

Kalākaua Middle School



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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Kalakaua is a Farrington Complex School of HOPE

December 3, 2015

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- 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

February 2016

- 9 Mid Quarter Progress Reports go home
- 15 Presidents Day, Holiday
- 26 Planning and Collaboration Day, No School

Geographic Exception (GE) Forms

If you would like to apply to have your child attend another school next year, please follow the steps below:

1. Have your child stop by the attendance office to pick up a Geographic Exception form.
2. Fill out Section 1 of the form. You must fill out a separate application form for each school you are applying to. You may apply to as many schools as you wish.
3. Attach a self-addressed, stamped envelope to **each** application form submitted; 2) proof of residence with the parent's name and address (current utility bill [water, cable, gas, electric, phone], driver's license, mortgage statement, property tax bill, or rental/lease agreement).
4. Have Kalakaua Middle School's attendance office fill out Section 2 of the GE form.
5. You may either leave the form with KMS's attendance office and we will forward it to the school(s) you are applying to, or you may take it to the school(s) yourself.

Please note: The GE period for next school year is from January 4 – March 1, 2016. You will be notified of the school's decision after March 1.

If you have any questions, please call us at 305-4550.

Registration for

School Year 2016-2017

Kalakaua Middle School conducted registration for school year 2015-2016 from November 30 – December 4, 2015. All 6th and 7th grade students received registration packets through their Period 6 classes, and students selected the courses they will take next school year. **If your child did not turn in the registration card, please make sure to sign the back of the card and have your child turn it in as soon as possible.**

8th grade students who will be going to Farrington, McKinley, or Aiea High school also received their high school registration packets. If your child is scheduled to attend a high school other than Farrington or McKinley, your child must stop by the registrar's office on the last day of school to pick up a release packet. At the beginning of summer vacation, you need to take this packet, along with proof of residence, to the appropriate school. If you intend to move or will attend another school next school year, please let us know at least 2 weeks before the end of school so that the release packet will be ready for your child to pick up.

The high school guide and class request forms your child received were based on his/her home address. If you have changed your address, please submit documentation of this move (a copy of your rental/lease agreement **AND** a copy of a utility bill, both with the parent's name and new address). We asked 8th grade students to verify their addresses in October so that the high schools would know how many guides to send to our school. If you have any questions, please contact the registrar's office at 305-4550.

**At Kalakaua Middle School
Video surveillance cameras
may be in use on this campus.**

Dancer's Delite

Honolulu Beast Dance Competition Results:

The middle school performers took home 3rd place with their rendition of "Frankenstein and the Mad Scientists." The high school performers and the Farrington alumni performers earned 2nd place. Congratulations, Dancer's Delite for being in the top three for the entire island!

Letter Writing Campaign: Dancer's Delight would like to spearhead a letter-writing campaign to spread some Christmas cheer. For every letter turned in, \$1 will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation which helps to make the dreams of children with life-threatening medical conditions come true. Please join in by writing a simple letter explaining:

Your Wish for the World: If you could make one wish to make our world a better place, what would it be and why?

Letters may be sealed in an envelope and dropped off to Ms. Tiana Kamiko in J-103 or to any Dancer's Delite dancer by Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Mahalo nui for all your help to make dreams come true.

Holiday Performance: Ala Moana Center Stage, Friday, December 11th, 7:00pm. Please join Dancer's Delite and the Diverse Art Center for a fun and festive holiday!



Middle School Performers: Imei Asuncion, Sheila Mea Balbuena, Jerica Vele, Vanessa Talosa, Julia Dautz, Angelica Maile Bagaoisan, and Lorrea Joy Corotan with Principal Lorelei Aiwohi.

KMS Yearbook Sale

Yearbooks will be on sale for the entire month of December in O101 or on Jostensyearbooks.com. For just \$25.00, you can order a copy of your own. Don't forget - our yearbook class is creating the yearbook this year so you will get a much more personal touch!



KMS Volleyball Team 2015



The KMS Volleyball team congratulates their opponents at their last Volleyball game of the season.

KMS Basketball News



The Kalakaua Middle School basketball season will begin in January. Practices for the junior varsity, varsity, and girls teams have begun. All games will be held at the Kilauea Recreation center, adjacent to Kaimuki Middle School. A schedule will be provided soon. We hope you support our student athletes by attending the games

HELP WANTED:

Students Need Parent Support

Every school day, 7000 kids drop out of school.

While the causes vary, new data suggests there are two main reasons students are leaving high school before graduation.

According to a national survey conducted by Everest College, **the top reason is the absence of parental support or encouragement.** Teen pregnancy ranked second.



Other reasons include: missing too many school days, failing class, suffering from depression, a lack of interest, and being bullied.

Not graduating from high school costs the students and our economy as a whole. The average annual income for a high school dropout in 2009 was \$19,540, while a high school graduate made on average \$27,380 per year.

