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**Parent Bulletin**

### Upcoming Events

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**Welcome!**

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**HEALTH ALERT - Students with Severe Allergies in All Grades**

Please help us protect students in our ohana. It may be an inconvenience, but if it were your child, you would want the same precautions taken to protect him/her in school.

- Avoid snack or home lunches with peanuts/nuts (e.g. peanut butter)
- Teach your child to eat only his/her snacks and meals. No sharing of food in school

**ALL FOOD ITEMS FOR CLASSROOM SHARING MUST HAVE NUTRITION LABELS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CLASSROOMS/SCHOOL.** We must comply with the DOE Wellness Policy as well as protect children allergic to certain foods. Go to DOE website [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org) and search Nutritional Guidelines for more information.

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**Twitter:** Follow us on Twitter [@hookele808](https://twitter.com/hookele808) If you don’t have one and are interested in creating an account, please go to twitter.com to sign up. We will be using Twitter regularly to post upcoming events, important news updates and reminders. Stay connected and follow us!
Principal’s Message

Aloha and welcome to the 2015 – 2016 school year. It is my pleasure and honor to be the first principal of Ho’okele Elementary School. Our inaugural school year will be filled with many challenges but also great accomplishments if we all work together.

In July, the teachers voluntarily came to an all day Tribes Learning Community training. Tribes practices will be the foundation in building a positive and caring school culture at Ho’okele Elementary School. Teachers are already implementing Tribes activities and integrating them into your child’s curriculum.

The vision and mission of Ho’okele Elementary School is aligned to the values of the school and our community members. At the very basic level it is important that the students and adults are able to CONNECT and develop positive relationships in a safe and caring environment. Within this environment our mission will be to help our students achieve the school vision of Connect, Engage, Inspire, Serve, and Succeed.

Ho’okele Elementary School’s motto is “An Attitude of Gratitude.” Our motto will be a powerful reminder that helps everyone see and appreciate all of our accomplishments. We choose to look at things and people positively because positive thoughts lead to positive feelings and positive feelings lead to positive actions. With everyone working together having a positive and grateful attitude, there are no limits to what we can achieve together for our children.

I would like to leave you with a quote by Marelisa Fabrega and ask that you join us in supporting Ho’okele Elementary School as a place where students, teachers, staff, and parents have “An Attitude of Gratitude.”

“Gratitude should not be just a reaction to getting what you want, but an all-the-time gratitude, the kind where you notice the little things and where you constantly look for the good, even in unpleasant situations. Start bringing gratitude to your experiences, instead of waiting for a positive experience in order to feel grateful.”

Marelisa Fabrega

Mahalo,
Vice Principal’s Corner

Aloha Families!

I am very excited to be working with all of your children and you this school year! It has been a wonderful start and I really appreciate your feedback and support as we continuously strive to make Ho’okele the optimal learning environment for your children.

Coming to Ho’okele marks my 20th year of service in the Department of Education. I taught special education and was a student services coordinator at McKinley High School, followed by Vice Principalships at Fern Elementary and Waipahu Elementary schools. I live in Makakilo with my husband (Alfred), son (Brock) and two dogs (Ginger and Ralph).

Some of the things I have been working on with your children are helping to establish a positive climate and culture in our school. We follow school-wide agreements based on Tribes agreements of Mutual Respect, Appreciation-No Put Downs, Attentive Listening and the Right to Participate and Pass. I believe these agreements help us shape our desired behaviors and we want to make sure we recognize those behaviors when we see them. By using a positive behavioral support approach, we remind our teachers and staff to recognize desired behaviors when they see them. Students can earn “Gotcha Being Good” tickets which can earn them special lunch and recess privileges. But most importantly, we see students smiling and feeling good about themselves when they are praised for making good decisions and choices.

Safety is another area that I focus on for your children. We have been learning and practicing routines for the morning, lunch, recess and afternoon. We make adjustments based on the need to improve routines to make them safer and more effective.

I welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. You can often find me walking the campus in the morning and monitoring our students before and after school. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Thank you!

Melinda Pamatigan

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Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) student record information; 2) directory information; 3) surveys and other information collection; and 4) 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://bit.ly/FERPAHI
NEW AFTERNOON PICK-UP AS OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

In a few days, the special duty officers and sheriffs hired by D.R. Horton will no longer be assisting with the morning and afternoon traffic. In preparation for this change, the school will be implementing a new pick-up system to help alleviate the traffic on the road. While we still have the help, we will begin the following implementation on Friday, August 14.

We will be utilizing all three parking lots.

- North Parking Lot (main parking lot) will be the pick-up area for grades K and 1 along with their siblings. Pick-up will be further down the driveway. Parents who need to assist their child with buckling may park in any open stall.
- West Parking Lot (parking lot parallel to Kunehi) will be used ONLY for the two large School Buses.
- South Parking Lot (back of school parking lot) will be the pick-up area for grades 2 – 5. Cars will enter and exit from the same gate.

* Students waiting for pick-up in the wrong pick-up area will be directed to their assigned pick-up lot.

As the case with most elementary schools, the afternoon traffic is a challenge and we ask for your patience and Aloha with one another. This change will also assist the traffic situation when the second entrance and exit on Kamaha is open sometime in November. At that time, the South Parking Lot drives may enter and exit from Kamaaha and the North Parking Lot drivers may enter and exit from Kunehi. Please assist us with the flow of traffic on Kunehi Street. If you are unable to make a left into our lot, please continue down the street and turn around, allowing you to come back up and turn right into the lot. Please do not park along Kunehi Street in front of the school as the right lane is for cars waiting to turn into the lot.

- Morning drop-off will remain the same in the North Parking Lot (main parking lot).
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Elementary students enjoy visiting the school library, browsing and choosing from a wide variety of new and interesting books. The Ho‘okele Book Club is a gift-giving program that will enable us to add many new books to our collection.

The Ho‘okele Book Club provides our families with an easy way to celebrate a birthday or commemorate special occasions (starting a new grade level, sport/dance accomplishments, etc.).

Participating students are invited to choose a gift book from our selection of new library books. A bookplate with the child’s name, picture, and occasion being celebrated will be placed in the front of the book. The book will be shared with the child’s class and he/she will be the first to borrow the book.

A gift book provides pleasure for many and is a lasting contribution to the school. Children will enjoy returning to the library to look for books they have donated through the years. Please call 305-8500 or email (tara_bagoyo@hookele.k12.hi.us) if you have any questions.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Bagoyo, Librarian

To join, please complete, cut, & return to Mrs. Bagoyo w/ payment

I would like my child to join the Book Club. Enclosed is $___________ (suggested donation $15.00-$20.00). Please make checks payable to Ho‘okele Elementary.

Child’s Name_________________________________ Grade_____ Teacher____________________

Occasion being celebrated (Select only ONE):
_____ Starting a new year/grade at Ho‘okele Elementary
_____ Birthday ➔➔ Please select: _____ PRESENT NOW to be enjoyed throughout the year
OR
_____ WAIT for birthday month _____________
_____ Other: _________________________________________ (Please state occasion)

Please indicate if you do not want your child’s picture used:
_____ DO NOT put my child’s picture in the donated book.
_____ DO NOT put my child’s picture on the library web page.

Thank you for your gift of reading!
LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are welcomed in our school library. If you've never worked in a library before, that's OK! Mrs. Bagoyo, our school librarian, will be happy to show you the ropes.

Here are some duties our Library Volunteers might do:

- Organize the book cart
- Shelve books in the library and in the book room
- Straighten shelves
- Assist in processing new library materials
- Assist with library displays
- Other duties as determined by Mrs. Bagoyo

Times are flexible (mornings or afternoons).
If interested, please contact Mrs. Bagoyo at 305-8500 for more information.

Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC)

Aloha Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of the PCNC is to create a supportive partnership among the home, the school, and the community for the purposes of supporting student success and building a sense of family and community.

Throughout the school year, we will be coordinating various school wide events and projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out and return the volunteer form to the office. Thank you!

Thank you,

Janelle Cuajunco
PCNC Facilitator

Employment Opportunities

We are looking for Part Time Teachers to work with grades 3-5.
Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Hours: Approximately 12 hours per week
Content Area: Preferred Music and Hawaiian Studies
Call Melinda Pamatigan for more information or to request an interview.

A Morning with Max

Did you know that it takes about a “moonth” for the moon to revolve or circle around the earth? On Wednesday, August 12, the students at Ho’okele Elementary enjoyed a rare treat. Dr. Jeffery Bennett, a well-respected astronomer and author shared two of his amazing books, “Max Goes to the Moon” and “Max Goes to Mars”. Through Max’s adventures, students learned that our moon and Mars have less gravity than Earth. Dr. Bennett’s visit was a breath of fresh air as he inspired our students to explore, wonder, and question the world around them..... and for that, we are grateful.
Ho’okele Elementary School  
Volunteer Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:
Full Legal Name: _____________________________________ Date: __________________________
Address: ___________________________________________ Telephone: __________________
Alternate Phone: ___________________ Email address: _________________________________
Previous volunteer experience or skills, hobbies, foreign language: ___________________________ 
____________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have a Driver’s License? ___Yes ___ No
Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation? ____ Yes ___ No
If “yes,” please attach an explanation on a separate piece of paper or discuss with PCNC.

Emergency Information

In the event of an accident, illness or any other emergency, please contact:
Name: __________________________ Relationship: ____________________________
Telephone: __________________________ Alternate Phone: __________________________
Do you have any health conditions that require considerations or do you require medication in the event of an emergency? ___ Yes ___ No
If “Yes” please explain: ______________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have health insurance? ___Yes ___No
Do you have current TB Clearance? ___Yes ___No
Date of Negative Results: __________________________

Please fill in the times you are available:
Monday ___________________ Tuesday ___________________ Wednesday ___________________
Thursaday ___________________ Friday ___________________

Please mark the type of volunteering you are interested in:

____ Classroom Support  ____ Recess/Cafeteria Supervision  ____ Office/Clerical
____ Morning/ Afterschool Supervision  ____ Other: _________________________________

Thank you for volunteering your time!
Janelle Cuajunco, PCNC Facilitator
(808) 305-8532
Dress Code and School Uniform Policy

Students are expected to wear their Ho'okele Elementary School Uniform shirt except on school designated special event days. Uniform shirts shall not be altered.

Students’ shorts or skirts shall be no shorter that the middle finger when arms are placed next to the body. Pants or bottoms that drag on the ground or stay below the hips are not permitted.

All clothing should also meet the following criteria:

• No transparent fabrics, bared midriffs chest or back
• Clothing and/or accessories with inappropriate references to violence, drugs, sex and gang-related activities are UNACCEPTABLE.

Student IDs are considered part of the school uniform and must be worn visibly during the school day. As soon as the Custom Company is in stock with uniforms, we will enforce the uniform policy. Violations of the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy will be addressed through parent notification and requests for alternative clothing, when loaners are not available. Disciplinary action under Chapter 19 may also be applied.

Effective July 1, 2015

Dear Parents,

We are so excited that your children are loving our cafeteria meals so much. Did you know that some are requesting additional meals? We wanted to make sure parents are aware of the costs for second meals for ALL students (regardless of free or reduced lunch status).

An additional milk costs $.60. A second breakfast costs $2.40 and a second lunch costs $5.50. These costs come from your child’s meal account. Your child may purchase a second entree at the cost of an additional $2.00 if you prefer.

