



Egret Talk Story

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Mililani Uka Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Aloha, welcome back from spring break! It's time for our grade 3- 5 students to take the HSA. This year in addition to the traditional "paper pencil" test students in our State will begin piloting the on-line version of the test. This will be our last year of the traditional version of the test. Please help us by making sure your child gets a good nights sleep and breakfast each morning. We appreciate your not scheduling any doctors' appointments etc. during our testing window.

Our renovations will begin after the HSA. and continue through the end of November. Four classes will be renovated at one time. The office, library, cafeteria and several classes will be renovated this summer. As a result we will not be having summer school this year. Please check with the other schools in our area if you would like your child to attend summer school.

Our Raise a Reader reading minutes is already over 38,000 minutes! There have been some problems with the website and so we appreciate your continued efforts to log your child's reading. We hope that you will be able to come to our upcoming, Spring into Reading on April 22nd. Mrs. Lynn Waihee, will be our featured speaker that evening and Miss Hawaii will be one our readers!. Let's keep our students reading!

Much Aloha,

Heather Wilhelm

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

Mililani Middle School SCC will be holding a community meeting on April 20, 2010 @ 6:30 pm in the MMS Cafe. The main topic will be the 2010-2011 school calendar and the school year 2011-2012 conversion to a 4-track calendar at MMS. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to share thoughts or voice concerns about the school track calendar.

The 2010 School Elections process is upon us:

Student Council Officers:

The fourth grade final General Election will be held on March 25. Student votes and teacher speech evaluations will determine the 5th grade officers for the 2010-11 School Year.

The School Community Council (SCC)

In accordance with the Mililani Uka SCC By-laws, elections are held on a yearly basis for parents and community members. Each family is allowed one ballot. Parents are asked to vote for two (2) community members and four (4) parent members. One parent is needed to sit on the Hui O Mililani board and act as liaison to both boards. Nominations are being accepted until Monday, April 5, 2010 and a ballot will be sent home for voting in April.

Hui O Mililani Uka Parent Organization: (Hui)

Nominations for the Hui parent officers for school year 2010-11 are being accepted through April 8, 2010. Consider making a huge difference in your child's education by volunteering or accepting the nomination to become part of the Hui O Mililani Uka.

An hour a month or week can make a difference in your child's education when you become part of the Hui or SCC. Please e-mail Uka's PCNC at norma_tansey@notes.k12.hi.us to nominate a fellow parent or yourself!



State of Hawaii 2010 Food Drive Collection- April 16, 2010 Friday from 7:15-8 a.m. Front of Library

Mililani Uka Student Council will be collecting donations of non-perishable food during the Friday morning drop off at both the front library and cul de sac entrances. Please contribute to this worthwhile program to help local families in need.

Monetary Donations will be accepted.
Please make checks payable to:
"Hawaii Foodbank"

The annual food drive is an opportunity for us to pull together as a community and help one another. Many of those helped by the this drive are young children! Mahalo for joining us!



QUEST 2010-2011 NOMINATIONS

Quest is Mililani Uka's Gifted & Talented Program. It is a once a week pull-out program that integrates the areas of science, math, and the language arts in project-based learning opportunities. This program offering is only available to students in grades K-5 who have been identified and selected as exceptional in the areas of intellectual ability, performance, and/or creativity.

For this testing period, Quest nominations are opened to ANY student in Grades K through 4th grade. Students applying for the Quest program must meet specific testing criteria in order to be accepted into the 2010-2011 Program beginning in August 2010.

Please pick up a Parent Nomination Form for Quest screening in the office. Please read through the informational packet, and if you feel your child meets the characteristics of a potentially gifted child, complete the form and return it to the office no later than Friday, April 9th.

All nomination forms need to be returned to the office by **April 9th**.
NO LATE NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Gibbs by phone at 627-7303 or by email at kristen_gibbs@notes.k12.hi.us

Join us at Curriculum Fair 2010

"Showcase of Learning"

When: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Where: Mililani Uka Library

Time: 2:30-4:30 or 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

What: Individual student work -all grade levels

Public feedback on "National" Common Core Standards for Education.

