

HONU NEWS

Week of February 17, 2020

“The biggest mess up is not forgiving other people’s mess ups.”
~Kid President

Aloha Kailua Elementary School ‘Ohana!

Hope you all are enjoying the long weekend. Just a reminder, that **Monday is President’s Day, so there is no school for our students.** We look forward to seeing them back at school on Tuesday at 7:55! And since Monday is Random Acts of Kindness Day, we want to encourage our students to find ways to show kindness all week! To find out what’s coming up, please read below:

Save The Date and Mark Your Calendars!

2/17: No School: President’s Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day

2/18: PTSA Meeting, 5:30 Library

2/19: Speech Festival Meeting 1pm, D-33

2/20: CPK Fundraiser for Kailua Elementary School!

2/24-2/28: Book Fair: Jungle!

2/27: Panda Express Fundraiser for 4th Grade

2/28: Kids Heart Challenge: All Money Due!

3/2: Read Across America Sign Waving

3/6: Maker’s Fair Family Night

HONU PRIDE

The following students have earned 20 or more Honubucks: **Kuena Hoffmeister, Kirk Crowder, Taylynn Saffery, Alize Fraticelli, Eve Graham, Leila Rabellizza, Ke'ala Tim Sing.** We are very proud of you Honu! Keep up the great work.

Maker’s Fair Family Night Honubot Fundraiser!

Since our State Champion Honubots are trying to earn their way to Houston to compete in the International FLL Competition, they are having a fundraiser for the Maker Fair Family Night. You should have received a Pre-Order Form in the Thursday Folder. The Honubots will be offering a hot dog, chips and a drink for \$5, so order yours today! Or if you don’t want to eat hot dogs for dinner that night, but you’d like to make a donation to the Honubots, feel free to do so. You can submit all donations to the office, with Attention: Mr. Kent or Mrs. Tom and labeled, Donation for the Honubots.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

On February 7th, our friends from the American Heart Association came and put on a very fun and energetic assembly for our students. Their goal is to raise awareness on the importance of keeping our hearts healthy by eating balanced meals (lots of color), exercising (get MOOOOVING), staying away from tobacco and vape products, and keeping ourselves mentally healthy with more laughter and less stress! Coach Ramos will be calling attention to heart healthy choices in PE classes this month. Students are invited to be Heart Heroes and help raise money for the American Heart Association if they'd like. I will be out in front of the school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings(7:30-7:55) to pass out the thank you gifts for those that participate. As of today, these students should come see me on Tuesday: James Zeffiro, Will V. Monk, and Avery Cox. All money collected is due on February 28th.

Updates on Important Information:

1. The SQS (survey) that went home a couple of weeks ago, had an envelope with it. The idea is that you are to fill out the survey and send it in the envelope provided in the mail. **We have extras in the office if you need another one. This is a very important survey to give feedback for our school! Please complete yours today!**
2. **Our school is going to enter a Mural Making Contest sponsored by Kokua Foundation.** Students in grades 1-6 have been invited to join Ms. Higgins in the design and construction of this mural. We have our design based on the ideas of students that have been coming to meet with Ms. Higgins during their lunch. We are painting the mural and attaching the caps this week. If you have time to come help us out on Thursday or Friday to finish attaching the caps on the mural, that would be awesome.
3. **Kindergarten Registraion is OPEN!**
If you know someone that has a Kindergartener starting in the 2020-21 School Year, please have them register today!
4. **Speech Festival 2020:** It's that time of year again. We'd like to start getting ready for the Speech Festival that will be happening in April. If your child loves to speak in front of groups, or would like to improve in this area, this is a great opportunity to do so! The flier was the Thursday folder a couple of weeks ago. Please fill out the form if you'd like your child to participate in the Wednesday afterschool sessions. **Or simply come to the second session on February 19 at 1pm in Room D-33 and check it out.**

Honu Bee 2020 (Spelling Bee)

The Honu Bee is moving right along. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30pm. Special thanks for Dr. Jaffe, his son Kade and Mr. Tanaka for giving this opportunity for our students.

~Great Job to Mrs. McTavish's Third Grade Class for their great work on Thursday in the fifth Spelldown! They brought their spelling skills and their courage! We are super proud of them.

~This week, Mrs. Lawson's Class will be taking their turn at their Spell Down! Please check with her about the date and time of their class spell down. Good luck Honu!

Parents, take a minute to challenge your child to spell the challenge words for this week. Say the word. Read the sentence. Then repeat the word.

Have your child say the word. Spell the word. Then say the word again. This week's challenge words:

Super Challenge Words:

Ogre (noun) a hideous monster in fairytales and legends. We all love to watch Shrek the ogre.

