



10th
 Anniversary
 Charter Celebration
 in 2014-2015

Kumu with one of the many groups of students she taught over the years.



Happy Retirement!

EVENTS

Student Recognition Assembly

Friday, December 19th
 8:30am

Winter Break – No School

Monday, December 22nd to
 Tuesday, January 6th

Happy New Year 2015

Students Return

Wednesday, January 7th

Martin Luther King Jr. No School

Monday, January 19th

Early Release Day

Students Released 12:30pm
 Wednesday, January 21st

Missed last week's spirit week?
Next Spirit Week- Makahiki



January 26th - 30th

Makahiki

Saturday, January 31st

He kāhea ho'omaika'i kēia no ke kumu palena 'ole i ka 'ike, ka maika'i ame ka pulama no ka 'ohana Kula Kaiapuni o Kualapu'u. 'Ike kākou a pau, ke 'ōlelo nei kākou e pili ana iā Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani Albino.

Ma ka lā 31 o 'Okakopa, ua rītaia 'o Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani. Ua hana 'o ia he 'umi a 'oi makahiki ma ke Kula Ho'āmana o Kualapu'u. Ho'omaka akula 'o ia i ke a'o 'ana i ka papa malaa'o no ka hapanui o kona mau makahiki nei. Ma hope, ua a'o 'o ia i ka papa 'elua. I kēlā makahiki aku nei a me ka hapa o kēia makahiki, he kumu kūkākūkā 'o ia. Ma kēia hana, ua kākau 'o ia i nā puke keu loa no nā keiki Kula Kaiapuni o ka pae 'āina o Hawai'i nei. He lei ho'ohanohano o Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani iā kākou a pau.

E aha ana kāna hana ma kona wā ho'omaha loa? Ke 'ike hou iā 'oe, e wala'au 'oukou me ia a e mahele mai me kākou. 'O ka mea nui e hana 'ia ana, 'o ka pili i kāna 'ohana!

E ho'omaika'i, e Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani!

Congratulations are in order for one of our kumu who has been an inspiration to both staff and students in our Kualapu'u family from the time she first came as a teacher. We all know that I'm referring to Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani!

On October 31st, Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani retired. She taught at Kualapu'u Public Charter School for over ten years. She began and continued for most of her years here as a papa malaa'o (kindergarten) teacher. She then went on to become a teacher of the papa 'elua (second grade). Most recently, Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani has brought her wealth of knowledge to the school as a consultant and author of Hawaiian children's chapter books. These will be an asset to all Hawaiian language students in Hawai'i. Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani is an example to us all.

What will Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani be doing now that she has retired? When you see her, talk story and share with us. One main thing that we know is that she will be close to family!

Congratulations on your retirement, Kumu 'Ōpu'ulani!

Molokai's Own Community Helpers Visits Pre-K

In Pre-K we learned different community helpers in our own Molokai community. Ho'olehua Firefighters visited our Kualapu'u Pre-K class to talk about their jobs. The firefighters talked about their special equipment they need to wear when they put out fires. They also showed us the different tools to help them with their jobs. Thank you Ho'olehua Firefighters for teaching us how to be safe and sharing about your jobs.



Top Left Picture: Pre-K students are carrying the firefighters' special tool.

Top Right Picture: Ms. Hernandez tries on a firefighter suit.

Mahalo Kualapu'u School Families!

It was another successful year - we were able to collect over 3000 assorted can foods that were evenly distributed amongst The Women's Shelter, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army and the Adult Mental Health Club House. All were very grateful and appreciated all the donations that were received. Thank you to Principal Lydia Trinidad for the use of the cafeteria for this drive, also thank you to all families in our community who donated to the cause. We look forward to next year! - Rhonda Kahalewai, Cubmaster



2014 Thanksgiving Scouting for Food Drive
By Kualapuu School and Boys Scouts Troop 47,
Cub Scouts Pack 47

Mahalo Monsanto!

