



Principal Lydia Trinidad

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Welcome Back!

The Kualapu'u's school year starts off with terrific news! Kualapu'u School is now a WASC accredited school (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). What makes this event more special is that we were the only one of 16 charter schools that went through the Hawaii Association of Independent School/WASC process that received our accreditation after the initial visit. What stood out for the visiting committee was that Kualapu'u has a Strategic Plan that shows our vision for our school for the next five years. Thank you for your continued support of Kualapu'u School.

One of the outcomes of our Strategic Plan was to review our PE and Wellness program. We had a PE/Wellness Committee do some planning last school year and we have a new approach that combines PE and Ike Hawaii (Pu'olo, which means bundle). In this new approach we are able to emphasize student fitness and Hawaiian values. More information about Pu'olo will be shared at the PSO Dinner on Thursday, August 29th, 2013.

This year our focus is to review the Hawaiian Immersion program and our Ike Hawai'i program. We would like to review, revisit, and confirm the outcomes and expectation for these two programs. These are major tasks that will involve consistent participation and discussion for all stakeholders. More information will be forthcoming if anyone is interested in these discussions.

Finally, AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) is out, and Strive HI is IN! The state has a new accountability system and based on last year's state test, Kualapu'u is in good standing and is in Continuous Improvement. I hope to present more information about Strive HI at our PSO Dinner.

Thank you again for another excellent start of this school year. It was great to see your children back on campus!

-Principal Trinidad

Check out our new website at www.kualapuu.k12.hi.us and like us on Facebook.



EVENTS

PSO Dinner and Parent Night
Thursday, August 29th
at 5:00pm

Parent Workshop – Helping Your
Child Build Self Esteem
Tuesday, September 3rd
at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

PSO Movie Night
Friday, September 6th
at 7:00pm

Book Fair &
Parent Conference Week
School Done at 12:30pm
September 23rd – 27th

First Quarter Student Recognition
Assembly
Friday, September 20th
at 8:30am

Book Club Buzz!

By Mrs. Haase's SFA Reading Class

Attention readers! Book Club is coming just around the corner and some of the student's want to share ideas with you. Since the beginning of school, we have been preparing for Book Club in our SFA Class. You may wonder what all the excitement is about, read on to find out.

Book Club is a way to share information about a book you have just read and to entice other readers to enjoy that same book. Book Club is an oral presentation in front of the class and you always need some *catchy* visual display to keep your audience involved in your presentation.



What is the best Part of Book Club?

"The best part of Book Club, for me, is the visual part because it shows each student's creativity. It also shows more about them than we know." Lacey Ayau

"The best part of Book Club is when they talk about their book because maybe it is interesting and maybe it is curious. I like when people decorate their Book Club and put a lot of color in it, draw pictures, and write nicely." Ashawna-Leigh Davis

"The best part of Book Club is listening to other people share their information so you can have an idea of what to read next." Kahoiwai Arce

What book genre do you like reading and sharing with your classmates?

"The kind of books I like to read for Book Club are books about Hawaii. I like that kind of book because it is about our ancestors." Kali Hirashima

"I enjoy reading sports, mystery, and ancient history books. I like these kinds of books because mystery books always leave you in suspense, I love suspense. I like sports because when the author describes the sport it is cool, especially Mike Lupica. I like ancient history because it is very cool to learn about all the ancient civilizations." Nico Wittenburg

"I like mystery and magic because you get to wait and try to find out the answer before you reach the end of the story" Kahoiwai Arce

Now, you have read what the kids are saying about Book Club. Will you be ready? Book Club dates this quarter are Aug. 29th and Sept. 26th. We can't wait to see all the creativity you bring to SFA class this year.



It's a BEEautiful Day!

Maybe we need to change our school mascot to the Kualapu'u School Bee's because we've had swarms of bee's constantly invading our campus lately. Two swarms were removed last week and so far one has been removed this week. Students have been kept out of harms way and so far no incidents. It has been an exciting first hand science lesson. Thanks to all the beekeepers who helped to remove the bees and kept our students and the bees safe.