Luau (noun) a feast of Hawaiian food with a Polynesian show. Tourists look forward to food and dancing at the luau.

Spelling rules

Forming plurals:

Words that end in y

If a noun ends in a consonant followed by a y, change the y to i and add es.

Examples: babies, stories

Good Luck Honu in studying for your Spell Down!

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

- 1. Mr. Tanaka's Library Blog: Would you like to know what cool things are happening in the library?**

Check out Mr. Tanaka's Library Blog to read about what is happening in the Library or to give you some things to think about. Here's the link:

<https://darrentanaka6.wixsite.com/keslibrary/blog>

Thursday Folder Look Outs!

1. 2nd Grade Dental Sealant Program

On Thursday, the 2nd Grade classes should have brought home a consent form to participate in the Dental Sealants Program. Our Hawaii Keiki Nurse, Ms. Jazzmina Moore has asked that those consent forms be returned by Thursday, 2/20 so that she can plan accordingly for the dental professionals to be on campus on March 3 to provide the dental sealants.

2. 4th Grade Panda Express Fundraiser

Keep an eye out this Thursday for the Panda Express flier for 4th Grade as they are having a fundraiser on February 27th. 20% of the sales that are credited to Kailua Elementary will go to the 4th Grade to help pay for their trip to the Big Island.

3. Information about the Coronavirus

A note went home on Friday with information in regards to the coronavirus. The Hawaii Department of Education is working closely with the Department of Health on guidance to prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus. Please take some time to review the precautions which are basically what we would expect during any flu season such as:

- a. Stay home when sick, especially with a fever
- b. Wash hands often with soap and water
- c. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- d. Cover your cough
- e. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

4. YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE NOW! All orders need to be in by Febuary 18th NO EXCEPTIONS: Also, 6th Grade Families, you do not need to order a yearbook because PTSA has generously offered to purchase a yearbook for all of our 6th Graders as a parting gift for their time at Kailua Elementary School.

These Families Have Purchased a Yearbooks as of January 29th!

Acosta, Aguero, Akin, Alcantara, Alvarez, Asing, Atkins(2), Baginski, Bantag(2), Baptiste, Barnes, Barton, Benali, Bradbury, Butts, Cox, Craddick, Crowder, Davis-Ajala, Delisi, Driggers, Dumot, Echevary, Espiritu, Espiritu, Everhart, Fratelli, Gaspar, Hamachi, Haugen, Hendrickson, Hill, Hunter, Jaffe, RodiriguesK(2), Kailio, Kamelehone, Kane, Kent, Kishida, Kridel, Lane-Tryon(2), Lansdell, Lau, Lee, Lene(2), Librie, Lolohea, Lyu, Madden, Malone(2), Mason, Mellroy, McWhorter, Medieros, Merry, Monk, V, Moore(2), Morris, Munday, Murphy, Neufeldt(2), Ngo, Niikura, Olds, Pugh, Rees, Saintvil, Sanchez(4), Schad, Shin, Smith, Soto, Souza, Spencer, Mafi, Steffen(3) Steinman, Sumi-Tabios, Tabilang, Tanaka, Tanaka, Teves, Thacker, Thoburn, Tim Sing, Uemoto, Van Leer(2), Waiholua(2,), Weaver, Welch, White, Wilson, Wilson, Williams, You, Zimdahl

If you are a 6th Grade Parent, and you see your name here that may signify your purchase of a Love Note. **REMINDER TO 6th Grade Parents:** PTSA has generously paid for your 6th Grader's Yearbook! If you've recently turned in an order form, it is not logged yet. I will be logging and receipting those this week. I also saw that there were two orders from before Winter Break, so if you have a question, please e-mail me and I can check.

WANTED!

1. 2nd Grade Teachers: Looking for Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents that have joined us for this valuable time with our students! You are a great help!

Our 2nd Grade Teachers, Mrs. Pescaia and Mrs. Doane are looking for some volunteers to come in and work with the 2nd graders on reading from 8:15-8:45 every day except Wednesdays. You do not have to be a parent of students in 2nd Grade to help out. Take a look at the SignUp Genius. Follow this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eada928a0fa7-2ndgrade>

- 2. Donations of Fabric** for the Maker's Space! We've had a donation of two sewing machines and now we are looking for some fabric for students to complete projects using the machines. Any fabric would be great! Thank you to Eirhart family for their very generous donation of some great fabric!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Grateful for your support,

Suzy Mitchell

Family Engagment Lead, PCNC