

Mokapu Elementary School

“Standing Tall”

April/May 2011

Principal’s Corner

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Aloha Families and Friends of Mokapu,

Have you recovered yet from all the fun had at Saturdays’ SPRING CARNIVAL at Mokapu School? A full force fun fair with a MARDI GRAS theme took over the whole campus April 2, 2011. There was music in the air from the front of the Admin building, where sweet kettle corn popped all day, to the back field fence where cotton candy, Cadillac and Chicago style hot dogs were sold. Face painting artists created Spiderman’s and princesses who later were seen with bright colored shave ice or ice cream cones riding live ponies on the race track. A giant scary shark bouncy house was next to the two story high rock wall, which was fronted by a jamming band and zuma dancers.

Of course in the café were raffles for a dozen big beautiful gift baskets the size of two Mokapu students and two iPads. Colorful veiled belly dancers, roller blade demos, hula dancers and vendors with unique items to buy kept the action going. And who was responsible for this most-fun-filled day? Mokapu’s clever PTA board! Special recognition is in order for the PTA’s Fundraiser Coordinator/ Carnival Chair - Mrs. Patricia Carter-Moore and her vivacious right hand lady, 2nd Vice President Mrs. Monique Wells-Allen for coordinating and spearheading the production of Mokapu’s 2011 Spring Carnival.

The success of this event reflects the love and respect for ALL Mokapu children by those who gave their time and energy. Participating parents, faculty and staff carry the pride of commitment to children. Our 3rd Marine partners led by GySgt. Biglos and Sgt. Bistel brought young Marines who spent an entire day setting up, running booths and breaking down. Without these young dedicate men and women we would have struggled to get it done. Lastly, credit goes to our parents who brought family, friends and neighbors to share in our pride making children happy at Mokapu’s Annual Spring Carnival.

Aloha, Mrs. Ostrem

Principal’s Update - No Child Left Behind



Dear Parents and Community,

As I write this update to everyone, Mokapu School students are diligently working on their Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) tests. The goal is to reach a score in Math, and in Reading of 300 or better. Students scoring below 300 in Reading or in Math will have up to three opportunities to better their score.

The HSA test provides each school with the Adequate Yearly Progress rating known as AYP. This is a No Child Left Behind (NCLB) indicator.

Mokapu is very please to remind parents that our rating for this school year is “ In Good Standing – Met”.

This is the highest rating a school can earn. This rating is reflective of students, teachers and parents who work to ensure students are achieving.

Aloha,

Mrs. Ostrem Principal



**Annette Ostrem
Principal**

VPs' Corner – Mrs. Kane and Mr. Emelle

Reminders/Updates...

- **Swings** Just as a matter of information, many of your children who walk or ride bikes to school in the morning, stop and play on the swings located at a residential complex located adjacent to our campus. There is no one there to supervise. Please discuss your directive on this matter with your children.
- **Lost and Found** Our "lost and found" bin is located outside the front door of the school's office. Please remind your children to check it daily for missing lunch bags, sweaters, jackets, water bottles, and other miscellaneous items. All unclaimed items are gathered monthly and given to a charitable organization.
- **Scooters** are considered contraband on Hawaii's public school campuses. If utilized as a means of transportation to school, it should be locked at a bike rack and not brought onto campus.
- **Lunch Loans** should be reconciled upon receipt of written or verbal notification. Thank you for being timely with this obligation.
- **Attendance**
 - First morning bell is at 7:50 am. Instruction begins at 7:55. Entering the classroom after 7:55 is considered tardy.
 - Absences are considered unexcused until a written note is received by the school upon the return of the student. All written notes should include the following:
 - Date note was written
 - Child's first/last legal name
 - Grade/Rm number
 - Reason for absence
 - Parent signature & contact phone number
 - Doctor note attached if applicable
- If requesting early release, please send a note with your child to give to the homeroom teacher which will, in turn, allow time for planning/preparation. At the time of pick up, come to the front office to show your ID and sign out your child from school.

Thank you

Special Recognition

The spring carnival committee would like to say, Mahalo to all of our vendors, crafters, volunteers, and carnival participants for making this year's carnival the BEST EVER! This year's carnival is the groundbreaking event that will link our school with our on/off base communities and resources.



