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Kualapuu Public Conversion Charter School

Principal Lydia Trinidad

January/February 2014

The 5K Race Series is Back!

Kualapuu Charter School announces the first of six 5K FUN-raising races to be held this Saturday, February 8. All interested runners, joggers, and walkers are invited to come to Coffees of Hawaii this Saturday to race. Registration begins at 8 am. Event start time is 8:30 am. The \$10 adult registration fee will be used to send a team of Kualapuu School runners to Oahu for the Honolulu 5K for Kids, slated for April 27. (There is no entry fee for students.)

The six races in the series will be used as qualifying races for Kualapuu School's six-member team that competes on Oahu. The Kualapuu team will be chosen based upon each runner's best three of five race results; total combined time in three races will be used to determine selection. Team selection will be announced on April 12. The final event on April 26th will serve to showcase the Kualapuu team that will be racing the following day over on Oahu.

Other race dates in this 5K series are on alternating Saturdays: February 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, and April 26. All 5K's will begin at 8:30 am from Coffee's of Hawaii. The 5K-course will either be along Farrington Highway or in the nearby fields. Race location will depend on weather and road conditions. For more information contact Sue Forbes-Kikukawa at Kualapuu School, 567-6900.

Come out this Saturday to show your support for Kualapuu School's health and fitness programs and running team. Say "yes" to healthy lifestyle choices! Don't wait until you get in shape to come out. This 5K series is intended to be a fun self-paced event; use it as a way to measure your personal fitness growth. Every other Saturday test yourself with a three-mile run / walk. How much faster can you go? Can you pass one of those little whippersnappers from Kualapuu before you cross the line? See you at the races!



2012 5K Team on Oahu

EVENTS

5K Race #1 – Coffees of Hawaii
Saturday, February 8th at 8:00am

Kool Kids 100% Attendance Rewards
February 10th to March 7th

Cookie Corner Sale This Week
Presidents Day – No School
Monday, February 17th

5K Race #2 – Coffees of Hawaii
Saturday, February 22nd at 8:00am

Early Release Day
Wednesday, February 26th at 12:30pm

Family Movie Night
Friday, March 7th, Time TBA

5K Race #3 – Coffees of Hawaii
Saturday, March 8th at 8:00am

Third Quarter Student Recognition
Assembly
Friday, March 14th at 8:30am

5K Race #3 – Coffees of Hawaii
Saturday, March 22nd at 8:00am

Spring Break – No School
March 17th to 28th

Students Return
Monday, March 31st 2014



Maui Economic Opportunity

Submitted by Community Connections

Maui Economic Opportunity Inc. (MEO) began in March 1965. It is a non-profit agency to help communities throughout Maui County. There are offices in Central Maui (Wailuku), Lanai, Hana, & Molokai. MEO provides services such as outreach, community programs, transportation, youth services, early childhood services, and business development programs.



"The mission of MEO is to strengthen the community while helping people in need restore their hope, reach their potential and enrich their lives."



-Mission Statement of Maui Economic Opportunity Inc.

MEO helps out our school by providing transportation services for students living outside the traditional bus route and those who need transportation to their homes. We are grateful for this service because it is helping to provide the opportunity for

students to attend our school.

Mahalo nui to Maui Economic Opportunity!

We are happy to have them as a partner with Kualapu'u School!

Congratulations Kualapu'u School for being nationally recognized by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The following article was recently written highlighting our awesome PE program.

Success Stories
INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING SOLUTIONS THAT IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY
Kualapu'u Public Conversion Charter School
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Kualapu'u School: Always Moving toward Student Health!

KUALAPU'U PUBLIC CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL | KUALAPU'U, HAWAII

If you walk onto the campus at Kualapu'u Charter School, you will see students active and energetic. You might think this is a familiar scene – look closer and you'll see all the efforts by the leadership and staff to create a healthier environment for its students!



At Kualapu'u School, students have access to daily physical education. The school's PE department provides 150 minutes of physical education every week and has been widely recognized in their community for having an amazing PE program. In addition, the PE department makes sure that all students have access to varying forms of physical activity. Twice a year, the 5th and 6th grade students complete a 100-meter swim and a mile-run! To do this, the school has teamed up with the only pool on the island, in the neighboring town of Kaunakakai.

Kualapu'u School was recently highlighted in a community newsletter for having students travel to Oahu to run the "Honolulu 5K" race. Their students returned with marvelous results: ten out of the eleven children who represented Kualapu'u School scored in the top ten of the race!

Kualapu'u School has also made accomplishments in expanding learning time during each school day – their school days are one hour longer than HIDOE schools and they utilize this time to support varying pursuits: performing arts, visual arts, computer work, library time, cultural practice and physical education! This goal was accomplished with significant support by the parents and families of students, who advocated for the need to extend the school day. As a result, students are being recognized for their performance in ways and arts beyond academics – the school and families support the development of well-rounded children.

Let's not think all this activity ends with the school day, Kualapu'u has extensive afterschool programs including gardening, Just Dance, PE, sports, tap dance and movement classes!

Kualapu'u Charter School is working with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program. The Healthy Schools Program provides hands-on technical assistance, training, and resources to support the creation of healthier learning environments and help meet state and federal requirements in the areas of nutrition, health education, physical activity, and employee wellness.