School Counselor's Corner: Respect



Students learning the
peace path with Ms. Castro

Getting Along Together (GAT)

Have you been hearing your child talk about chilli hugs, “I messages”, or the peace path? Then you have been hearing about the Getting Along Together or GAT program. Getting Along Together is Kualapu’u School’s social problem-solving process. Introduced early in the school year, GAT teaches children to think critically, productively, solve problems, and work cooperatively in teams.

GAT lessons introduce strategies and skills for conflict resolution, and teachers guide students in understanding how to work together effectively. By setting expectations and rewarding positive peer interaction, student-selected issues are addressed throughout the school year. Homeroom and physical education teachers implement GAT daily and the school climate has already changed with an increase in positive peer interaction. Staff members, including the principal, teachers, educational assistants and yard supervisors are trained and involved in the Getting Along Together process. GAT will promote effective, consistent structure throughout the year.

Want to encourage your children to show respect? Here’s a recipe. Your children will learn about respect watching you. How you treat others shows them how to be respectful to family, friends, teachers and coaches. When she/he makes a mistake, for example, gently tell her/him what she’s/he’s doing wrong and try to say this when no one else is around to see. Also, watching you respect ideas and beliefs that are different from your own is the best demonstration to your child about respect.

Notice when you see your child acting respectfully; let her/him know you are noticing (“I like the way you asked your brother before borrowing his ball”). What you say and the attention you show encourages her/him to show respect in the future.

If you see disrespectful behavior on TV, point out to your child that in real life this is not acceptable behavior. Then encourage her/him to keep an eye out for respectful behavior from others. How many can she/he spot?

Reference: Resources for Educators. (2012). Home and school connection. CCH Incorporated, Front Royal, VA.

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- 1) student record information;
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Meet the New Faces of Ke Kula Kaiapuni O Kualapu'u



Kumu Uluhani Waialeale

Welina ke aloha! My name is Uluhani Waialeale and I am the Kumu Papa Mālaa'o. My 'ohana and I originate from Maunaloa, Moloka'i but currently live in Ho'olehua. I obtained my bachelor's degree in Hawaiian and Communications, my teaching certification and my master's degree in Indigenous Language & Culture Education at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo from Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. When I am not teaching, I love to stay active doing all the things Moloka'i has to offer such as hula, paddling, surfing, fishing/diving, and spending time with my 'ohana. My passion is to perpetuate our Hawaiian language and culture. At Kualapu'u School, I look forward to educating the future of Moloka'i and to instill a love for lifelong learning in every student. It is truly a blessing to be a part of the Kualapu'u School 'Ohana!



Kumu Nalani Thielk

Aloha! I'm Nalani Thielk! I am the new Hawaiian Language Immersion teacher for the 6th grade class. Let me tell you a little about myself! I have been living in upcountry Maui for the past 14 years, though originally from Kane'ohe, O'ahu. I have an awesome husband, Kai Thielk, and two children whom I adore, Aloha (17) and Lihau (11). I love spending as much time as I can with them. I also love reading, ocean recreation, and dancing. I am very excited to be here on Moloka'i again. Believe it or not, my very first teaching position after graduating from college was the very same position I am teaching in right now! HLIP grade 6! I loved Kualapuu School then and I love it now. It is great to be back and I am so excited to get to know all who belong to this wonderful 'ohana! He makahiki maika'i ia kakou!

The 4 BE's (Behavior Expectations)

1. BE SAFE



Perhaps you heard about the other 4 B.E.'s (behavior expectations) we already have on campus. Each quarter we focus on one of our BE's. This quarter we are working on being safe. We had safety day, we have new JPO's promoting traffic safety and our PE teachers have new outdoor safety and behavior strategies for PE and recess. Please check your student's planner for the behavior expectation chart and help us by reinforcing these expectations at home.

2. BE RESPONSIBLE



3. BE RESPECTFUL

4. BE COOPERATIVE