with this new chapter in her life and looks forward to doing all the things that she didn't have time to before. We send Mrs. Imamura our appreciation and aloha for her many years of commitment and service to the students of Mililani Uka Elementary.

Wishing you all a wondrous New Year as we soar into 2010!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm

## Kid Biz Winter Challenge Results

Congratulations to the 66 students who were able to meet the Winter KB Challenge by passing 10 or more articles during our Winter Intersession. Congratulations to all students who took time during the break to continue with their learning. We had a record breaking intersession with 2366 articles completed by our students in Grade 2-5!

### Top Kid Biz Classes:

1) Ms. Ibonia	5th grade	262 articles
2) Mrs. Saruwatari	4th grade	256 article
3) Mrs. Nishikawa	5th grade	251 articles
4) Ms Ikuma	5th grade	219 articles
5) Ms. Tsurumaki	5th grade	192 articles

Class	Name	#	Class	Name	#
C103	Qiera Tyrell	28	E5	Micah Andrade	16
C103	Bienvenido Villaflor	11	E5	Prashanth Balaraman	22
C102	Samantha Lohmann	12	E5	Gabriel Goya	11
C102	Kieran Lulker	40	E5	Serena Holm	16
F3	Roy Davenport	13	E5	Jessicalyn Kaai	13
F3	Maysa Segovia	11	E5	Kalei Rego	16
F3	Darcie Tanaka	18	E5	Destiny Brooke Tamayo	15
C104	Natalie Thomas	10	E5	Kayla Woodard	17
F6	Evert Agbanlog	11	E6	Jace Akagi Okuma	27
F6	Jacy Oshiro	10	E6	Caitlin Alvior	11
C203	Jasmine Chase	12	E6	Jessica Barnett	11
F5	Caitlin Barbour	10	E6	Nicholas Burbine	15
F5	Kalena Gibson	17	E6	Jayson Chow	15
C202	Zachary Hidano Kawato	10	E6	Michael Gabriel	15
C202	Trinity Oshiro	12	E6	Sean Hayase	10
C202	Joey Teruya	18	E6	Allyson Huh	15
D8	Lowen Gonzado	12	E6	Jaycelle Reynon	15
D5	Breiden Tyrell	16	E6	Mila Stojadinovic	15
D7	Katherine Markovich	15	E6	Tyler Yoshioka	15
D7	Mark Yoneda	16	E7	Alyssa Fukumoto	12
D6	Travis Afuso	10	E7	Kalei Makamae Maele	13
D6	Christina Casanova	10	E7	Alexandra Makaiiau	15
D6	Michael Chang	11	E7	Troy Osada	16
D6	Jessica Abanes	18	E7	Isabella Pe	15
D6	Kaelyn-Ann Grace	10	E7	Cameron Quon	15
D6	Ashley Koza	10	E7	Cody Tanaka	15
D6	Brayden Napoleon Thomas	11	E7	Isaiah Wallace	17
D6	Ja'nae Richie Dean	10	E8	Alyssa Harada	16
D6	Damien Santiago	15	E8	Jacob Haywood	14
D6	Anisa Segovia	15	E8	Kialyn Kawachi Ranion	17
D6	Kalae Tanaka	10	E8	Karli Murakami	18
D6	Jacob Thomas Viera	10	E8	Julieann Patarini	17
D6	Kaylee Yoshimoto	12	E8	Kaulana Funakoshi	13

## SCHOOLS PRAISED FOR RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

One hundred Hawaii public schools were recognized for academic gains at a Board of Education Community Meeting on December 15, 2009. Mililani Uka Elementary School was recognized for our continued efforts toward increasing student achievement.

Mililani Uka staff received their Annual Achievement Award for SY 2009-2010 from Board of Education Members.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SY 2010-11: Students born in 2005

Registration begins February 1, 2010. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Parents are to provide the following:

1. Verification of birth date (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, etc.)
2. Verification of residence (current rental/purchase agreement and/or current utility bill (Electric, water, cable, or telephone).
3. Students who have not attended a preschool in Hawaii, need a current negative TB test (Mantoux/PPD or chest x-ray), a physical examination both within one year of school entry and all required immunizations prior to Kindergarten entry.

If your child is attending a preschool in Hawaii, please check with your child's physician to confirm all required immunizations/boosters have been administered prior to Kindergarten entry. You will need to bring in your child's "School Health Record" (Form 14) at the time of registration.

### Parent Workshops

**Not too late  
to sign up!**

It's not too late to participate in two up-coming family workshops presented by Mililani Complex and Hui O Mililani Uka. Please join us!

