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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School

Mana'o Nui

Aloha mai kākou,

In cooperation with Hawaii Community College, Kanu o ka 'Āina now offers college classes for our current high school students. Students participating in the "Running Start" program earn dual credit as they receive high school credit and college credit. The associated cost of college tuition and fees has been supplemented by funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, GEAR UP Hawaii, Project Ho'oku'i, and generous individual donors. This past fall students participated in a Hawaiian Studies 100, a Piko Hawai'i course with Kumu Pua Lincoln of Hawai'i Community College. To continue efforts to raise the educational level of our community, KANU invited Waimea residents to



In January 2015, Hawaiian Studies 101, Hawai'i Culture I: 'Aikapu will be offered and several students have registered to again participate in this dual credit program. KANU junior, Makali'i Bertelmann will be taking his second class and acknowledges the challenges of taking a college class while in high school but also understands the long term value of his efforts. If all goes as planned, he will leave KANU with a high school diploma and at least twelve college credits. "It is hard work but I know I will be a full semester ahead of my peers when I start college," said Bertelmann.

KANU students are also taking advantage of college courses taught at NHERC in Honoka'a. Five current seniors will be commuting to NHERC twice a week during second semester to take College Math 100.

Coordination of all college work is handled by Kahanu Noa, College and Career Counselor on our school campus. Noa has been very successful at opening doors for KANU students and has reached into the community to create partnerships that over time will benefit students and the community.

If participation in college classes at a Hawaiian-focused charter school is of interest to you and your son or daughter, please know our admission cycle will begin January 1, 2015 and end with the first student lottery on March 6th.

Admission Open House for prospective students and 'Ohana will take place on February 5th and 19th. To gain access to the lottery, participation in one of the OPEN HOUSES will be mandatory.

Kanu o ka 'Āina is a Hawaiian-focused charter school that utilizes project-based learning and strives to have every KANU graduate college and/or career ready.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

John Colson, Luna Ho'okele

'Ōlelo No'eau

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MAKAHIKI Begins - The coming of LONO



Papa Lehua

Papa Lehua has been blessed this quarter with many helpers in Aunty Kaylea's absence. On Mondays and Fridays we have Aunty Katie Arrayan, a resident of Waimea who has two boys, Kekoa and Ryan, who attend Punana Leo. Midweek we have Uncle Travis Martinson, also a resident of Waimea. He has two girls, both at Kamehameha, a preschooler and a third grader.

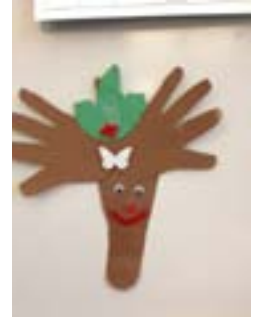
We have also had the pleasure of several visits from Noa Landers' grandmother, Linda Landers. She is a retired teacher who will soon be returning to her home in Alaska. With her guidance the haumāna made a skeleton for Halloween and a "grateful" pumpkin for Thanksgiving. Most recently the keiki traced their hands and foot to create a reindeer. We have had a lot of fun with Aunty Linda.



Papa Lehua posed for a Halloween Picture.



Haumāna enjoyed creating various art projects with Aunty Linda.



At the close of quarter 1 our Papa Lehua ventured to Hilo to visit Lyman Museum. It was a great way to reinforce everything students learned about rocks and minerals. Students were in awe to see so many different types of rocks and minerals housed at Lyman Museum.

In quarter 2 we have been looking more closely at volcanoes. Each student is constructing a volcano with paper mache. Through this project they are also becoming familiar with many other countries as they research volcanoes all over the world. They will be sharing their research on the last day of quarter 2, when "many eruptions" will take place. We were also able to learn more about another place from visitors Sonja and HJ Treyer. They shared a slide show of the country Switzerland where Sonya is an elementary school teacher and shared that there are 4 languages spoken in Switzerland; German, French, Italian and Roman.



Lukela took notes about rocks and minerals on our Lyman Museum huaka'i.



Pua'ena working on her volcano, Mt. Stromboli.

Jake and his volcano.



Hō'ike Haumāna

Recently our Papa Lehua was hosted by Aunty Kehau Marshall at the ahupua'a of Puanui on the Kohala Mountain Road. Our goals were to learn more about mālama honua and the changes that culture experiences over time, contrasting life today with the ways of our ancestors. Puanui is part of an extensive field system that fed thousands of Hawaiians with no supermarkets available! Our students learned how this was accomplished with 'uala (sweet potato) and no irrigation. We brought cuttings home to plant in our māla. We all hiked the steep Pu'u Kehena. The view from which was breathtaking. We got lots of exercise and had lots of fun in the tall grass. Mahalo to the 'aina, to our akua and kūpuna for such a special day. Aunty Kehau also followed up with a visit to our classroom and campus to teach us more about 'uala, the names and parts of the 'uala plant and how to plant the cuttings that we brought home. We also learned a planting oli.



We learned so much from Aunty Kehau.



