Hunehune Kalo

Bits & Pieces of News...

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Mana‘o Nui | Po‘okumu Message

Ho‘omau aku la laua i ka hele. To perserve; to go forward.

Aloha e nā ‘ohana Kanu o ka ‘Āina,

As we approach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the values that have helped our students succeed throughout the year. One value that has been particularly important is ho‘omau, or perseverance.

Perseverance is the ability to keep going, even when things get tough. It means pushing through challenges, staying focused on goals, and never giving up. Our students have demonstrated perseverance in many ways this year, from tackling difficult assignments to preparing for and executing various hō‘ike to peers and the community. Haumāna at Kanu o ka ‘Āina do not need to look far to see exceptional examples of ho‘omau. They can look to ‘āina, historical mo‘olelo, ali‘i, and prominent community leaders to draw positive attributes. One mo‘olelo that the high school wa‘a class has learned from is the story of Kana. Through this mo‘olelo they have learned to stretch to their limits and welcome new challenges.

One of the key components of ho‘omau is the concept of continuous learning and growth. This means that even when we face obstacles, we do not allow them to discourage us from our goals. Instead, we use our experiences as opportunities to learn and grow so that we may become stronger and more capable individuals.

In the face of adversity, our students have also shown resilience, or the ability to bounce back from setbacks. They have adapted to new learning environments, embraced new technologies, and found creative ways to advance their abilities. This year’s senior class has tapped into their passions and worked with the community, ‘ohana, and peers to develop and execute a senior capstone that has the potential to leave a long-lasting legacy to the kānaka in our community.

As we approach the end of the school year, I encourage you to continue to reinforce the value of perseverance and ho‘omau with your keiki. Remind them that even when difficulties arise, they have the strength, ability, and support to overcome challenges and reach their goals.

I am proud of our students for their hard work and determination this year, and I look forward to seeing them continue to grow and succeed in the future.

Mahalo,

Kanoa Castro
Upper School Po‘okumu

A Place to Learn and Grow Together

Kauhale ‘Ōiwi o Pu‘ukapu Campus is the home of Kanu o ka ‘Āina NCPCS. It is located in the heart of Kūhio Village on the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in Waimea.

Your choice to join our learning ‘ohana is a commitment to the vision, mission and core values that are the foundation of our school.

E Ola | Time is precious. Use it wisely. | *Mary Martinson*

Aloha,

As the final weeks of the school year are upon us, we are all busy getting ready for all that happens here at Kanu. It is a time of year we assess multiple things-from annual state testing for some of our haumāna to end-of-year diagnostic assessments in reading and math that to all schoolwide. Being prepared as best we can for these academic assessments is supported by regularly coming to school and putting in our best efforts in the classroom.

Presentations and completion of year-long efforts for our high school haumāna in Project and Capstone will be done as we finish up the last quarter. There's so much happening!

Hula Drama is also nearing, and this hōʻike is another form of schoolwide assessment we are preparing to demonstrate learning. With all this happening-it's important that we use our time wisely and prepare as best we can so the days with adjusted schedules and routines, presentations, and performances go as smoothly as possible.

Time can pass very quickly or seem to drag on at a snailʻs pace. Summer program forms have gone home, and those graduating are setting their plans for the post-high school in motion.

The final weeks of school will be enjoyable for most if not all, as we gather together for Hula Drama and end-of-year ceremonies and celebrations.

ʻOhana, please ensure you are keeping up with communications from kumu and the office, as there will be modified days coming up for those participating in state testing in April/May, as well as huakaʻi and adjusted schedules for the end-of-year events. Check-in as needed with any questions you may have.

Haumāna, don't let things wait until the last minute! Keep up with your haʻawina and prepare for what is coming up. Sometimes the best way to prepare is to come to school daily so you are present to learn and practice rather than makeup. Before we know it, the year will come to a close, so use that time wisely.

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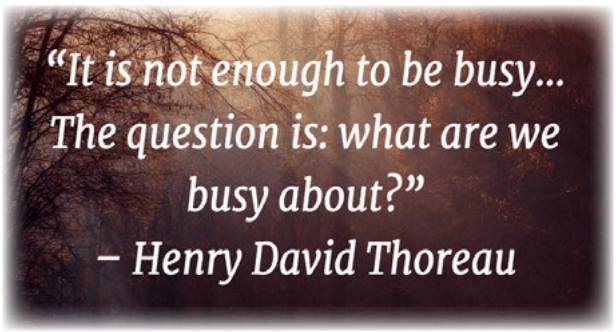

ʻAʻohe mea nāna e hoʻopuhili,
he moho no ka lā makani.

There is no one to interfere, for he is a messenger for the windy day.

Said in admiration of a person who lets nothing stop him from carrying out the task entrusted to him.

– ʻŌlelo Noʻeau 189

About Kanu o ka ʻĀina NCPCS

Kanu's mission is Kūlia i ka nuʻu, or strive for the highest. A philosophy of excellence guides Kanu as we collectively design, implement and continuously evaluate a quality, culturally-driven, intergenerational Hawaiian model of education with Aloha.

Our mission "Kūlia I Ka Nuʻu" signifies our efforts to provide a quality choice in education, as well as our ongoing focus on growth and excellence, a standard set by Hawaiʻi's native forefathers.

Kanu o ka ʻĀina New Century Public Charter School is a Hawaiian-focused, bi-lingual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in Waimea on Hawaiʻi Island.

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May 15 - 19 Hula Drama

Kanu Hula Drama Information

ʻApelila 17, 2023

Aloha e nā ʻohana o Kanu o ka ʻĀina,

We are excited to announce that Hula Drama is back at Kahilu Theatre this year. Hula Drama is used as an authentic hōʻike (exhibition) of culture-based and project-based knowledge gained throughout the school year and demonstrated through hula.