According to the Alliance for Excellent Education, we are going to be in a world of hurt if this continues. "Unless high schools are able to graduate their students at higher rates," they report, "nearly 12 million students will likely drop out over the next decade, resulting in a loss to the nation of \$1.5 trillion."

It wasn't always this way. In 1970, the United States had the world's highest rate of high school graduation. Today, we are ranked 21st in high school completion.

The results of this survey confirm the importance of the role parents play in supporting their children's education.



If parents help their children at home, work with schools to support learning, and advocate for their child's needs, chances are that children will do better.

SPIRIT WEEK AT KMS

On Tuesday, November 17, KMS held its first pep rally hosted by Farrington High School to celebrate spirit week and King Kalakaua's 179th birthday. Farrington students came out to help us celebrate the special occasion. ROTC members dressed in their crisp uniforms and presented the flags while the band played the National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono I. The band played upbeat music throughout the rally which made the event much more fun-filled. The pep squad entertained us with their amazing acrobatic routines that left the KMS students cheering. Farrington's football team did an amazing haka performance and showed true Governor pride and the event was completed by everyone singing Happy Birthday to King Kalakaua. The event was a success and we look forward to doing this next year. We will continue this connection with Farrington and we truly appreciate them entertaining our students and helping pep us up for the rest of our KMS Spirit Week!



Arbor Day

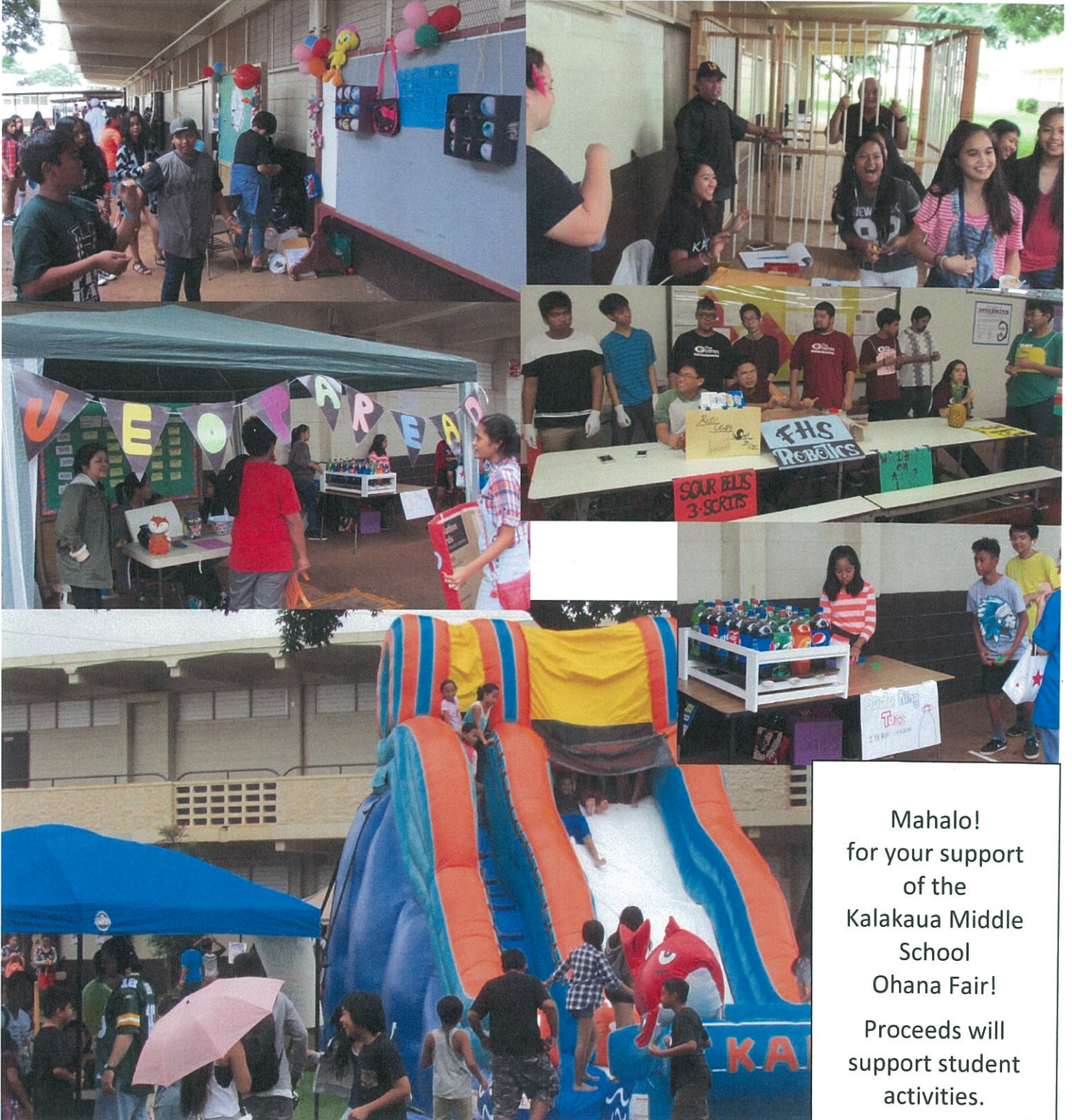
On Thursday, November 20, 2015, the Book Club and Leadership students were invited by Mayor Kirk Caldwell to celebrate Arbor Day. This is the 144th worldwide day of celebration, which raises awareness of the importance of trees to our environment and the health of our communities. The gathering at the Kalakaua Gym included several city dignitaries and the Abilities Students. The Book Club students shared their amazing poems on trees, and the Abilities group sang a song. After the performances, everyone went out on the field where three Pak Lan trees were planted. These trees will grow and improve quality of life for our community and its future while cooling us and conserving energy. Mayor Caldwell also proclaimed, November 20, 2015 to be KALAKAUA MIDDLE SCHOOL ARBOR