Patricia Carter-Moore
Independent Beauty Consultant



Special recognition goes out to our event Sponsors who donated **\$500 or more!** Together they donated over \$10000 towards the operations of the carnival this year! We were very fortunate to have their support.

~No Hawaii D.O.E, U.S.M.C., State or Federal Government, endorsement of sponsors.~



Aloha,

Pre-K News

We are now in the last quarter of the school year. The older preschool students are preparing for their transition to kindergarten. The younger preschool students will be enhancing their learning by experiencing another year in preschool. All of the preschool students have had great accomplishments this year. They have learned school and class routines as well as new skills and concepts. They have also made friends and learned play skills.

Our annual Kindergarten Registration Night was held on Wednesday, March 9. Preschool students had opportunities to participate in the following fun and educational kindergarten activities: "All About Me", "Cutting Horse", "Shape Art", "You Can Count on Me," "Fun With Letters and Sounds", "Music and Movement", and "Reading Rocks".

Parents and preschool students had the opportunity to meet the teachers. Parents were also given ideas on how to help their children successfully transition to kindergarten.

We will welcome our young returning preschool students back next school year. We also wish the older preschool students the best as they continue their future endeavors in kindergarten.

Mahalo.



Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarteners have been busy this spring learning about the signs of spring! We are looking forward to our field trip in April to the commissary where the students will learn about different roles in our economic systems. In May, our students will be attending a field trip to the Waipahu Plantation Cultural Center where they will learn about different cultures living in Hawaii.

For language arts, we will review and learn letters and sounds for Yy, Zz, Qq, Uu and short vowels of a,e,i,o,u. We will also read and recognize the sight words: one, little, are, and here. In math, our Kindergarteners are working on addition, subtraction and creating number sentences. As we head into the ending of the year, please support your child by making sure that they complete their homework.

Aloha, Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade News

1st grade had a great 3rd quarter. We went to the MCBH Fire station, the Children's Discovery Center, and the Waikiki Aquarium, In the 4th quarter, for Language Arts we are working on reading fluency and continuing spelling in our last book Gather Around. In Math we are adding numbers up to 20, continuing recognition of coins and their values, and we will be learning fractions soon. We thank all of who helped and volunteered in our Spring Carnival. We would also like to thank those who have helped and volunteered in our classrooms. READ, READ, READ every day and over the summer!

Mahalo,

1st Grade Teachers



Second Grade News



Hello Grade 2 parents,

We will be working on telling time to the minute and counting money in math this quarter. Please practice with your child at home. Please keep up with reading daily, as well as having your child go on kidbiz. Grade 2 will be having field day on Tues. May 24th. We will need volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and running the stations. Look for a letter to come home in the middle of April to sign up. Thank you for a wonderful school year.

Grade 2 Teachers

Third Grade News

Dear Grade 3 Families,

This is the season of Hawaii State Assessments! (HSA testing) This is the first year that the assessments are all on-line. It is the time to see what our students are retaining from all the lessons we have taught throughout the school year. Technology is the way of the future in education, and it is important to allow your children to log on to the computer to practice navigating and to build on their typing skills. Achieve 3000 (The Kid Biz program) and Superstar are two FREE websites paid for by our school that will not only help your child build computer skills but also prepare him/her for the on line HSA Assessments.



As we wrap up the school year with our final quarter, we are continuing to work hard to prepare our students for 4th grade. We are currently working on Measurement and will follow that with double digit Multiplication and Division. Please continue to encourage your child to practice skip counting and memorizing their multiplication facts. Furthermore, to help your child build on fluency and comprehension skills, have him/her "read and tell" or "read and write" about what is read. Again use Kid Biz and Superstar to help secure these Language Arts skills.

Fourth Grade News

Aloha Kakou,

We are in the final stages of the HSA testing. The students have been working hard through these testing sessions which took months to complete. We are so proud of all their efforts!