The last time Hula Drama was done was in SY 18-19 before Covid. Last year, we completed our first ever Hōʻike Hula on campus and are now transitioning back to Hula Drama.

Implementing Hula Drama this year will require slightly adjusting the schedule and school site. We ask for your patience and understanding. We will add these adjustments to the school calendar for next year.

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, we will have our 1st hōʻike starting at 9 am. This will be a half day for students (students picked up at 12 pm) because the other half of the school day will be spent in the evening for the 2nd hōʻike that starts at 5 pm.

There will be no school on Friday, May 19, 2023, because school hours will happen during the 3rd hōʻike, which begins at 5 pm. We are asking for your support with the schedule adjustment. Our staff and students will need time to recuperate between hōʻike to perform and depict their learning effectively, thus the need to alter the schedule.

Mahalo!

Keōmailani Case (K-5) Poʻokumu
Kanoa Castro (6-8 & 9-12) Poʻokumu

Please read through the Hula Drama details below, as minor adjustments to our regular school day schedule will be implemented.

Hula Drama Week

Monday, May 15 to Friday, May 19, 2023

- Students will be dropped off and picked up at Kahilu Town Hall this entire week. (Mon., May 15 to Fri., May 19, 2023)
- A traffic map will come out shortly.
- More hui specific details are forthcoming from kumu. Keep an eye out.
- Drop-off and pick-up times may vary per hui.
- Hōʻike time will count as our school hours.
- Ticket info will come out shortly.
- More info on Hula Drama regarding ticket sales, etc. will be sent home soon with Kumu in each grade level.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Additional dates to remember

Thursday, May 25 - Last Day for Haumāna

Friday, May 26

ʻAha Puka Kula - Class of 2023

Monday, May 29 - Lā Nui - Memorial Day

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 30 - Kumu Last Day

Ka Nu‘u | Kula Ki‘eki‘e

E lawe i ke a‘o a mālama, a e ‘oi mau ka na‘auao.

He who takes his teachings and applies them increases his knowledge. —‘Ōlelo No‘eau

‘Āina-based learning is alive and well at Kanu o ka ‘Āina. ‘Āina based education is teaching and learning through the Hawaiian culture, values, and language, and integrating indigenous ways of knowing.

Each high schooler chose one of three ‘āina-based projects (Wahi Pana, Wa‘a, and Kīhāpai ke Ola) at the beginning of the school year.

The projects provided opportunities for students to build pilina (relationship) with their ‘āina (natural environment), each other, and their community.

Last week Friday, the high school students participated in a hō‘ike. They shared their knowledge with our PK-8th grade students and kumu. It was the highlight of the day.

Ka Nu‘u | Kula Ki‘eki‘e

Ma ka hana ka ‘ike, ma ka ‘ike ka mana.

Through work comes knowledge. Through knowledge comes power. —‘Ōlelo No‘eau

King David Kalākaua - The Merrie Monarch
Hawaiʻi's Last Reigning King

David Laʻamea Kamananakapu Mahinulani Naloiaehuokalani Lumialani Kalākaua was born on November 16, 1836, to Kaisera (Caesar) Kaluaiku Kamakaʻehukai Kahana Keola Kapaʻakea (father), and Analea Koehokālole (mother).

He was the last reigning King of Hawaiʻi. In his short reign (1874-1891), King Kalākaua introduced Hawaiʻi to the world and brought the world's innovations home to the Hawaiian Kingdom. He had so much aloha (love and admiration) for Hawaiian culture and his people.

Here are some cool facts about Hawaiʻi's last king.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fact 1: King Kalākaua was elected, not born into his regency. When the last descendants of the Kamehameha lineage died, Kalākaua ran for king and won. However, he didn't win by a popular vote. Hawaiʻi's legislatures elected him.

Fact 2: Kalākaua set a world record as the first monarch to travel worldwide. His international goodwill tour lasted 281 days. During his absence, Kalākaua appointed his sister and heir-apparent, Liliʻuokalani, to act as Regent. He visited European villages, the imperial courts in Japan and China, and the Khedive (ruler) of Egypt.

Fact 3: His passion for preserving our Hawaiian culture and renewing a sense of pride in his people sparked the restoration of Hawaiian cultural traditions that foreigners abolished for many years.

Fact 4: In 1830, Queen Kaʻahumanu banned the Hula. During his reign, Kalākaua brought Hula, chant, mythology, and medicine back to life.

Fact 5: Did you know that ʻIolani Palace had electric lights and running water before the White House did?

Fact 6: Kalākaua was known as the Merrie Monarch" because he loved the joyful things in life. Today, the "Merrie Monarch" annual Hula Festival honors his legacy. King Kalākaua loved playing his ʻukulele and composing music. He wrote Hawaiʻi Ponoʻī, which is Hawaiʻi's state song. The ʻukulele became very popular because of him.

Fact 7: King Kalākaua also brought back the Hawaiian martial art of Lua and surfing.

Fact 8: King Kalākaua loved to write. He wrote books of Hawaiian legends and myths and traditional music and dance. He helped to spread a greater understanding of the Hawaiian people and their history throughout the world.

Today, we celebrate King Kalākaua's enduring aloha and creative vision for his people and Hawaiʻi.

Eō King David Laʻamea Kamananakapu Mahinulani Naloiaehuokalani Lumialani Kalākaua!

"Tell my people I tried."

These are often said to be the last words of HONOLULU Magazine's founder, King David Kalakaua.