

Kalākaua Middle School

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Always Striving for Excellence



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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August/ September 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2015

- 27 OPEN HOUSE for ALL PARENTS
- 29 Saturday School, Library, 8:00 am -11:30am

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 Qtr. 1 Progress Reports go home with students
- 2 Federal Survey Card distributed to students
- 3 Federal Survey Cards turned in to teachers
- 3 AVID Open House, Library, 5 pm
- 7 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 8 Progress Reports turned in to teachers
- 17 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 21-25 School Book Fair, Library

OCTOBER 2015

- 2 Last Day of Quarter 1
- 5 - 9 Fall Intersession, No School
- 9 Quarter 1 Report Cards mailed home
- 12 Teacher Institute Day, No School
- 13 Students return to school, Quarter 2 begins
- 15 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 27 Flu Shot Clinic, Cafe 8:00 am – 12:15 pm

NOVEMBER 2015

- 10 Qtr. 2 Progress Reports go home with students
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday, No School
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Parents/guardians: **Please report to the office FIRST** to check in before seeing your child in his/her classroom

Our Vision

King David Kalākaua Middle School students strive to prepare to be college and career-ready, so they may develop into productive members of society.

Our Mission

The Kalākaua Middle School community will cultivate student learning with the goal of fulfilling the unique academic, social, and emotional needs of our students to help them achieve their highest potential.



This is your invitation to attend the
KALAKAUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, AUGUST 27, 2015

6 : 0 0 pm in the Cafeteria

**B r i n g your child's planner to Open House
and meet your child's teachers**

Schedule:

5:15 pm – 6:00 pm – Schedule pick up, outside the Cafeteria

6:00 pm – 6:10 pm – Principal's Welcome, Cafeteria

6:10 pm – 8:00 pm - Classroom visits

Help Available during Open House: On-line 2015-2016 Applications for Free and Reduced price school meals will be available during open house from 4:30 pm in the cafe. Please bring your assistance program (SNAP or TANF) card and number. Assistance will be provided.

Federal Survey Card Day

This year, Federal Survey cards will be distributed to your child through his/her Period 3 on Wednesday, September 2nd. We kindly ask that parents/guardians do the following:

1. Completely fill out the information on the card.
2. Sign and date the card.
3. Have the child return the card to his/her period 3 teacher the next day (Thursday, September 3rd).

We will continue to follow up on cards not turned in as we are required to collect one for each student. This survey is conducted every school year. The survey is needed to identify federally-connected students and to secure other information required to qualify for impact aid funds which partially compensate us for local tax loss resulting from tax-free federal installations.

Thank you very much for your help.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. GREGORY WONG

Mr. Gregory Wong, who teaches Social Studies to 7th graders, has been selected as the 2015 Economics Teacher of the Year. He will be presented with the Teacher of the Year award and will receive \$1,000 from Hawaii Pacific University at their Annual Dinner on September 12, 2015 at the Sheraton Waikiki.



We are very happy to recognize Mr. Wong's accomplishment. Congratulations, Mr. Wong!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

August and September are Meal Count Months

During the months of August and September, PLEASE encourage your child to eat Cafeteria meals, (breakfast, WIKI or lunch) every day.

1st Quarter Report Cards

The last day of 1st quarter will be on Friday, October 2nd. Quarter 1 report cards will be mailed home on Friday, October 9th. 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.

PARENT COMMUNITY NETWORK COORDINATOR

Welcome back to an exciting year here at KMS. On August 27, preceding our Open House, Kalihi community agencies will provide information about after school programs, parent involvement, and many other resources. There will also be a table for parents to join the PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) and/or sign up to be officers. PTSO Membership dues are \$5.00 annually. The PTSO sponsors Family Movie Night, and Teachers Appreciation Day, and helps pay for HPD Officers during our 'Ohana Fair in November. We welcome all parent participation here at KMS. Also, our monthly Student Community Council Meetings will be held in the Library at 4:00p.m. Please call Lehua Lum at 305-4513 M/W/F 8:30 am-1:30 pm if you have questions. I am very pleased to serve all of you. Aloha! Lehua Lum, PCNC

KMS Reading Campaign

For our schoolwide AR Stars Reading Campaign, ALL KMS students are challenged to read 500,000 words by the end of this school year. To encourage students to reach their reading goals, KMS will offer fun rewards including Free Dress Days and invitations to Reading Celebrations where students will enjoy snacks and prizes. To reach their reading goals, ALL students must read 30 minutes a day, keep accurate and complete reading logs, and take AR tests as soon as they finish reading a book.



Why do we challenge all our students to read? Reading is an essential skill in all areas of school. Through reading, students develop their vocabulary, build background knowledge, and exercise their imagination. Students need to be able to read proficiently in order to contribute to our community now and in the future.