Excused or Unexcused is Not the Issue

By Molokai Complex Schools

If your child is often reluctant to go to school, you may want to try and find out the underlying reason. Attendance in school is very important for keeping up with academics that are increasingly rigorous.

Frequently absent students usually give one of three reasons. Some students *cannot* attend because of illness, work situation, family obligations, or housing concerns. Some students *will not* attend because of bullying, harassment, or embarrassment at school or on the bus. Some students just *do not* attend because they don't see the value of school or would rather do something else.

Many schools are taking research-proven steps to reach out to students that are absent. An example of this would be a short face-to-face conference with a student upon return. Another would be an offer to help students catch up on missed work, or a peer-to-peer tutoring program where a buddy is assigned to help the student catch up. A home visit by school personnel or the school social worker is important if the concern needs to be personally delivered to the home.

All schools on Molokai agree that early intervention with students that are showing absentee patterns is critical before these students get too far behind.

One of the differences in schools now is that being excused or unexcused does not matter very much. An absence is still counted as an absence for the school, even if the student is sick. The reasons for this are numerous. Studies show that the number of absences in the fifth grade can clearly predict whether the student will be at risk in high school. Students that are absent often lose important academic time and fall behind their peers.

As parents, it is important to communicate with the school if you find out something that is making your child reluctant to attend. Together, school staff, parents, and students can address problems and solve them. Let's work together to reduce student absences!



Did You Know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. (2011 Reach Out and Read, Inc)

**KOOL KIDS ATTENDANCE REWARDS:
STUDENTS WITH 100% ATTENDANCE FROM
FEBRUARY 10TH – MARCH 7TH WILL RECEIVE A
KOOL POP. STUDENTS WITH 100% ATTENDANCE
ALL YEAR WILL GET A VIP PASS TO THE PSO
WATER SLIDE DAY AT THE END OF THE YEAR.**

TESTING 1, 2, 3: Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) testing in reading, mathematics and science (4th grade only) is under way for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6th. Your child received a letter informing you of their testing dates. Please provide encouragement, make sure they are well-rested and eat breakfast on the morning of their tests. This year students will have two opportunities to pass.

MAKAHIKI 2014



Mahalo everyone for your continued support of Makahiki and the Puolo program. We are so very proud of our Kualapu'u students and their performance at Makahiki. It really showcased their fitness, commitment, desire, perseverance, and sportsmanship. We would like to thank all the Kualapu'u teachers and staff for helping to organize our students, shuttle kids to the competition area, taking winners to aloha kupuna, and cheer. We



would also like to thank all the parents for making sure students were there on time and ready to compete. Without all of you we wouldn't have attained the high level of success we did this year. 2014 has been our most dominating year yet, not just Hukihuki, but treating all events equally and giving just as much technical attention to individual events. This year individual students received medals and the school received Grade Level Winner Trophies for grades K, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and the Wayne Meyer Overall Winner Trophy.

Congratulations To Our Grade Level Champions:

Kinder: Hukihuki- Keikila Delos-Reyes, Kaizen Torres-Umi-Napoleon, Kaike Horner, Kaleiola Paleka, Genesis Nakihehi-Rubin, Heno Nunez

Kukini-Kaueloa McCutcheon **Uma** - Kaizen Napoleon **Ulumaika** - Akima Aiana

1st Grade: Hukihuki- Masina Borden, Koa Walker, Moses Reyes, Jaimine Maikamalani Ku, Jayden Kaholoaa, Noelani Keanini **Kukini**- Kwan McComas

2nd Grade: Hukihuki- Cyrus Wright, Kian Toledo, Naia Starkey, Ku Adolpho, Casidy Victorion, Kekoa Kelly **Kukini**-Waikolu Stone **Hakamoa** -Kekoa Kelly

3rd Grade: Hukihuki- Ekolu Horner, Kalawaia Horner, Makani Puaa, Aron Corpuz, Hokuau Arce, Kamalino Mollena Kamai **Uma** - Hokuao Arce **Hakamoa** - Ekolu Horner

4th Grade: Hukihuki- Pomaikai Stone, Anianiku Kahaleauki, Alii Kamai, Tiler Hernandez, JohnPatrick Ventura, Joselito Corpuz

5th Grade: Ulumaika -Leland Corpuz **Hakamoa** - Kamalu Kaawa-Richardson

Uma - Nickolas Rapanot **Konane** - Kawana Dekneef

6th Grade: Hukihuki - Pono Sagario, Shylene Villa, Reaiah Horner, Vincente Venenciano, Kaipō Demello, Koa Tangonan



STUDENTS LEARN COMMUNITY SERVICE:

The food drive on Saturday, November 24th was a great success! Thank you to all the families who participated in helping to feed families in need. We are grateful for all of your donations. We are especially appreciative for the Pack 47 (cub scouts) and Troop 47 (boy scouts) of Ho'olehua for walking throughout the community and picking up all the food. The Kualapu'u School Cafeteria was opened with volunteers who helped organize and box all of the food that was received. A wonderful community effort! Mahalo to all who participated!



Thank you Parents and Community for holding a firm belief to continue the unique and special educational programs at Kualapu'u School. Any information about our financial and organizational viability, updates or PreK program will be sent via SchoolConnects and hard copy. You may also contact Principal Lydia Trinidad with questions or concerns at 567-6900 ext 224 or lydia_trinidad@notes.k12.hi.us. MAHALO!