#### **Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

Bullying and their victims: Intervention strategies for the school, the family and the student will be presented by Jarrett Horibata, Ph.D. at Mililani Mauka Elementary School cafeteria on Tuesday, January 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, January 28, 2010**

"Cyber-bullying" Seminar is a presentation by Chris Duque. Detective Duque is a nationally recognized expert on a variety of computer crimes. Over 58 percent of the students polled admit that they have experienced "Cyber-bullying." This event will be held at Mililani Uka starting at 6 p.m. Students will be briefed by Detective Duque and then treated to stories, games and magic while parents continue with the presentation. Contact the Uka PCNC office at 627-7303 ext 233 if you don't want to miss this important presentation and learn how to protect your family!

## November Shoebox Collection

Thank you again for assisting with the November Student Council Shoebox Collection! Our blessings continue to spill out onto those around us! Here is an excerpt from one of our thank you letters:

"Aloha from Laumaka work furlough,

I would like to thank each student & staff for all the christmas boxes that each one of us got here at Laumaka. My name is Phillip... With all the aloha in your hearts thank you for making our Christmas brighter and putting a smile on each person's face. For me it brought tears and joy to my heart. May all your wishes and dreams come true. Have a safe 2010!

Your friend Phil"

Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group thanked each school that participated in the shoebox collection with a donation of \$150.

Pictured at right with Uka's Principal Ms. Wilhelm are Principal Nakasato from Ike, Principal Petersen from Mauka, Principal Dr. Brummel from MHS and Principal Kardash from MMS with Lari Yasui from Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group.



## US Census 2010

### Census Day is April 1, 2010.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to collect state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. The federal government uses the census to allocate government funds. It is our civic duty to complete the census questionnaire. With only 10 questions it only takes minutes to complete and is one of the shortest in history. Please help your child learn about the census and civic responsibility by completing your census questionnaire. To learn more about Census in Schools log onto [www.census.gov/schools](http://www.census.gov/schools).

## ***Election of Student Council Officers starts in February!***

February begins the Student Council search for new officers in the Fourth Grade.

Election packets will be distributed in the homeroom to interested students.

Nomination forms are due back by Monday, February 22. Please DO NOT ask for votes during the Primary Campaign. Contact Norma Tansey at 627-7303 ext 233 for more information.

## **HUI and SCC Board Member Openings**

Both our parent organization, Hui O Mililani Uka, and our School Community Council are looking for volunteer members to fill their boards. If you would like to contribute your time and energy to helping Mililani Uka grow, please contact Norma Tansey- PCNC at 627-7303 ext 233 or via e-mail at: [norma\\_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us).

Next SCC meeting is Tuesday, February 2. Next Hui meeting is Thursday, February 4!

# Scholastic BOOK FAIR



Mark your calendar for the Library Scholastic Book Fair!

WHEN: February 8-11, 2010 Monday – Thursday

Parent Night: Wednesday, February 10 from 3 - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Mililani Uka Library

Cash, checks, & charge cards accepted. 4.5 % State tax charged.

Parent Volunteers needed during the Book Fair, please see Mrs. Enomoto, Librarian.

## Family Game Night On Book Fair Night

Don't miss a fun opportunity to join Mililani Uka Student Council members at the Second Annual Family Game Night! Once again, we join forces with the Hui O Mililani Uka and Papa John's Pizza to offer a one-stop fun evening of activity. Shop the Book Fair early or after playing some games. Watch your child learn the fun of interaction with family and friends!



Uka Student Council and Mililani High School Interact members will be in the cafeteria to challenge your student at a variety of games. Play your old favorite or learn something new. We will be playing Bingo, checkers, chess, UNO, Mancala, Connect Four, Yahtze and more!

Watch for the sign up and pre-sold pizza flier to come out soon! See You at Family Game Night Wednesday, February 10, 2010!

## Mililani Uka Cross Country Team



### Pursuing Victory with Honor

Special thanks to Mr. Fujioka and Uka's Cross Country team parents for the support and participation in the yearly Mililani Complex Cross Country Meet held December 3, 2009. Uka students returned home with the third place team trophy and showed their teamwork and character as they pursued victory with honor.

## **"We Love to Read"**

### **Garage Sale Donation Drop off Schedule**

<b>1st Day-&gt;Monday</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Office</b>
Monday	February 1	7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Office
Monday	February 8	7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Office
Tuesday	February 9	7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Office
Wednesday	February 10	7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Office
Thursday	February 11	7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Office
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. - 5 p.m</b>	<b>Office</b>

### **UKA Traffic Safety**

Parents, please help your child map out a safe route to school that includes crosswalks. Additionally, we ask you to be a good role model by always using crosswalks yourself, especially when you are with your child. Use of sidewalks: Everyone (teachers, staff, parents and students) should use the sidewalks to move about on campus.

Our JPOs report that many students are not using their **seat belts** when they enter the school parking lot. Please make sure your child is properly secured until the car comes to a stop. Additionally we continue to see **drivers talking on cell phones** while picking up their students. Adults should model good citizenship by following the law.

