

# Kalākaua Middle School

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*Always Striving for Excellence*



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 2017

- 7 Grade 6 Students Report
- 8 All Students Report
- 17 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 17 PTSO Mtg., 5 pm
- 18 Statehood Day, No School
- 30 OPEN HOUSE for ALL PARENTS, 5:00 pm

### SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 6 Federal Survey Cards go home with students
- 6 AVID Open House, Library, 6 pm
- 7 Federal Survey Cards turned in to teachers
- 13 Qtr. 1 Progress Reports go home with students
- 14 Progress Reports turned in to A/A teachers
- 18 Planning and Collaboration Day, No School
- 21 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm

### OCTOBER 2017

- 6 Last Day of Quarter 1
- 9 - 13 Fall Intersession, No School
- 16 Students return to school, Quarter 2 begins
- 19 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 19 PTSO Mtg., 5 pm
- 19 Reading Night
- 27 Quarter 1 Report Cards mailed home

### NOVEMBER 2017

- 10 Veterans Day Holiday, No School
- 15 Qtr. 2 Progress Reports go home with students
- 16 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 16 PTSO Mtg., 5 pm
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

Parents/guardians: Going to your child's classroom?  
**Please check in at the office, FIRST!**



## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to an exciting school year. At Kalakaua Middle School, our passion is student learning. It is our mission to prepare our students for high school. Our dedicated staff will work hard to challenge your child academically, build positive relationships, and provide a safe learning environment. High expectations for learning, behavior and rigorous instruction will lead us to gains in student achievement. We recognize the important role that families play in the lives of their children and we believe that effective communication and parent input are essential to helping us achieve our vision.

Students are expected to attend school daily and to arrive on time. A school wide expectation of KMS3 (Know how to solve problems, Make good choices and Show respect) is an essential theme which focuses on following rules, listening, being kind, using appropriate language, being prepared, and doing your work. All students must read a minimum of thirty minutes every night to help reach their goal of increasing their reading grade equivalency by two grade levels by the end of the school year.

We are looking forward to a successful school year. See you at the KMS Open House on August 30 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

It is an honor to serve as your Principal.

Ms. Lorelei Aiwohi, Principal

## KALAKAUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# *OPEN HOUSE*

**Wednesday, AUGUST 30, 2017**

**5:00 pm in the Cafeteria**

**Bring your child's planner to Open House  
and meet your child's teachers**

- Schedule pick up, outside the Cafeteria
- Principal's Welcome, Cafeteria
- Classroom visits

*Kalākaua  
Middle School*

VISION

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MISSION

We empower students to be college and career ready, through rigorous instruction and positive relationships.

# HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

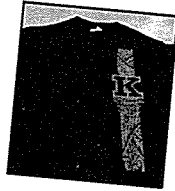
Learning occurs best in a safe environment. Our students wear their **school uniforms and their school IDs** to identify them as being Kalakaua students and to promote school and student safety.

## Student Uniform

The school uniform must be **VISIBLE** and includes:

- **a Kalakaua T-shirt**
- **colored lanyard and ID**

Undershirts must be the same color as the outer school uniform shirt.



**Clothing that is overly revealing is not considered appropriate.** For example:

- shorts and skirts must be **longer** than fingertips
- jeans or pants must **not have holes or tears higher than the fingertips**
- jeggings, leggings or tights are **not allowed**
- shoulder straps on tops must be 1 inch wide or more. Strapless attire is not allowed

**Jackets and hoodies must have zippers** that go **all the way up and down** to allow for a **VISIBLE** school uniform. Pullover sweatshirts are not allowed.



Personal items or clothing which promote or support alcohol, drugs, gangs (ie: red, gang blue, green clothing or shoes), profanity, sexual conduct and /or violence are not allowed on campus or at any school-sponsored activity.

**On Special Dress Days**, a student must wear the school provided wristband and follow the dress code requirements. The Administration has the final discretion on determining appropriate attire. The school uniform and ID Card guidelines are enforced on campus.

## ID Cards

**Kalākaua School official Identification Cards must be worn on campus at all times** on a grade level appropriate lanyard, **between the shoulders and above the navel (not on shirt sleeves), with the picture facing out.** ID Cards are school property and should not be defaced in any way.

The cost of replacing a lost ID card is \$5.00 (or \$3.00 for a damaged one with the original card). ID Cards are for the assigned student only. Consequences for ID theft include suspension.

**Students are also reminded to guard and wear your ID every school day!!!**

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

According to the State Compulsory Attendance Law, children between the ages of six and eighteen in the public schools are required to attend school every day except for the following reasons: *death in the family, emergencies, or illness.* Parents/guardians responsible for the care of the child must send the child to school unless exempted by law; penalties range from petty misdemeanor fine to jail time.



All students start at 8:00 a.m. and must be seated in their classrooms. Those students who arrive in school **after 8:00 are marked tardy.** **Tardy students should report to the Attendance Office for an admittance slip.** Students tardy to class will receive consequences from the classroom teacher or counselor, and those who cut classes shall be referred to the administration for disciplinary action.



