Ka`ala Elementary School

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December 2020 **Involved Parents Make the Difference** **No. 4**

Aloha Ka'ala Families,

Happy December! I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. This has been a challenging year for our Wahiawa community as a whole, but not one without successes. First and foremost is our connection with our parents. At this time of blended and distance learners, never has communication and patience been so important. Parents, you have done an amazing job in working with our Ka'ala teachers as they provide instruction the best they know how. Another success has been the progress made with knowledge and use of technology. We're so proud of our students and how they've adapted to distance learning, knowing that these skills will benefit them in the future. Our students deserve to *thrive*, and their technology process will help them on their success path.

iReady has played an important role in our student achievement. During the last two weeks of school before winter break, your child will be taking their Diagnostic 2 for iReady in both reading and math. **It's important that they do this Diagnostic 2 on their own, as the program is designed to help students at their individual learning levels. Please do not assist them in any way, as it will disrupt the process and iReady use will be ineffective.** Thank you for having your child continue their iReady lessons, as the program is designed to meet them at their own levels and improve. The expectation is 50+ minutes and three passed lessons in both reading and math per week.

Happy Holidays Ka'ala! We miss seeing all our students' smiling faces at school, but realize blended learning is a phase we must get through on our road to recovery. Stay safe everyone, and continue to emphasize the importance of participating in classroom learning as well as iReady and other online resources. We'll get through this. Have a well-deserved Winter Break and we'll see you all in January!

Aloha,

S. Bennett
Proud Principal of Ka'ala Elementary School
Our students deserve to thrive with options and opportunities

https://www.kaala.k12.hi.us
Please visit our website for additional pictures and information

KA'ALA VISION

We, Ka'ala Elementary School, respect, value, and support all individuals in reaching their highest potential.

KA'ALA MISSION

Prepare students for success by teaching standards based lessons; creating a safe and nurturing environment; providing meaningful learning experiences; and ensuring opportunities for evaluation and assessment of progress. Provide opportunities to give parents tools to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the students. Commit ourselves wholeheartedly to our vision; communicate that vision with integrity; follow up commitments relentlessly; and foster positive relationships within our school community

Principal:
Mr. Sam Bennett

Vice Principal:
Mr. Mark Gervacio

Counselors:
Ms. Megan Ferrer
(Grades K-2)

Mr. Jon Morikawa
(Grades 3-5)

English: If assistance is needed in understanding the "Ka'ala Parent Bulletin" by having it read or translated into another language, please call the office at 305-3900.

ILOKANO: No kasapulan yo iti tulong nga mangbasa/mangipataros ti daytoy "Ka'ala Parent Bulletin" iti pagsasao nga Ilokano, pangnga-asi yo to awagenyo iti opisina ti eskwela 305-3900.

TAGALOG: Kung kailangan ninyo ng tulong na basahin/intindihin ang "Ka'ala Parent Bulletin" sa Tagalog, ipinakikiusap na tawagan ang opisina ng eskwelahan, 305-3900.

SAMOAN: Afai e mana'omia se fesoasoani mo se fa'apupulaga o lenei fa'asilasilaga pe a faitauina, fa'a molemole valaau le aoga, 305-3900.

MARSHALLESE: Elane kwoj aikuj jipan melele kin "Ka'ala Parent Bulletin" non read i waj ak ukote ilo kajin Majol, jouij im call office e ilo 305-3900.

SPANISH: Si la ayuda se necesita en la comprension del "Ka'ala Parent Bulletin", teniendo el leyo o tradujo a otra lengua llama por favor la oficina en 305-3900.

CHUUKESE/KAPASEN CHUUK: Ika ke mwochen epwe or aninis faniten omw Kopwe wewe ochuti "Ka'ala bulletin board" an emon epwe aneani ika awewei non fosun chuuk. Kose mwochen Kekeri phone nampa 305-3900.

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to
- Student record information
- Directory information
- Surveys and other information collection
- Military recruitment information

For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit

http://ferpa.k12.hi.us

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Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist
Civil Rights Compliance Office
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries
Anne Marie Puglisi, Director
Civil Rights Compliance Office
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December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	2 Group A (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	3 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	4 Thrive Friday. School ends @ 12 noon	5
6	7 Group A (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	8 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	9 Group A (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	10 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	11 Thrive Friday. School ends @ 12 noon	12
13	14 Group A (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	15 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	16 Group A (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	17 Group B (all grades). School ends @ 12 noon	18 Thrive Friday. School ends @ 12 noon	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Winter Break

12/21/20 – 1/1/21

Mele Kalikimaka

me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 No School Teacher work day	5 No School Teacher PD day	6 **First day back for students** **Group A School ends @ 12 noon**	7 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	8 Thrive Friday School ends @ 12 noon	9
10	11 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	12 Group B School ends @ 12 noon SCC virtual meeting @ 2:45pm	13 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	14 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	15 Thrive Friday School ends @ 12 noon	16
17	18 No School Martin Luther King Day	19 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	20 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	21 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	22 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	23
24	25 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	26 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	27 Group A School ends @ 12 noon	28 Group B School ends @ 12 noon	29 Thrive Friday School ends @ 12 noon	30
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School Community Council (SCC)

Due to Covid-19, our family engagements had to be rescheduled.
There are two topics that we needed to address,
Title 1 and Academic Financial Plan.
If you would like to review information regarding Title 1 and Academic Financial Plan feel free to log on to our school website at https://www.kaala.k12.hi.us/parents-c1117.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions feel free to click on the " Contact Us" section on our school website.
What you share with us matters!

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-Sam Bennett, Proud Principal of Ka'ala Elementary

BUY YOUR Yearbook

Deadline: March 1, 2021

If you would like to purchase a yearbook there are two ways to do it:
1)Lifetouch website:
ybpay.lifetouch.com, ID code: 14290221
or
2)Cash or check payable to Ka'ala Elementary

What is included in the yearbook?

- 40 page colored yearbook
- Sturdy soft cover with protective coating
- Zoom: an insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Ruby Chai or Mrs. Sina Hufanga, PCNC Facilitators at 305-3929.

Veteran's Day

We had fun participating in Honoring our Veterans at the 74th Wahiawa Lions Club "Mahalo Veterans Day sign waving!"

Mahalo to our Principal, Sam Bennett, Vice Principal Mark Gervacio, staff and JPO's for representing Ka'ala Elementary with pride!

Merry December

Aloha Ka'ala Ohana,

Thank you so much for all the support you have given us over the 2nd Quarter. We love to work with all students whether it be in-person or virtually through Google Meets. Please keep up all the hard work and do not hesitate to reach out to us for support!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We can't wait to see you in the 3rd Quarter!

Best wishes,
Ka'ala Counseling Team (Ms. Ferrer, Mr. Morikawa, and Ms. Leslie)