The HLIP 3, 4, 5, and 6 grade classes want to send out a big MAHALO to Monsanto Moloka'i for generously funding our fieldtrip to Mo'omomi. We were able to take the 4 classes to Mo'omomi on 4 vans. At Mo'omomi, we were able to visit with Uncle Mac Poepoe, who answered all of our questions about the sea life there. We also took a quick tour of the surrounding area, had a scavenger hunt, ate lunch, and enjoyed water play behind the hale. What a great day! Mahalo Monsanto! - Na Kumu



The B-1 Kindergarteners went on a field trip last week to visit Friendly Market Center, Molokai Drugs, and Kamoi Snack N Go. We learned about markets in our community and about different kinds of careers. Now we know what we need to learn in school to be ready for a



job when we grow up! Thank you to our kind friends at the businesses we visited for generously donating your time and patiently answering our questions. We love you!
--The B-1 Kindergarteners



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM?



Does your child know which day of the week they have art? Most students really look forward to their once-a-week art class. After teaching art from a cart for years, we now have a designated art room, where students can experience the joy of working in creative space.

Art class is set up as a choice based art classroom, opposed to the whole class doing the same lesson. There are 6 centers; computer, fiber arts, 3D sculptures, painting, drawing, book arts and block construction.

The students are responsible for choosing where they want to work and for managing their time. Students are able to experiment, make mistakes, and discover their own creative solutions. In art class students learn from each other, collaborate and share their accomplishments. Students take responsibility for set up, care of materials and clean up.

Be sure to ask your child how they spend their time during art class, which is their favorite center and what they learning.



ROOTS READERS LEARN ABOUT AFRICA

This is a reading roots level 4 class and the children were learning about an arts and crafts school in Benin City, Nigeria where students make masks!

They also learned about the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania where there is a big game park for African animals to live safely. So they created their own African animal masks as part of our reading celebration today! Most of these students will be moving up a level in our Success For All reading program next quarter. Great Job Kids!



Kualapu'u Partners with Verizon for Tablet Program



Our 6th graders have a unique opportunity in which all the students have borrowed either a Samsung Galaxy or an Apple iPad for school and home use to do school assignments. The tablets are encased in Otter protective cases and have Verizon internet service, allowing all 100% internet access at home. Here are some examples of how the tables are being used in the classroom and at home.

For library studies. Ms. Martinez has given students access to Overdrive and Tumblebooks, two ebook platforms to read books in their tablets at home. Students are also doing research using Encyclopedia Britannica Online for a final Interview they will do with each other about their topic. We are planning on videotaping the interviews, permission allowed.

In Mrs. Link's and Mrs. Adams' classes, the students have daily access to practice math fact fluency. Students also digitally compose their essays on the tablet and email it as an attachment to the teacher for printing. All sixth graders have also been assigned a Google email account, which has made student teacher communication very convenient. Some absent students have even emailed for missed homework assignments. The students have had fun personalizing the tablets with fonts and screensavers.

In Kumu Nalani's class, the students are taking notes using their 'memo' feature and learning how to summarize academic conversations with peers and e-mail these to their teacher. The students also use email daily to receive and clarify assignments. Another feature we will begin using in the new quarter is Google Docs, where students will be able to share and edit files, as well as participate in word processing. Of course, its great that on a daily basis, students have access to the internet and various educational sites that help with their classwork, homework, and projects.

Pomaikai Poaipuni, a student in Mrs. Adam's class said, "It is helpful to do my Reflex Math everyday. If I get a multiplication problem wrong, I get it again until I master my multiplication. Another student, Erika Ballesteros says, "The iPad has an editor that you can type with and we can email our writing to the teacher. The teacher corrects our writing and then we can correct our writing on the editor."

The students will have to return their tablets at the end of the loan period in March 2015. We hope to have a show case of the projects and/or learning that the students were able to achieve on their tablets.



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Na Puuwai and All
Participants