Parents and family members are an essential piece of the reading puzzle. You can help your children value reading by asking them about their books, bringing them to the public library or the bookstore, and providing time and space in the home where they can read without interruption from others. Another great way to stay aware of your children's reading practice is to log in to AR Home Connect. This website allows you to see what books your children have read and how well they did on those quizzes. To access this site, go to <https://hosted34.renlearn.com/290282/HomeConnect/>. The username and password were given to your children at the beginning of the year, so you will need to ask them to share information with you. If you have difficulties, please contact your children's Reading Workshop teacher or the school Literacy Coach at 305-4581. John Hamilton, Literacy Coach

Math Club

Students who enjoy numbers and logic, in any grade, are welcome to join our enthusiastic group of problem solvers on Fridays, right after school, in U102. We will participate in several competitions this school year.

Please contact Ms. Kahalewai in E104 if you have questions.





Math Fluency-a Focused Challenge

The math department recognizes that there is a high number of students who would benefit from fluency in basic math computational skills. Response to Intervention teachers will be spearheading the movement, beginning with

our first school-wide goal of having ALL students attain 100% fluency with multiplication facts 0 through 9, by the end of Quarter 1.

Students will continue on their path to computational fluency with division, fractions, proportions, conversions, and integers.

Students will be awarded special lanyard pins after they master multiplication, and certificates for mastering the following skills.

Please take some time to encourage and recognize your students' hard work and achievement as the year goes on.

THE HEALTH ROOM

Hot Weather

We have been experiencing very hot weather and would like to encourage all students to please bring a water bottle to school. Students may refill them with our cold water jug containers that are placed around the school campus. Please have children practice good hygiene, too. Some helpful tips are encouraging children to take a shower, brush their teeth every day, put on deodorant, and wash their hands before and after eating.

Facts about Ukus

Q: What are Ukus?

A: Ukus or head lice, are long, grayish-white or brown crawling insects that live on the head and feed by sucking blood from the scalp.

Q: Who can get Ukus?

A: Anyone can get them and they can spread from one person to another through combs, brushes, towels, beddings, clothing, upholstered furniture, and carpets.

Q: How do I know if my child has ukus?

A: An itchy head is usually the first sign of ukus. Check the hair and scalp on the back of the neck and behind the ears.

Q: What is the treatment for ukus?

A: You may see your doctor to get a prescribed medicine to treat the hair or use other uku treatments that are listed below. You can come into the health room to get more information on these types of treatments.

- Mouthwash Uku Treatment
- Mayonnaise Uku Treatment
- Noni Hair Uku Treatment



Homework and Test Help

Every student has strengths and weaknesses when it comes to academic performance, but, to quote science pioneer Louis Pasteur, "... chance favors only the prepared mind." The programs listed here offer opportunities for students to get ready for tests and master their coursework.

• **UH-Manoa Online Learning Academy**

The Online Learning Academy hires University of Hawaii at Manoa students to provide math and science tutoring to Hawaii students online. Hawaii elementary, secondary and community college students meet with UH Manoa undergraduates majoring in math and science to obtain free, one-on-one math and science tutoring.

Tutoring Hours:

9am to 10pm, Monday through Friday

Sunday 5-10pm

Closed on all State Holidays

• **Testing and Education Reference Center**

Hawaii's public libraries offer an online resource to help students prepare for ACT, SAT, PSAT or other college entrance exams. The Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) is one of 40 online databases available as a free service to library patrons through the Hawaii State Public Library website.

TERC, provided by Gale Cengage Learning, is a comprehensive database that includes more than 300 practice tests and courses, and dozens of eBooks filled with valuable study material and practice tests. You will need your valid library card number and PIN (personal identification number, usually the last four digits of your home phone number) in order to access these subscription databases from outside a library.

• **The Homework Help Desk**

Parents, if you have a question about your child's standards-based homework, [this site](#) has aggregated frequently asked questions by grade and by subject.

You can read more about a specific concept or watch a quick video that explains it in more detail. If your question isn't answered or you want to dig deeper, try asking a specific question to one of the trained teachers via live chat.

• **Standards and Assessments: Family Resources**

Families are key in student preparedness. New standards (Hawaii Common Core) and assessments (Smarter Balanced) are creating shifts in the classroom that involve more dynamic, evidence- and technology-based learning than what classes used to look like a generation ago. We encourage families to dig in to [these resources](#) to help students be ready to learn.

Homework battles

Does your child ever struggle with homework? Many do. And there's actually a lot you can do to help. Dive into assistance on the [Great Kids!](#) website



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a parent/guardian of a Hawaii Department of Education student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) and the educational assistant(s) who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and educational assistants and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation of Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include:
 - English/language arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Foreign Languages
 - Civics and Government
 - Economics
 - History
 - Geography
 - Art
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lorelei Aiwohi".

Lorelei Aiwohi
Principal