Hunehune Kalo

Bits & Pieces of News...

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Mana‘o Nui | Po‘okumu Message

E kaupē aku no i ka hoe a kō mai. Put forward the paddle and draw it back.

Go on with the task that is started and finish it. — ‘Ōlelo No‘eau

Kanu’s end of the year Hula Drama (authentic hō‘ike) displayed learning, accomplishment, and kuleana. Kū Ha‘aheo, our school theme, was expressed through intricate motions, radiating voices, flowing emotions, steadfast dedication, and much more. The ‘ōlelo no‘eau, E kaupē aku no i ka hoe a kō mai, describes putting our paddles forward and drawing them back while also relating to finishing a task that was started. Hula Drama was the culminating result of paddling together and forwarding our wa‘a.

No matter what current we encounter, we persevere, draw our paddles back, and continue on united. The journey does not stop with an end of the year hō‘ike. The process is circular. The end of one hō‘ike path is the start of a new one. Such is life, such is learning, such is kuleana!

Our experiences, memories, and knowledge are etched within our paddles, thus carving out new pathways for future generations at Kanu! Now is the time to look ahead, prepare for the next journey, and paddle forward.

Mahalo,

Keōmailani Case
Elementary Po‘okumu

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” – Pele

Hula Drama 2023

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.

"When it comes to summer, reading may not be the first thing or even in the top ten things—kids have in mind! But reading can be the ideal summer activity. It's fun, portable, can involve the whole family, and will help your child academically." NEA

DID YOU KNOW? Summer Reading Facts

- Summer reading loss is a key factor contributing to the achievement gap between struggling and successful students.
- Lower-achieving students are less likely to read out of school.
- Those comfortable reading are more likely to choose recreational reading as a summer activity.
- Having access to books, and having books in the home, is essential to building strong readers.
- Children who don't read over the summer lose 3 months of reading comprehension.
- The loss is accumulative – by the end of 6th grade these kids are 2 school years behind their peers.
- Middle school is too late; even with the best remedial classes, these students will remain behind their peers.
- Reading as few as 4 books keeps kids at their current reading levels.
- Young children with richer home literacy environments succeed when they begin school.
- Freedom to select reading materials of their choice results in strengthening reading skills.

PLAY, GROW & GET READY TO READ!

Raise a reader! The HSPLS summer reading program's theme is E Heluhelu Kākou: Seeds of Knowledge, and we are celebrating Hawai'i – our islands, people, environment, cultural heritage, literature, history, foods and arts. **SIGN UP**

Pre-registration begins on May 15! Three easy ways to join:

1. **ONLINE:** Go to librarieshawaii.beanstack.org
2. **MOBILE APP:** Download the Beanstack Tracker app from the Apple App Store (iPhone or iPad) or Google Play (for Android devices)
3. **IN-PERSON:** Visit Waimea Thelma Parker Library. Log your minutes using Beanstack.

If you have never used Beanstack, watch this video tutorial. https://my.nicheacademy.com/librarieshawaii/course/4673

You will also find a list of Children's, Teen and Adult books to read at the Beanstack website.

Happy Summer Reading,

Aunty Kaylea Kaaihili

There are bits and pieces of yourself scattered in every book you read.

Unknown

EARN REWARDS!

For every 60 minutes logged online weekly, you will receive a virtual badge and an entry to the lucky grand prize drawing for four round trip tickets to anywhere Alaska Airlines flies!

Grand Prize

Four Round Trip Tickets on Alaska Airlines

AGE LEVEL	SIGN UP	MID-POINT (4 HOURS)	COMPLETION (8 HOURS)
CHILDREN'S	McDonald's Be Our Guest Snack Card or Toy (for Hana, Molokai, & Lanai)	Local Hawaii book or Scholastic book	Coco Planter Kit seed, soil disc, instructions
TEENS	McDonald's Be Our Guest Snack Card	5-Petal Color Highlighter	Coco Planter Kit seed, soil disc, instructions
ADULTS	McDonald's Be Our Guest Snack Card	Hibiscus or 'Ōhi'a Poster from Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii	Coco Planter Kit seed, soil disc, instructions

OTHER REWARDS

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY REWARD
Visit your local library to receive a weekly activity sheet. Once completed, children can show library staff to receive a colorful sticker of their choice.

Provided by Friends of the Library Hawai'i

CHILDREN'S REWARD DRAWING | FIVE REGIONAL WINNERS
A $50 gift card for back-to-school essentials. The five regions are East Oahu, West Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island, and Maui County (includes Molokai & Lanai).

Provided by Friends of the Library Hawai'i

TEEN MID-POINT REWARD DRAWING | ONE WINNER PER LIBRARY
One large two-topping pizza. An alternate $20 gift card reward will be provided to libraries without a nearby Pizza Hut location: Hana, Kailua-Kona, Kealakekua, Lanai, Molokai, Naalehu, North Kohala, Pahala, & Thelma Parker.

