

# Kalākaua Middle School

Kūla-ika-ʻōiwi

*Always Striving for Excellence*



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Kalakaua is a Farrington Complex School of HOPE

November 10, 2015

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 2015

- 10 Qtr. 2 Progress Reports – mailed home
- 11 Veterans Day, No School
- 19 School Community Council, Open to all, 4:00 pm
- 19 ELL Parent Night, Library 5:30 pm
- 21 KMS Ohana Fair, Campus 9 am – 1 pm
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 2015

- 5 Saturday Reading, Library, 8:00 am – 11:30 am
- 7 – 11 KMS Science Fair Week
- 11 Tri-band Concert, Farrington Gym, 6:00 pm
- 17 Quarter 2 Ends, Semester 1 Ends
- 17 School Community Council Mtg., 4:00 pm
- 18-Jan 4 Winter Intersession

### January 2016

- 5 Teacher Work Day, No students
- 5 Quarter 2 Report Cards mailed home
- 6 Students return to school, Quarter 3 starts
- 21 School Community Council Mtg., 4:00 pm

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**

# KMS' Ohana Fair

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Kalakaua Middle School**

*Delicious food,  
fun games,  
great entertainment!*



*Much Needed: Pre-packed snacks for our student performers. Please turn in donations to the KMS office by Friday, November 20 (See page 4 for more information)*

## 2014-2015

### Strive HI School Performance Report

The results of our test scores from last school year ranked us as a school in **Continuous Improvement**. Overall, we scored 242 points out of 400 (This was an increase from 214 points in the 2013-2014 school year). The percentage of students who met the achievement scores on the tests were:

Math proficiency	36%
Literacy proficiency	39%
Science proficiency	32%

Though we continue to make progress, many of our students are not meeting the score required. We have lots of work to do. Our teachers and staff are working very hard, using new curriculum and rigorous teaching strategies. We expect all students to do their best in school and focus on learning.

Please help your child by:

- Making every day count - Attendance matters; send your child to school.
- Making sure your child is prepared -Uniform, ID, Binder, Planner, Homework, Money in their Meal Accounts, Positive Attitude
- Signing their reading log - Your child is required to read 30 minutes every night.
- Telling him/her you love them and to have a great day.

### Special Info for Parents/Guardians

In this letter you will find the:

- Quarter 2 – Mid Quarter Progress Reports
- November Parent Newsletter
- Lunch Bills for selected students
- Library Bills for selected students

**Parents/Guardians:** please read, sign and return the Mid-Quarter Progress Report to your students A/A teacher by Friday, November 13.

**Students:** be sure parents sign the progress report before you turn it in.

**Saturday, November 21 9am - 1pm LOADS of FUN at the 'Ohana Fair**

## *HFL* Teams Move to States

### **Hawaii FIRST Lego League**

On Saturday, October 31, KMS Purple, Team 2089 competed against 13 other FIRST LEGO League teams in the 7th Annual Kalakaua District Tournament.

Amidst the rain and thunder, the team managed to impress the judges with its presentation skills and scored just enough points with the robot to be crowned District Tournament Champions! The team earned an

FIRST LEGO® League

automatic berth into the State Championships on December 5th at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall where it will compete against 41 of the best teams from across the state. Congratulations to Coach Michelle Conklin & team members Brandson Lu, Christian Gabriel, Abegail Dela Cruz, Tiana Tully, Angelli Taceran, Jehnry Tumamao, Gavin Gaspar, & Loyd Bacalso.

Mahalo to the following staff members for their spending their time on Saturday to fill certain roles during the tournament: Henry Amoy, Opening up & Setting up the cafeteria

Skye Darnell, Pit Area Supervision

Susan Galariada, Pit Area Supervision

Geoff Jones, Co-Head Referee

Shaughn Kayatani, setting up AV

Brandt Like, MC

Kellie Takamori, Project Judge

Kalani Teixeira, Clean up & shutting down the cafeteria

Caylee Yamamoto, Scorekeeping

Jan Ishikawa, photographer

and former students:

Jeffrey Bautista, Table Setter

Michelle Bonilla, Table Setter

Ryan Cenence, Hospitality

Ciara Labasan, Referee

Fara Lee, Co-Head Referee

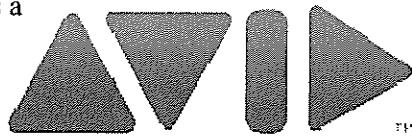
Bryson Lu, Hospitality

Jewel Yere, Room Timer

Thank you again for all of your hard work!

### **AVID wants you!**

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is a college prep course that could help your children learn the study skills necessary



to get better grades in their classes. If you are a parent of a child who is going to be in the 7th or 8th grades the following school year and are interested in the AVID Elective class, please contact Mr. Nelson Lee at 305-4541. A minimum requirement to be in the AVID Elective class is a 2.0 GPA.

### **2015-16 Yearbooks for sale!!**

Please purchase your brand new yearbook in O101 for \$25.00 to ensure your copy at the end of the year! Preserve your memories in our very own, personalized KMS yearbook, created by the yearbook leadership class!