On March 10th, a draft copy of the Common Core Standards were made available for public view and comment. The public is invited to give feedback up until April 10th. The standards and ability to make comments can be found at this web site.

www.corestandards.org.

or follow this link to the March 11, 2010 NY Times article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/11/education/11educ.html?sudsredirect=true>

Read Across America – March 3, 2010 Military Readers



Pictured at right are the military readers with Uka Librarian, Mrs. Enomoto. Students in Pre-school through second grade were treated to hearing favorite Dr. Seuss and other great books on the annual Read Across America Day. The Schofield 84th Engineers supplied us with military readers who read and talked story with our students. Many got to learn about geography when the readers shared where they

were born and other interesting facts about themselves. Mahalo to the 84th Engineers for helping us kick off the Raise a Reader challenge by reciting the reading oath with our students!



Mililani Public Library Thanks Uka!

Ms. Shari-Lynn Murphy from the Mililani Public Library extended a thank you to the students and staff at Mililani Uka.

"Thank you very much for the recent donation of books from your book fair! The titles you chose, *Scholastic Book of World Records 2010*, *Christian the Lion*, and *Looking for Miza*, will be enjoyed by our patrons. They are especially appreciated since we did not have any copies of them in our collection.

Mililani Uka has done so much for our library in recent months, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In these challenging times especially, it is so encouraging to know that our community cares about literacy and lifelong learning.

Thank you again for your hard work and thoughtfulness."

Raise a Reader Challenge

Enroll at <http://www.parents.com/reading/mililaniukaelementarymilhi>

A huge mahalo to all the students and parents who have successfully signed up for the Mililani Uka Raise a Reader Challenge! We currently have **201 students** enrolled and they have already read.... **38,271 minutes**. At this rate we need to raise the goal to 200,000 minutes!

Don't stop reading and please take the time to enroll if you haven't managed to join the Uka reading team. We know that many of you are having difficulty enrolling due to past membership with Parents.com and forgotten passwords. So many parents have been enrolling and their tech support is overloaded. I found the "HELP" tab at the top right corner answered many of my questions so below are questions and answers that might help you. If you are still having problems click on the "CUSTOMER SERVICE" tab located just above the help tab.

- 1. I entered my school. Can I see who is registered and track individual students' minutes?*
No, there is not currently a way for school contacts to see which individual students have enrolled or track how many minutes an individual student enters. You can view and track the total minutes entered on behalf of a school.
- 2. Do reading minutes at school count?*
Yes, student reading time in the classroom can count in this contest. However, students cannot enter more than 6 hours (360 minutes) of reading time per day.
- 3. Does time I read to my kids count?*
Yes, it does. We encourage all types of reading.
- 4. Do I need to log in every day?*
No, you do not have to log in each day to enter time in the reading log. You can always log minutes in the past (you can log in on Friday and put in minutes for Thursday, for example). Students who read the most days during the program are eligible to win \$50 gift cards to Barnes and Noble, so we encourage reading every day.
- 5. When does the contest end?*
The last time to enter minutes is 5:59 pm Hawaii time on May 31, 2010.

Miss Hawaii Coming to Mililani Uka's Spring Into Reading Event Thursday April 22, 2010



**Registration forms coming out soon!
Please mark your calendar for
food, fun, and prizes!**



Hui 'O Mililani Uka News

The Hui 'O Mililani Uka would like to thank everyone who sent in their budget and fundraiser surveys. We appreciate all of your comments and questions. We will be discussing the fundraisers and budget at the 5pm April 8th Hui board meeting in order to present the 2010-2011 SY budget & fundraisers at the April 22nd general membership meeting for your approval. Monthly treasurer's reports, along with the minutes from board

meetings are posted to the Mililani Uka website for your information. All Hui board meetings are open to the public, so please consider stopping by to learn more about what the Hui is doing to support our children.

Thank you for support at our Jamba Juice trial run. We are sorry for those of you who were disappointed when we ran out due to limited inventory. To make up for it Jamba Juice will be back again next Tuesday, March 30. Sales will be from 2:15 until we run out, but we have asked for almost double the amount next week.

Melody Hayase, Hui President

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Protect Your Child Against Bullies

Bullying is another name for harassment. It can be physical, but often, bullying is verbal and includes threats and teasing. Bullies pick on other people because they want to feel popular or tough. If your child is being bullied, it's not his/her fault. Here are some ways you can protect your child from bullies:

1. Teach your child the difference between tattling and telling.

Tattling	vs	Telling
Unimportant		Important
Harmless		Someone can be hurt
Accidental		Purposeful
Could be solved by child		Needs help to solve

2. Make sure your child understands that they have a right to say "NO" to unfair requests.

3. Watch for signs of bullying in your child. These might include withdrawal, loss of appetite, lower grades, bruises, torn clothing, needing extra lunch money or supplies, or not wanting to go to school.