Provided by Pizza Hut

TEEN REWARD DRAWING | FIVE REGIONAL WINNERS
An Apple 10.2-inch iPad. The five (5) regions are East Oahu, West Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island, and Maui County (includes Molokai & Lanai).

Provided by Pizza Hut

ADULT REWARD DRAWING | FIVE REGIONAL WINNERS
An 18 oz. HSPLS-branded insulated water/beverage bottle. The five regions are East Oahu, West Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island, and Maui County (includes Molokai & Lanai).

Provided by Friends of the Library Hawai'i

Ka Nu‘u | Hula Drama 2023

KŪ (Stand), HA‘A (Humble), HEO (Proud)

Kū Ha‘aheo, Stand with pride.

Kanu o ka ‘āina is built on the foundation of connecting generations of learners to their kuleana of ‘āina, lāhui, community, ‘ohana, and self. Building identity of place, culture, and people is always at the forefront of nurturing the next leaders of Hawai‘i.

For the past two years, Kanu staff and haumāna have embraced the school themes of Ola Ka Mauli (nurture and develop the life source) and Kupu Mai Ka Mauli Ola (to grow and sprout our source of life). This year’s theme, Kū Ha‘aheo, results from the nurturing, development, and sprouting forth. The evolution of the two themes provides space and opportunity to Kū (stand) as we strengthen our core and become established pillars. Ha‘a means humble, and heo means proud. These two opposites, when combined, form a dualistic relationship. Both balance each other and prompt undeniable growth.

The cycles and systems of ‘āina are perfect examples of Kū Ha‘aheo. If we visualize a growing plant, the seed and roots are the foundation of life, where genealogical connections are stored and nurtured and where the essence of development is influenced by its surrounding environment. Once roots are established, the plant enters into the kupu stage, where an abundance of sprouts uplift and evaluate its growth to the point where it can puka out of the soil and into another stage of influence and nutrient intake. The culmination of these resources enables the plant to reach upward towards the sun, the source of life and the driving force that allows it to Kū. Once upright, the plant enters a phase of forming a stable trunk so that it may support life on its limbs, below its branches, above its po‘o, and can continue to feed and sustain all below the soil. Its influence now becomes the influencer and contributor to gathering energy and resources that sustain/support life, thus forwarding growth.

We can sprout and establish no matter what developmental stage each individual is in. We can influence and nurture. We can be impactful and resourceful, and we can contribute and sustain. Kū Ha‘aheo e nā kanu o ka āina!

This message was written by our Elementary Po‘okumu Keōmailani Case, and appeared in the August Hunehune Kalo newsletter.

Kū Ha‘aheo became the salient thread throughout 2023. This theme provided unique opportunities for students and kumu to connect to their place, its people, the ‘āina, and historical events that have contributed to the world we live in today.

On May 18-19, 2023, Kanu o ka ‘Āina K-12 students, Mālamapōki‘i keiki and kumu presented their interpretation of Kū Ha‘aheo, Stand with pride.

The images on the following pages depict each grade level’s understanding of Kū Ha‘aheo throughout the year.

Hula Drama Hō‘ike
Performed by Kanu o ka ‘Āina
& Mālamapōki‘i Haumāna

Program artwork by Senior Cheye Velez

Ka Nu‘u | Hula Drama

Hula Drama is a hō‘ike, or performance-based assessment, to an authentic audience. It is designed to allow students to demonstrate their understanding of Hawaiian chant, dance and cultural knowledge.

Kanu o ka ʻĀina New Century Public Charter School (Kanu) is a Hawaiian-focused, bilingual charter school serving grades K-12 in Waimea on Hawaiʻi Island. Kanu o ka ʻĀina is a short form of the proverb “kalo kanu o ka ʻāina,” which literally translates to “taro planted on the land” and figuratively refers to “natives of the land from generations back.”

Ka Nu‘u | Hula Drama

Kū (stand) as we strengthen our core and become established pillars.
Ha‘a means humble, and heo means proud.

Like Hawai‘i’s natural environment, our Hawaiian learning ‘ohana is made up of diverse, yet like-minded individuals with a wide range of skills and strengths. We work together to aloha, nurture, and care for all members of our extended ‘ohana as we advance Hawaiian culture, language, and traditions into the future.

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Kanu’s mission, “Kūlia i ka Nu‘u,” means to “strive for the summit.” We strive for the very top of the mountain, for excellence. Kanu’s mission encourages all members of our learning ‘ohana to “kūlia i ka nu‘u,” or “strive to reach their highest.” Selecting this ancient Hawaiian proverb as our mission inspires us to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Ka Nu‘u | Hula Drama

Kū Ha‘aheo – let us stand proud of the ‘ike learned throughout the school year. Let us show what we are capable of doing as young leaders. Let us be proud of our heritage. Let us preserve our traditions and seek the knowledge of our kūpuna with pride.