A beautiful day at Puanui and on Pu'u Kehena.



Ascending Pu'u Kehena at Puanui.



Aunty Kehau Marshall showing students how to make cuttings to plant in their māla.



Haumāna learn more about 'uala from Aunty Kehau.

Important Info & Updates

Ho‘omana‘o

December Birthdays

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| 1 Iolani Casar | 18 He‘enalu Lindsey-Soares |
| 2 Asher Mendes & Kalae Lindsey | 19 Ariana Velasco |
| 4 Anuheia Kriss | 20 Ford Stallsmith |
| 7 Rowan Whitesell | 21 Kayla Furtado & Dyllen Takaki |
| 8 Xander Ho‘opai | 22 Stephen Pagano III |
| 10 Ka‘ihikapu Maikui & Marlie Kaho‘opi‘i | 23 Alysa Agosto & Malie Sarsona |
| 11 Asia Vinayaga & Janoe Pahinui | 26 Leilani Kahele |
| 16 Jadin Chaves, Della Stallsmith, Torres Brennan
& Kaleo Dudoit | 27 Sequoia Barretto & Kyani Bertelmann-Kanekoa |
| 17 Morgan Alaniz & Teya Medeiros | 30 Bruce Kauwe Decker |
| | 31 Lincoln Jardine & Ciani Macias |



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WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 21, 2014 to JANUARY 5, 2015 – Students report back to school on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Teachers report back to school on Monday, January 5, 2015.

BOOK EXCHANGE – Mahalo nui to all who participated in last week Friday’s book exchange. Mahalo to those of you who donated books and/or your time to make it happen for our keiki. Donated books will continue to be collected for our next book exchange event in February. A special request

MĀLAMA PA KULA (SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY) – CANCELLED for Saturday, December 13th 2014.

STRATEGY CAFE INVITATION – All KANU parents are invited to our Strategy Cafe session, part of KANU’s educational strategic planning process. This event will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 9 am to 12 noon at Hālau Puke. Be a part of the collaborative conversation around questions that matter about KANU’s past, present and future. RSVP to kanuprincipal@kalo.org or 890-9144 by Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.

SUPPORT IWIKUAMO‘O’S CAR WASH – Hui ‘o Iwikuamo‘o is holding a car wash on our KANU campus on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 from 9 am to 3 pm. Tickets are being sold by all students in Hui ‘o Iwikuamo‘o but “drive-ups” are welcome. Funds raised will support spring huaka‘i to Oahu. Please contact Kumu ‘Ānela at 808-389-1777 with questions or for more information.

PRE-SALE TICKETS FOR HAWAIIAN PLATE – All students & ‘ohana are being asked to sell 1 pre-sale ticket for our school wide Hawaiian Plate (\$9.00). Tickets were distributed on Monday, December 8th and money or unsold tickets are due by Tuesday, December 16th. Plate pick up will take place at the Kā Moku o Keawe Festival on Saturday, January 17, 2015 where KANU will be selling our Hawaiian plate and fruit smoothies. Please see Kehau Tachera in the main KANU office or call her at 890-2540 for more information or if you are interested in purchasing extra tickets.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014 – Join us from 5:30 - 8:00 pm for a joyous evening walking through decorated classrooms to view and purchase holiday items such as ornaments decorated by our keiki, ‘ono homemade goodies, one of a kind hand-made speciality items and dinner items like lu‘au stew, chili bowls, and garden soup. More information to come from individual hui kumu.

NEED MORE KANU POLO SHIRTS? – If your child is in need of more KANU uniforms, please drop off your solid colored polo shirts by the end of the school day on Friday, December 19, 2014 for printing during winter intersession.

RECOMMITMENT FORMS DUE JAN. 9, 2015 – Recommitment forms for next school year, SY 2015-2016, will be sent home with current KANU and Mālamapōki‘i students next week Monday. All students planning to return to KANU for SY15-16 must return this form to our school office by Friday, January 9, 2015. If a recommitment form is not received by the due date we will assume that your child is not interested in returning to KANU and will provide his/her space for a new student. Please contact Margo Kawamoto at 890-8144 with any questions.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & LABELS FOR EDUCATION – Clip Box Tops and Labels for Education from participating products to help Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua and KANU earn funds to support school initiatives and events or earn free educational merchandise. The hui collecting the most tops or labels by the end of first semester (Dec. 19, 2014) will earn a pizza or popcorn party. Please add you child’s name and hui to your envelope or baggie of collected Box Tops or Labels for Education when dropping them off to our office. Please contact Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua member, Janlyn Ryusaki-Phillips at kau423@gmail.com.

KŌKUA NEEDED! – Please be sure to pick your keiki or ‘ōpio up promptly at the end of each school day. Students who stay after school must be registered for an after school activity or class or must have made prior arrangements with a teacher for tutoring or extra help. If your child is registered for an after school activity or class, his or her siblings must be picked up when school gets out or must be supervised on campus by an ‘ohana member. Mahalo!

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