4. Tell the school administration as soon as you see or suspect a problem

Helping a Bullied Child:

1. Take complaints of bullying seriously
2. Do not confront the suspected bully on your own
3. Reassure your child that he/she was right to tell you of the problem
4. Teach your child to be assertive, not aggressive
5. Give your child positive social opportunities to make friends – children in peer groups are rarely the target of bullies.

Sources for more information on bullying try these great sites:

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov or www.olweus.org/public/bullying.page

Loving Solutions

A Parent's Guide to Raising Tough Kids

Ages 5-10 Years

Parent Project Jr., Loving Solutions for Tough Kids is available for parents struggling with their challenging, strong-willed 5-10 year olds. Classes meet once a week for 6 weeks and parents will learn effective prevention and intervention techniques to help their children grow up safe, strong and capable.



If your child:

- ▶ Throws tantrums
- ▶ Picks on sibling
- ▶ Has poor school performance
- ▶ Refuses to go to school
- ▶ Argues persistently
- ▶ Breaks family rules
- ▶ Refuses to do chores

Then it's time to get help!

When: Mondays- **April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10**
Where: Helemano Elementary School Cafeteria (1001 Ihi Ihi Avenue)
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Facilitators: Sandie Ishii and Cheryl Iwasaki-Chun
(Any questions??? Call Cheryl Iwasaki-Chun at 622.6336)

Cost is \$24.00 and includes a valuable parent workbook-cash or check payable to "Helemano Elementary School". Sorry, but childcare will not be provided and children are not allowed to attend workshops.

-----Cut here and return with your **cash** or **check payment** (payable to Helemano Elementary School) to your school's PCNC Facilitator or -----
email RSVP to: Cheryl_Iwasaki-Chun@notes.k12.hi.us
by **Thursday, March 25, 2010**

Adult's name(s) _____

Child's name and age _____ School _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Email: _____

Mililani Uka Event Calendar

MARCH

- 26 No School - Prince Kuhio Day
 29- April 1 *Week A- JPO Platoon A*
 30 HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Reading
 31 HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Reading

APRIL

- 1** HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Reading
2 **No School - Good Friday**
2 MMS Wet N Wild Family Day
 5-9 *Week B - JPO Platoon B SPIRIT WEEK*
6 HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Math
SCC Meeting 5 p.m. Library
7 HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Math
 Student Council meeting D4 12:45 P.M.
Papa John's Pizza Night - Eat Pizza
8 HSA Testing Grade 3-5 Math
Hui O Mililani Uka Meeting 5 p.m. PCNC
9 **HI 5 Recycling Collection 7:15-7:55 a.m.**
Deadline for Quest Nominations
 12-16 *Week A - JPO Platoon A*
12 Grade 4 Science Testing
13 Grade 4 Science Testing
 14-19 HSA Make-up testing
14 Grade 5 Portraits
16 Hawaii Foodbank Collection 7:15- 8 a.m.
 19-22 *Week B - JPO Platoon B*
19 **SCHOOL RENOVATIONS BEGIN**
20 Quest testing begins
22 **Spring Into Reading Event 5:45-8 p.m.**
23 No School Furlough Friday
 26-29 *Week A - JPO Platoon A*
26 **Recognition Assembly- 8:45 a.m.**
28-29 **Grade 4 Big Island Trip**
30 No School - Furlough Friday
May
 3-6 *Week B - JPO Platoon B- Spirit Week!*
4 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 SCC Meeting
5 **HI 5 Recycling Collection**
Curriculum Fair "Showcase of Learning"
Times: 2:30-4:30 OR 5:30-7:30 in the Library



returns to
Mililani Uka!

Date: Tuesday, March 30

Time: 2:15p.m.

Cost: \$4.00 cash only

Size: 16 ounce

Flavor: Strawberries Wild
or Orange Dream

Location: Between Library
and E Building

First come first served
while supplies last!

Proceeds support our
school through Hui O
Mililani Uka!

Join us for a cool and tasty
treat!

April 22- Spring Into Reading

Join us for a great evening of family fun.

Pre-sold Bento dinners, Door Prizes, Stories & More!

Hui General Meeting & Guest speaker Lynn Waihee