Kanu welcomes all who share in our commitment to perpetuate Hawaiian language, culture, and traditions. Kanu o ka ‘Āina is built on the foundation of connecting generations of learners to their kuleana of āina, lahui, community, ‘ohana, and self. Building identity of place, culture, and people is always at the forefront of nurturing the next leaders of Hawai‘i.

Making the Transition To Middle School and High School

Hulō! Hulō! Hulō! Papa Māmane 5th graders and Middle School 8th graders have completed their grade level requirements and will transition to middle and high school next year.

Here are seven ways to prepare your child for middle and high school transitions.

1. Attend Orientation.
2. Get Set With Supplies.
3. Get Organized.
4. Ask Questions.
5. Teach Time Management.
6. Discuss Responsibilty.
7. Plan for Increased Independence.

For more information, click on the link below.

https://www.education.com/magazine/article/kids-prepare-middle-high-school/

Have a fantastic safe summer break! Be prepared to start the new school year off on the right foot!

Papa Māmane haumāna & Uncle Brent enjoy a day at Kiholo.

1st Day for Students

August 7-8 (Monday, Tuesday)

Conferences

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Regular School Day

"If you work hard, follow your dreams & never give up- anything is possible."

CONGRATULATIONS PAPA 'EWALU!

Hunehune Kalo, Kanu's monthly newsletter, covers "bits & pieces" of news relating to school policies, activities, events, performances, student awards, community happenings and much more.

For more information, contact Val Hanohano – val@kalo.org

Papa 'Umikūmlua – Class of 2023

Good morning to all of you that are here to celebrate the graduating class of 2023 from Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School. Welcome to the Governing Board Members, Kumu Kanoa, all Kumu, staff, parents, 'ohana and graduating seniors.

I am Uncle Lupe. I was privileged to meet this class as freshmen in 2019. While I was teaching them math, they were teaching me about strength and resilience. This class learned to Zoom and followed protocols including wearing masks that none of us could have imagined before Covid-19.

Graduates, you made it. You have presented your Capstone projects and completed the Hula Drama Hō'ike. You stood tall, proud and together on your solid foundation. You have a strong identity of place, culture and people. When I think of you as a class I think of the Hawaiian value - Pilina - connections, relationships. We have formed connection and relationships that I along with your other kumus and 'ohana will cherish.

This class of 2023 includes:

Alley Blanco, a 7 year student at Kanu, embodies the Aloha Spirit, always has a warm smile.

Keanakolu Case, a student here since he was 8 weeks old, is also a tremendous athlete and loves soccer.

Hali'a Mele DelaCruz came to Kanu as a junior. She exemplified Kanu's mission to "Kūlia i ka nu'u," or strive to reach the highest.

Jason He'enalu Werner, a 9 year student at Kanu. Thanks to Jason we all love Fried Oreo Cookies. Jason worked hard both in the classroom and in the community during non-school hours.

Hoapili Sanchez is a 14 year veteran of Kanu. She also exemplifies "Kūlia iß ka nu'u".

Maile Brianna Devine, a 7 year student at Kanu. For her Capstone project she grew a vegetable garden and donated her produce to local families in our community.

Cheye Velez, a 14 year veteran, has strong math skills and mathematical reasoning.

Caitlyn Kolukahi Carvalho, 10 years at Kanu. An excellent leader, she represented the class in student government.

Taylin Melewaioha Nishida 6 years at Kanu. A dancer, she brings us the joy of movement and mele.

Kimokeo B. Sarsona, 13 years at Kanu. This well rounded student is connected to his Kuleana of 'āina, lāhui, community, 'ohana and self.

I would like to share with you 5 lessons I have learned in my lifetime.

1. Life is full of choices. Choices you make today will get you to the next chapter in your life. Don't be afraid to make choices and if that choice does not work out, circle back around and try that choice you didn't choose or make a new one.
2. Life can be confusing. Sit and listen. If the answer doesn't come to you, seek help, don't be afraid to ask.
3. Give yourself grace to make mistakes - learn from them, take the knowledge with you, let go and move forward.
4. Gravitate toward work that you find meaningful.
5. Friends are your network. Remember your classmates as you go forward. Lifelong friends are some of our best assets.

Class of 2023 the future belongs to you. We are all so proud of you. We wish you all the best. Shortly, you will become alumni of Kanu.

A hui hou, mālama pono.

Uncle Lupe Dias

Papa ʻŪmikūmālua – Class of 2023

Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you've always imagined. –Unknown