## Perfect Attendance

In order to qualify for the perfect attendance awards, the student must remain on campus the entire day school is in session. The following criteria apply:

- **No absences** for the quarter
- **No tardies** for the quarter
- **No early release** = student goes home during the school day [i.e., sick, doctor's appt, etc.]
- Students entering school during mid-quarter are not eligible.

**Absence:** If a child is absent, parents **should call** the office on the morning of the child's absence at **305-4531** before 9:00 a.m. A note from a doctor or parent explaining the absence must be presented to the Attendance Office when the student returns to school.

Examples of unexcused absences include baby sitting, bad weather and/ or sporting activities.

**Early Release:** If it is necessary to take your child out of school before the regular release time, please do the following:

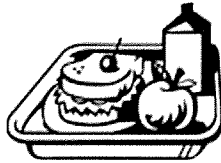
1. Send a note specifying the reason and the time you will be picking up your child to your child's counselor. If you will be delayed, please contact the counselor.
2. Report to your grade level counselor to pick up your child and sign the Early Release Register to pick up a Student Pass.
3. Carry the official Student Pass to show the police that your child is not truant.
4. Unless it is an emergency, do not request to have your child released 15 minutes prior to the end of the school day.



**Vacations & Extended Trips:** Families are advised to schedule vacations during non-school days (i.e., intersessions and summer). Extended vacations longer than 10 school days will cause students to be released from school. Parents will need to satisfy all registration requirements in order to register their child upon return.

### **Cost of School Meals**

King David Kalākaua Middle School is on an automated money collection system. Each student is issued an ID card with a personal barcode. Students are to purchase all meals using their ID Cards. Cash payments for meals are only accepted in the Front Office. Money deposited after morning recess will be registered for the next day.



	Full Price	Reduced Price	Free
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> Breakfast	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.30	0
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> Breakfast	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40
Adult Breakfast	\$ 2.40	N/A	N/A
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.40	0
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50
Adult Lunch	\$ 5.50	N/A	N/A
Milk Only	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60

If you qualified for Free or Reduced priced meals last school year, you will need to submit another application for this school year **before September 19, 2017**. Fill in the application by going **online** at

**ezmealapp.com.**



**Be cool and  
Bring a water bottle to school!!**

### **1st Quarter Report Cards**

The last day of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be on Friday, October 6. Quarter 1 report cards will be mailed home on Friday, October 27. **This is a change from past years where report cards were mailed home during the Fall Intersession before the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.** If you have moved, please submit the appropriate documents to verify this change of address (demographic change form, copy of rental/lease agreement, and copy of a current utility bill). Copies of the demographic change form are available at our registration office. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-4550.

### **Student Safety**

Today, given the potential of violence in our schools and neighborhoods, the safety and well-being of all our students are of highest priority. School administrators, staff, students and families, and the school community are all responsible for creating a school environment conducive to learning.

It is the responsibility of each person to demonstrate respectful, responsible, safe and ethical behaviors both on campus and off campus. To help your children to understand their role in providing for a safe campus, several proactive systems have been established.

### **Kalakaua Handbook and Planner**

At the beginning of each school year, teachers and students read and discuss the Kalakaua Handbook in the Student Planner. Strategically emphasized are the KMS School-wide Behavior Expectations (page 4) and Chapter 19 and Discipline Plan for Student Misconduct, which is on page of this newsletter and on page 5 of the Student Planner.

Parents are asked to read and talk with their child(ren) about the topics on pages 4 and 5 of the planner. Parent and child should sign at the bottom of page 5.

By working together, we can reach our goal of providing a learning experience that allows all students to be successful in a safe, caring, nurturing and orderly teaching and learning environment!

### **Important KMS phone numbers**

Office	832-3130
Attendance	305-4531
Registrar	305-4550
Grade 6 counselor	305-4540
Grade 7 counselor	305-4532
Grade 8 counselor	305-4533
ELL counselor	305-4541
Outreach counselor	305-4542

### **STUDENT ACTIVITY PRIVILEGES**

**PBIS activities (Dance/ Movie, Ice Palace, Dave & Busters, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet) will be withdrawn under these circumstances:**

1. Having outstanding **obligations:** These include: student dues, library dues and lunch dues.
2. Receiving **one (1) or more day(s) total suspension (in and/or out of school) within that semester**
3. Having done any form of academic dishonesty (i.e plagiarism, cheating, etc.)

**NO REFUNDS** will be given after payments are made, except for excused absences.

The Administration reserves the right to amend, suspend or add any new rules or guidelines to the aforementioned policies.

# Chapter 19 and Discipline Plan for Student Misconduct

Through Chapter 19, the Department of Education identifies 4 types of behavioral offenses that students are forbidden to do while at school or at any school related function. Students who commit the offense are subject to disciplinary actions.