Therefore, we are so excited about all of our end of the year activities! On April 29th, we are planning to go to the Polynesian Cultural Center as our culminating field trip about Hawaiian Studies. The next planned field trip will be on May 13th. This will be to the Academy of Arts. The final field trip will be to the Base Pool on Tuesday May 24. This is a fun day to reward the students for their accomplishments during the last quarter. More details will be provided as these field trips get confirmed.

There will be other activities in your child's individual classrooms as the year comes to a close.



Mahalo,

Fourth Grade Teachers

Fifth Grade News

Hello

Grade 5 parents,

Thank you everyone for a wonderful school year. Have a fun safe summer.

Grade 5 Teachers



Sixth Grade News

By now all of our 6th graders have completed at least their first round of HSA testing in both Math and Language Arts. Proficiency for both tests is a score of 300. During April and May students will have two more opportunities to attain a score of 300. Those that achieved a 300 or higher on their first try will have a second chance to raise their score.

6th Grade Parent Orientation Night for Kailua Intermediate School is April 7th at 5:30pm. It's a great opportunity for parents to tour the school and be briefed on KIS's policies and expectations.

Remember that teenbiz3000 is a great tool to increase our students reading comprehension and can be used at home - all you need is a computer!



Student Council

Student Council Yogurt Sale

April 8 & 21

May 6



We will be selling Gogurts, Nutri Gran Bars, Lemonade, Capri Suns, and other healthy snacks!

Are you

- Responsible at home and in school
- Respectful of students and adults
- Work well with others
- Have creative ideas
- Honest
- Hard working
- Enthusiastic
- An effective communicator

Mokapu Student Council is right for you!

If you are interested in running for Student Body President, VP, Secretary, or Treasurer, you must attend a meeting on **Tuesday, April 12th** in O-101 after you finish eating lunch.

Title 1

Your Ticket to Read!

Family Literacy Night

Gr. 3-6

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

5-7 pm

at the library

Pop on over to the book fair and enjoy FREE carnival games, dinner, and giveaways! Bring the whole family to celebrate our love for reading!

Book Fair and PE SPARK room will open! Come play Wii, X-Box Kinex, and more!

Library News

The Spring Book Fair is Coming Soon!

During the Book Fair please stop by the library to check out the books we have for sale. Proceeds support the Mokapu library and PTA. Also don't forget to take a look at what books your teacher has wished for on the classroom wish list board!

BOOK FAIR

April 18 – 21, 2011

8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Family Night, Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Mokapu Elementary at the Windward District History Day Competition

From September 2010 to present, students in the Mokapu Elementary History Day Club have been working with librarian Lori Kidani learning how to research history projects of their choice related to this year's theme of Debate and Diplomacy. Mokapu Elementary had a great showing at the Windward District Competition on February 12, 2011 with four students that will move on to the Statewide Hawaii History Day Competition to be held on April 9, 2011.



Windward District Finalists Moving on to the State Competition

Anthony Huynh (4th grade) Topic - Debating Vietnam War Diplomacy: The Paris Peace Accord
 Tristen Jarmon (4th grade) Topic - Debating Korean War Strategies: Truman vs. MacArthur
 Tyger Surls (4th grade) Topic - Debating World War II Pacific Strategies: MacArthur vs. Nimitz
 Brianna Salinas (5th grade) Topic - U.S. - Mexico Immigration Diplomacy: The Bracero Program

P.E News



Track News: Competition will be on April 26th at Kainalu Elementary School at 8.30, Tuesday during school hours. Practices are after school by basketball courts from 2.15-3.05 pm. PE Classes : Grades 3-6 are Taking the Fitness Gram test to see how healthy they are in the areas of Cardiovascular, Flexibility, Strength, and Body Composition.

Grades K-2 are learning about what exercises and foods help you build muscle. Make sure your kids are active 60 minutes a day and check out your activities center for you and your kids. Start planning those summer activities now, Mr. Sagers

From the Mokapu PTA

Fundraising Updates

- **Aloha Cards** are still for sale in P-6 or from any PTA board member. They are \$10 each and good until June 2011. They get you great discounts at places like Dairy Queen, Cold Stone, and even Papa John's (which can be used on Papa John's pizza nights, a popular fundraiser) Please support your PTA by picking one up today.