**Jaywalking** is not only against the law it is extremely unsafe and could end up costing you money. Jaywalking is a consistent problem at Lanikuhana Pl. (cul-de-sac behind Mililani Uka). Pedestrians should cross with the crossing guard or walk on the sidewalk around the base of the cul-de-sac.

Please follow the drop off and pick up rules set by the state and school. Do not allow your child to exit the car at a **red painted curb area**. Please have your child exit from the passenger side of the car, and not from behind the driver into the active traffic lane. **Following these rules helps us keep your students safe.**

### **Student Art on Exhibit in Honolulu**

Pauahi Tower Gallery, located at 1003 Bishop Street, Honolulu, currently has an exhibit of art work by local artists and students promoting the Oahu Arts Center. Several Mililani Uka students have art on display from the Art to Go program and classroom art projects. Paintings and ceramic art by Anisa, Mayasa, and Martiza Segovia as well as work by Tyler Stiles, Penina Naea, Liezl Rae Chan, and Ariya Nims will be on display through Friday, January 22.



Pictured are the Segovia's with local artist, Ria Keltz. Ms. Keltz earned First Place recognition at the event.

We Love to Read  
**community garage sale**  
to benefit Mililani Public Library

February 13, 2010  
8:00 am-12:00 pm  
Mililani Uka Elementary  
Cafeteria



**Donations welcomed, please contact  
Mililani Uka Elementary School @ (808)627-7303**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:**

To make the Community Garage Sale a success we need help with:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Drop off (7:15-4 p.m.) Jan.25 or Feb 1, 8,9,10,11
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set Up: Friday, 2/12 from 3-5 p.m. or 4-6 p.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Event Helper: Saturday, 2/13 7-9 a.m or 8- 10 a.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Event Helpers: Saturday, 2/13 9-11 a.m. or 10- Noon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Event Helpers: Saturday, 2/13 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Name  
E-mail contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #

Volunteers may contact Uka's PCNC Norma Tansey at 627-7303 ext 233;  
via e-mail at [norma\\_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us) or through the school volunteer site at  
[www.helpawaiischools.com](http://www.helpawaiischools.com).

# Mililani Uka Event Calendar

January 2010

*HUI SHAMROCK SALES RUN NOW Until Feb.4, 2010*

- 25-28 *Week A – JPO Platoon A*  
25 *Community Garage Sale Drop off 7:15a.m.-4 p.m.*  
26 *Complex Parent Workshop **Bullying** at  
Mililani Mauka El. 6:30 pm*  
27 *Gr. 1 & 2 Lion's Club Hearing Screening  
Jump Team Grades 4/5*  
28 *Jump Team Grades 2/3  
HUI **Cyber-bullying Seminar** 6 p.m.*  
29 *Furlough Friday- No School*

February

- 1-4 *Week B – JPO Platoon B*  
1 *Community Garage Sale Drop off 7:15a.m.-4 p.m.*  
2 *Wear Blue for Uka Pride  
SCC Meeting 5 p.m. Library*  
3 *Wear Red for DARE to be a Drug Free School  
Student Council Meeting 12:45- 1:30  
Grades 4/5 Jump Team 12:45- 1:30*  
4 *Wear Purple for PHP  
Grades 2/3 Jump Team 2:30- 3:15  
Hui Meeting 5 p.m. PCNC  
Hui Shamrock Fundraiser Ticket/\$ return deadline*  
5 *Furlough Friday - No School*  
8-11 *Week A- JPO Platoon A*  
8-11 **Scholastic Book Fair** in Library  
8-11 *Garage Sale Drop off 7:15 a.m. -4 p.m.*  
10 *Family Book Fair and Game Night 5:30-8 pm  
Grades 4/5 Jump Team*  
11 *Grades 2/3 Jump Team*  
12 *Furlough Friday- No School  
3-6 PM Community Garage Sale drop off & set up*  
13 **Uka Community Garage Sale** 8 a.m - NOON  
16-20 *Week B - JPO Platoon B*  
*Character Counts Week*  
15 *No School - President's Day*  
19 *Recognition Assembly split K-1 @ 8:45*  
20 *MTC Complex Character Counts Event 10a.m -1 p.m*  
22-26 *Week A- JPO Platoon A*  
24 **HUI Shamrock Item Pick up** 1:30-6:30 P.M. Library  
24-26 *Yearbook Buddy Pictures at Recess*

## Join Us AT

**Hui O Mililani Uka's  
Cyber-bullying  
Seminar  
1/28/2010  
6PM  
Uka Library**

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## Reminder:

**Shamrock Food Pick up is Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**From 1:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Volunteers needed for distribution!**