Please speak to your child about the money available in their account and if you want them to eat a second meal or a second entree when they request it. To ensure proper meal accounting and preparation, your child should request a second meal or entree in the morning when lunch count is taken during homeroom. Requests made in the cafeteria at lunchtime will be pending availability.

If you have any questions, please contact our Vice-Principal, Melinda Pamatigan or our meal account clerk, Jacqueline Zackery at 305-8500.
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Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee
The Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) will hold its 5th Annual "Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair" on Saturday, September 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year’s theme is “GET INVOLVED”. We want to provide education and information on how to get involved, volunteer. Our sponsors (Target, D.R. Horton, HECO, The Queen’s Medical Center, Pali Momi Medical Center, Gentry Homes, Kapilina Beach Homes, Hunt Company, Haseko Homes and Safeway) have made it possible to provide thousands of dollars of emergency preparedness items to be given away. This is a free event, open to the Public.

Participating organizations include the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM), National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO), American Red Cross, Honolulu Fire and Police, Hawaii Army National Guard, the scientific community and many other private and public organizations. The event will host informational booths, seminars and hands on training.

"Ewa EPC" is a volunteer committee, serving as a resource for the community on preparedness. Having met all the requirements of training, educational outreach, exercises and community events, Ewa Beach, a StormReady and TsunamiReady Community, designated by NOAA.

During 2015 the Ewa EPC has been recognized by the Honolulu City Council for putting on the 5th Annual Preparedness Fair and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency has awarded Rodney Boucher (committee member), Volunteer of the Year.

Mark your calendar.

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2015
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Place: Ewa Makai Middle School
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway, Ewa Beach

For more information contact Donald Harlor @ 682-0111 / getreadyewabeach@gmail.com.
August 2015

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents/Guardians:

In 1986, congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763, which requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

Ho‘okele Elementary School was constructed in 2015 and has inspection data and/or exclusion statements verifying that no asbestos containing building materials were specified or used in construction. Any future renovations will also be documented as asbestos-free. Any suspect asbestos containing materials (ACM) that are not documented as asbestos-free will be added to the asbestos management plan as assumed ACM and be subject to biannual periodic surveillance to assure that the materials are in good condition and pose no health and safety risk.

A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 305-8500.

Sincerely,

Laureen Dunn
Principal

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
The enforcement date specified in the Memo has been extended to: August 24, 2015 for OAHU Schools only.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

August 11, 2015

Dear Parents of School Bus Riders,

This is a friendly reminder that students who wish to use bus transportation to and/or from school must submit a bus pass application to the school office. If you have already done this, thank you! We look forward to serving you.

If you have not yet submitted an application and wish to continue using bus service, please immediately submit your bus pass application to the school office along with the applicable payment. Bus pass application forms are available at school or from the school bus driver. While new riders have been allowed to board the bus until now without a valid bus pass, please be advised that bus drivers everywhere will begin enforcing the department’s bus pass policies beginning Monday, August 17, 2015. The following is the Department’s bus pass policy:

Middle School and Elementary School Students who fail to display a valid temporary or permanent bus pass in the mornings upon demand will be transported to school. However, the bus driver will:
   1. Instruct the student to obtain a temporary bus pass from the school office before the next ride, and
   2. Report the incident to the school principal.

High School Students who fail or refuse to display a valid temporary or permanent bus pass in the mornings upon demand will not be permitted to board the bus.

NOTE: Continued failure to display a valid bus pass in the morning may result in disciplinary action by the school.

Students in all grades who fail to display a valid bus pass in the afternoons upon demand may be required to obtain a replacement temporary bus pass from the school office before boarding the bus. Repeat offenders will not be permitted to board the bus.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your school office or your District Transportation Officer:

Central Oahu  622-0537        Leeward Oahu  687-9519
Windward Oahu  233-3680        Honolulu Oahu  586-3343
Kauai        241-7120        Maui    243-1171
West Hawaii  327-9500        East Hawaii  974-6411

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