Parent Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are requested for several enrichment programs, and upcoming Bingo nights. If you are interested in volunteering or heading up a committee please contact your PTA ASAP at Mokapu_pta@yahoo.com.



Schedule of Events April

- Apr 1 - Popcorn
- Apr 2 - **SPRING CARNIVAL**
- Apr 13- Coffee Hour / CPC Mtg. P6 8-9 am
- Apr 15 - Popcorn
- Apr 15 - PTA Bingo Night
- Apr 18 - Spring Book Fair Begins
- Apr 19 - PTA Papa Johns Night
- Apr 21 - Family Literacy Night Gr. 3-6
- Apr 21 - Book Fair Ends
- Apr 22 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- Apr 26 - Award Assemblies 1 & 3 Gr.
- Apr 28 - Award Assemblies 4 & 5 Gr.
- Apr 29 - Popcorn

Schedule of Events May

- May 2 - 6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 - PTA Mtg. 6:30 pm in Cafe
- May 10 - Student Council Campaign Speech & Elections
- May 11 - Coffee Hour P6 8-9 a.m.
- May 13 - Popcorn Friday
- May 13 - Drama & Corus Performance
- May 16 - End of Year Award Assemblies 1 & 3 Gr.
- May 17 - End of Year Award Assemblies K & 2 Gr.
- May 17 - PTA Papa Johns Night
- May 18 - Student Council Passing of the Torch 8:15 am Gr. 3, 4 & 5
- May 18 - End of Year Award Assemblies 4 & 5 Gr.
- May 18 - CPC Mtg. P6 8-9 am
- May 19 - End of Year Award Assemblies 6 Gr.
- May 20 - Volunteer Mahalo Breakfast 8 - 10 am
- May 25 - 6th Grade Promotion 9 am
- May 26 - Last Day for Students - No School

Coffee Hour



Come join us in room P6 for Coffee Hour. Enjoy coffee, tea, hot cocoa and treats. Talk story, meet other Mokapu parents and receive important information. Hope to see you there.

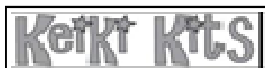
Popcorn Fridays

Mark your calendar's for Popcorn Fridays. Make sure you stop by to buy a delicious bag of fresh popped popcorn for only \$.25 What a bargain! If you want to stop by earlier in the day to help pop and bag the popcorn please contact Jessica or Holly in P6 to let them know.



Spring Book Fair

During the Book Fair please stop by the library to check out the books we have for sale. Proceeds support the Mokapu library and PTA. Also don't forget to take a look at what books your teacher has wished for on the classroom wish list board!



Many parents have busy schedules and rather spend quality time with their children, instead of worrying about purchasing school supplies in hectic back to school sales at the stores. With the cost of supplies rising each year, Mokapu would like to offer parents a way to save time and money.

Keiki Kits will be delivered directly to Mokapu and distributed on Thursday, July 28, 2011 (9 am – 12 pm) and Friday, July 29, 2011 (4pm-7 pm).

Online Ordering Instructions

Go online to www.keikikits.com - "Shop Keiki Kits" and click on Mokapu Elementary to order and pay with a credit/debit card securely. Remember to order a Keiki Kit for the grade your child will be in during school year '11-'12.

Grade	Price
K	\$56
1	\$76
2	\$74
3	\$71
4	\$60
5	\$68
6	\$62

**Online prices after May 27, 2011 will reflect a \$10 late fee.



Military Corner



April is the Month of the Military Child - This special celebration is a legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. Military children are our nation's children. Care of military children sustains our fighting force and strengthens the health, security and safety of our nation's families and communities. It is important to emphasize and recognize the role that military children play while a parent or important adult is serving. Please take time this month to recognize the service of our military servicemen and women, their families and their children.



Lei Donation

On Monday, May 30, 2011 the State Office of Veterans Services will be memorializing our veterans, who fought for the safety of our country, and are now buried, in our sacred grounds at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Mokapu asks you for your support and generosity in purchasing or making one (1) flower leis per student (or family) for donation in honor of these brave men and women. PCNC will be collecting the leis towards the end of school. A flyer will be sent home soon with more information about the date of this event. Thank you for all that you do for the students at Mokapu Elementary School.