<p><b>Class A Offense</b> Police may be informed, parent is contacted immediately, and disciplinary consequences may include suspension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Assault</u> - causing serious injury to another person, with or without a dangerous object (intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Burglary</u> - stealing something by breaking into a building, or car or private property (intentionally entering or remaining unlawfully in a building)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dangerous instrument or substance</u> - possession or use (knives, fireworks, pepper spray, martial arts devices, bats)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dangerous weapons</u> - possession or use (metal knuckles, daggers, butterfly knife, slug shot, billy club, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Drug Paraphernalia</u> - possessing, use or selling (alcohol, marijuana or other drugs)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Extortion</u> - taking something from someone by threatening to hurt them or damaging property, includes perceived threats</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Fighting</u> - instigating or provoking physical contact involving anger or hostility, physically supporting a fight by one's presence and encouragement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Homicide</u> - causing the death of another person</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Firearms</u> - possession or use of any type of gun designed to expel a projectile</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Illicit drugs</u> - possession, use or sale of (HRS 712, part IV)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Intoxicating substances</u> - possession, use or sale of (alcohol)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Property damage or vandalism</u> - damaging property of someone else or destroying or defacing school property (such as graffiti to planners, ID's, books, buildings, desks, etc)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Robbery</u> - stealing something from someone</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sexual Offense/Sexual Assault</u> - unwanted touching or grabbing of sexual parts, indecent exposure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Terroristic Threatening</u> - threatening (by word or conduct) to physically hurt someone or to seriously damage someone's property.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class B Offense</b> Police may be informed, parent is contacted immediately, and disciplinary consequences may include suspension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bullying</u> -written, verbal, graphic or physical act such as: touching others, teasing, name-calling, spreading rumors, annoying that causes mental or physical harm or creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Cyberbullying</u> - electronically transmitted acts, (ie: internet, cell phone) which cause mental or physical harm</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Disorderly Conduct</u> - physically fighting with and/or threatening, yelling and screaming at a person with the intent to cause harm to him or her. This includes making any offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or addressing abusive language to any person which is likely to provoke a violent response. Includes consensual touching of body parts. For example: Inappropriate PDA - Public Displays of Affection)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>False alarm</u> - causing a false emergency alarm, such as pulling a fire alarm.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Forgery</u> - signing a name other than the student's own name or illegal production of materials like tickets or fundraising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Gambling</u> - staking or risking something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or future event</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Harassment</u> - harassing, bullying, cyberbullying, annoying, or alarming another person, insulting, taunting or challenging another person in a manner likely to provoke a violent response, making repeated communications at inconvenient hours, or in offensively coarse language, stalking</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Hazing</u> - any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization or activity which willfully or recklessly endangers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Inappropriate or questionable uses, or both of internet materials or equipment, or both</u> - disabling or bypassing the filters, gambling software, sexually explicit photos, violation of the Internet Access Regulations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Theft</u> - taking something from someone else without their permission (for example from a cubby, desk or backpack)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Trespassing</u> - entering other people's property (including the school) without permission.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Class C Offense</b> Parents will be informed and disciplinary consequence (ie. during/ after school, or Saturday detention) is given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Abusive language</u> - verbal messages that use words in an inappropriate way, including swearing, name-calling or profanity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Class Cutting</u> - unauthorized absence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Insubordination</u> - refusal to obey an order by a teacher or other staff member. Refusal to do work. Disrespect to an adult</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Laser pen/laser pointer</u>- possession or use of laser pen/pointer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Leaving campus without consent from school official</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Smoking or possessing tobacco substances or e-cigarettes</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Truancy</u> - not coming to school</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The Administration will not be responsible for recovering lost or stolen items that should not have been brought to school. Personal items may be brought to school if a student's teacher allows him/her to do so for instructional purposes.</p>	<p><b>Class D Offense</b> Parents will be informed and disciplinary consequence (ie. during/ after school, or Saturday detention) is given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bringing money to school</u> unless it will be used to pay for lunch, field trips or other school events, is not permitted.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Chewing Gum and Spitting</u> in classrooms are not permitted</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Wearing Hats/Sunglasses/Hoods in Class</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Contraband</u> - bringing forbidden items to school such as: e-cigarettes, cell phones, laser lights, lighters, matches, all electronic entertainment devices, pets, toys, skateboards, roller blades, aerosol cans, cards or items used for collecting or trading, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Defiance/Disrespect/Non-compliance</u> inappropriate disruption</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Lying and/or Cheating</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Violating Other School Rules</u> - in classroom, cafeteria, library, computer room, playground, on field trips</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Loitering</u> in off-limit areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Making Offensively Coarse Utterances or Gestures</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Forgery or Alteration of Grades, Signatures, or Passes</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dress Code Violation</u> - wearing clothing that is not within the dress code guidelines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Plagiarism</u> - not giving credit to source of information</li> </ul>

Student: I have read and understand I am responsible for following these rules. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: I have read and reviewed these rules with my child. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_