DAY. We are honored to have this day dedicated to our school.

Special Ohana Fair Mahalo to:

Principal Lorelei Aiwohi, Vice Principals Natalie Mun-Takata/Brian Fukuda/Brian Simon, Henry Amoy & KMS Custodial Crew, Shawney Stone, Marie Domingo, Jan Ishikawa, Rochelle Shiraki, Brenda Teodosio, Ricky Fung, Vera Fujimoto, Sharon Miyashiro, Melvin Nakama, Janis Kaulukukui, Jamie Crowe, Larry & Gyan Gerracio, Maveric & Angela Mabuti, Pauline Takao, Jasmine Yamauchi, Henry Choy, Kumu Shawn Doo, Mayor Kirk Caldwell/Susan Ichida, Clark Bright & The Royal Hawaiian Band, Karin Rombang-Matsushita & the Kalakaua Middle School Choir, Tammy & Warren and Life 360, Tiana Kamiko & Dancers Delight, Ruth Komatsu & Kalihi-Kai School Ukulele Club, Cindy Ching & Kalihi-Waena School Cheerleaders, Glenda Lau, FHS Island Harmony, FHS HOSA, FHS Student Volunteers, FHS JROTC, Richard Lum, HPD Officers, District 5 HPD ~ Keiki ID~Rodney and Tony K., Coalition For A Drug Free Hawai'i, Palama Settlement, Susannah Wesley, Kalihi YMCA, HCAP, After School All Stars



Mahalo!
for your support
of the
Kalakaua Middle
School
Ohana Fair!
Proceeds will
support student
activities.



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Attachment A

Re: Prohibited Use of Electronic Smoking Devices

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians

Effective January 1, 2016, any possession and/or use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) will be considered as a Class C offense under Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 8 Chapter 19 Student Misconduct, Discipline, School Searches and Seizures, Reporting Offenses, Police Interviews and Arrests, and Restitution for Vandalism.

Currently, HAR Chapter 19 considers the possession, sale and/or use of e-cigarettes as contraband under Class D offenses.

This change in the enforcement of HAR Title 8 Chapter 19 is pursuant to:

Act 19, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2015 (Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 328J)

- This law expands current statute to include the definition of an "electronic smoking device" and a "tobacco product" and prohibits the use of electronic smoking devices in all areas where smoking is prohibited.

Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2015 (Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 321)

- This law increases the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21, making it unlawful to sell or furnish tobacco products to any person less than 21 years of age. Act 122 also includes electronic smoking devices in the definition of a tobacco product.

Kindly share and discuss this change in law with your child/children. Should you have any further questions, please contact your school administrator(s) for assistance.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and efforts to improve the safety and well-being of all students.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Iwata", written over a horizontal line.

Principal

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Hawaii State Department of Education (“HSDOE”) does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability. This requirement extends to all of HSDOE’s programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable.

The HSDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report discrimination. Any inquiries concerning discrimination may be referred to the HSDOE’s Civil Rights Compliance Office or to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education, within 180 days of the date of the alleged discriminatory conduct.

Anti-Harassment Statement

The HSDOE does not tolerate acts of harassment on the bases of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the bases of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, is encouraged to report such harassment.

- Students and parents may report allegations of harassment by an employee to the HSDOE’s Civil Rights Compliance Office at the address listed below, within 180 days of the date of the alleged harassment.
- Any student or parent who believes another student at their school is engaging in harassment should report allegations to the school’s administrator.

HSDOE is committed to conducting a prompt investigation. Support, including counseling and educational resources will be available to students who are harassed, as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the bases of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined, including if circumstances warrant, suspension or expulsion. Students, parents, and HSDOE staff should work together to prevent harassment on the bases of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability.

HSDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting harassment on the bases of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment.

Contact Information:

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P.O. Box 2360
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