### **Dancer's Delite (DD)**

Aloha! Dancer's Delite (DD) is excited and proud to share our upcoming performances and events:

#### **Saturday, November 7:**

Jamba Juice Blended Dance Showcase—UH Manoa's Kennedy Theatre, 12 noon, 3 pm, or 6 pm shows.

Tickets are \$18. A portion of the proceeds will go to support a dance studio of your choice and the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii. DD will be joined by dancers from studios all over the island, including Studio 808 Dance Project, 24-VII Danceforce, The Headquarters, UH Rainbow Warrior Dancers, and other special guests. We hope you will choose to donate to Diverse Art Center as that is Dancer's Delite's partner studio. For tickets, please visit <http://jambablendedaloha.bpt.me>.

**Friday, November 13:** Honozulu Beast Middle School Dance Competition--Waipahu Intermediate School, 6pm - 8:30pm. Presale tickets are \$5 (\$8 at the door). There is a limited number of tickets available. Please see Ms. Tiana Kamiko or any DD dancer for tickets.

#### **Saturday, November 14:**

Honozulu Beast High School Competition--Kaimuki High School Auditorium, 6pm to 9pm. Presale tickets are \$5 (\$8 at the door) for students and \$8 (\$13 at the door) for adults. Children age 4 years and under are free. The Farrington High School dancers of Dancer's Delite will be back for their second year to see if they can take the title.

#### **Saturday, November 21:**

King David Kalākaua's birthday at our annual 'Ohana Fair—KMS outdoor stage, 11am. This will be the first official performance for some members of DD, so please come out to support!

#### **Friday, November 27:**

Kalihi Christmas Parade. Starts at Union Church on N. King St, 6:30 pm. The parade will continue down Mokauea St., Dillingham Blvd., Houghtailing St., and on to School St., ending at Kamehameha Shopping Center.

#### **Saturday, December 5:**

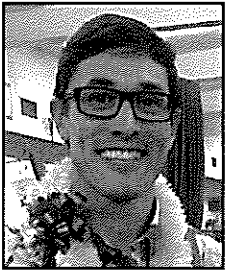
City Lights Opening Ceremony Electric Parade of Lights. We are so excited to continue Farrington's theme of "One Nation, Under Gov" as we join together as one Farrington 'ohana to spread holiday cheer.

We would love as much support as we can get, and we hope to see you at these fun events!

## HAWAII STATE COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

### MR. JONES GOES TO WASHINGTON

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce Geoff Jones has been selected as the Hawaii state representative for the 2016 School



Counselor of the Year program . The School Counselor of the Year program honors the professionals who devote their careers to serving as advocates for the nation's students, helping them achieve success in school and in life.

School counselors make significant contributions to the overall well-being of students and their success. They have unique qualifications and skills that allow them to address students' academic achievement, career development and social/emotional needs.

Mr. Jones and all other state representatives will travel to Washington, D.C., in January 2016 to be honored in a ceremony at the White House and be formally recognized at a black-tie gala at historic Union Station.

Congratulations and thank you, Mr. Jones We are very proud of you.

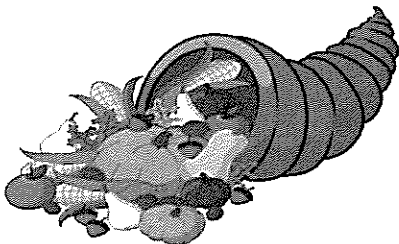
## VOLLEYBALL

Last Saturday, the varsity girls lost the first game 21-19 and tied the second 9-9. The JV team won both games. KMS JV and Varsity teams will challenge other schools on Saturdays 11/7, 11/14, 11/21. A goodwill double elimination tournament will also be held Wednesday 11/25 from 3 to 6:30 pm at Kilauea Gym. Saturday times and locations have not been determined so please check the school website for updates.



Varsity Coach - Janis Kaulukukui  
Alyia Boaz, Allen Callejo, Kassity Chock, Jusancy Kansou, Mele Luafatasaga, Miracle Momoe, Dalorian Perez, Evangeline Purcell, Ashley Sales

Kalakaua 2 Coach- Janis Kaulukukui  
Johnson Kihleng, Antonio Iu, Amber Larry, Aya Love, Masaniga Sakao, Allyson Sanerivi, Ana Soi, Moa Tuulangavalu, Elijah Wells



## Multiplication Fluency

CONGRATULATIONS to those students who completed their multiplication fluency program and will receive their pins at the awards assembly. This is a huge milestone accomplishment that will make learning middle school math much easier. Please continue to practice with study cards and verbally test your child if she/he haven't mastered this yet. Our school goal is to have 100% of students fluent by Quarter 3.

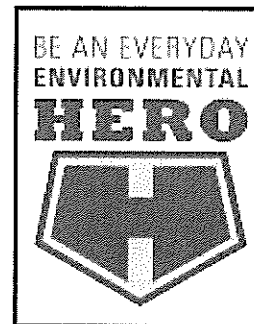
## Library News

Please assist your child in returning books that belong to Kalakaua. Kalakaua books (library or classroom) are stamped with the school name on several areas in the book. The library currently has 250+ books overdue and would like to recover as many as possible so that these books can be available to other students. Any student who has an outstanding obligation for overdue or lost books will not be allowed to borrow books from the school library. If this happens, the student will be directed to use the free online eBooks, or referred to the counselor for a discarded book or to the state public library (ex.-Kalihi-Palama Public Library).

Because of the rainy season and the need to carry food and drinks, please provide your child with a gallon-sized Ziploc type bag or plastic bag to protect books from damage.

## WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

As part of the Federal government's effort to keep our streams and oceans clean and eliminate pollution, all Oahu schools are required to have a storm water management plan that includes public education, outreach and participation. It also includes construction site runoff control and good housekeeping rules of thumb for schools. Kalakaua Middle School has 13 storm drains on our campus.



The city's storm drain system is a vast network of underground pipes and open channels that were designed to prevent flooding. Runoff drains from the street into the gutter, and enters the system through an opening in the curb called a catch basin. Catch basins serve as the neighborhood entry point for the journey into the ocean.

Water in the storm drain system receives no treatment or filtering process and is completely separate from the City's sewer system. Since all water sent down the storm drains goes directly to the ocean without treatment, we are asking everyone to be careful and not leave bulky items, green waste or chemicals near the storm drains. Your kokua is appreciated. Keep our 'aina clean.

## HAWAII GUN FREE SCHOOLS ACT

Learning in school environments that are safe and violence free are foundational to achieving academic and social success for our children. "Be Cool! Don't Be A Fool In School!" is our annual statewide campaign to remind you and your child/children that bringing a firearm, including air guns and any instrument that may be readily converted to expel a projectile, to school is a violation of the Hawaii Gun-Free Schools Act. **Any student who possesses a firearm "shall be DISMISSED from school for not less than one calendar year period."** This misconduct will result in an automatic one year dismissal with an appeal to the State and Deputy Superintendent of Education.



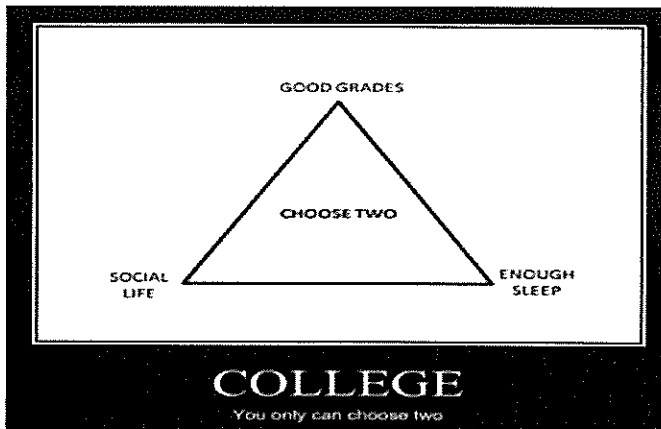
### Request for Accommodation



If you are an individual with a disability, please contact the school, at least one week in advance of the school event to make arrangements for reasonable modifications and accessibility to school events.

Reasonable efforts will be made to

accommodate your request.



# Kalakaua Middle School 'Ohana Fair

Saturday

November 21, 2015

9 am - 1 pm

Kalakaua Middle School



*IT'S FUN TIMES at the Ohana Fair!*

**Entertainment:** Royal Hawaiian Band, Life 360, KMS Choir, Dancer's Delight, Kalihi Kai School Ukulele Club, Kalihi Waena School Cheerleaders, Island Harmony, FHS students

**Food:** cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream, spam musubi, soda, noodles, lumpia, pizza, water, li hing goodies, hawaiian plate lunch, hot dogs, chips, juice, Kona Ice, sports drinks, strawberry shortcake

**Games and Rides:** Happy Times Jail, Balloon Dart Games, Teacher Dart Games, Basketball shootout, Royalty Ball, Soda Ring Toss, T-shirt craft booth, carnival games, water slide

**Community Booths:** Keiki ID, DARE, Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii, Palama Settlement, HCAP, Kalihi YMCA

### Much Needed Items for Ohana Fair

Each year the Ohana Fair is successful due to the kind donations of our parents and our community. At this time we would like to request:

- \_\_\_ cases of bottled drinking water
- \_\_\_ individually wrapped snacks, like:  
fruit snacks, cookies, cereal bars, granola bars etc
- \_\_\_ 5 gallon buckets for flower arrangements
- \_\_\_ ti leaves, monstera leaves, heliconias, torch ginger, bird of paradise flowers (to be used for decorating the stage)

**Please turn in donations in to the KMS office by Thursday, November 19, 2015.**

Parent volunteers are asked to arrive as early as 8 am to help set up and stay to clean up as late as 2 pm.

Please call PCNC Lehua Lum at 832-3130 ext. 3054513. Mahalo Nui Loa !

