

# Kalākaua Middle School

Kūlia i ka nu'u

*Always Striving for Excellence*



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Commit to Achieve | Every Student Matters | Make Every Day Count

September 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2016

- 5 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 2 Federal Survey Card distributed to students
- 3 Federal Survey Cards turned in to teachers
- 7 AVID Open House, Library, 5 pm
- 7 Progress Reports turned in to teachers
- 15 ELL Parent Night, Library
- 15 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 21-25 School Book Fair, Library

### OCTOBER 2016

- 7 Last Day of Quarter 1
- 10 - 14 Fall Intersession, No School
- 14 Quarter 1 Report Cards mailed home
- 17 Students return to school, Quarter 2 begins
- 20 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm

### NOVEMBER 2016

- 8 Election Day Holiday, No School
- 10 Qtr. 2 Progress Reports go home with students
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday, No School
- 17 School Community Council Mtg., 4 pm
- 24-25 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*

**Wednesday, AUGUST 31, 2016**

**5:30 pm in the Cafeteria**

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

Schedule:

5:00 pm – 5:25 pm- Sign In Outside of Cafeteria

5:30 pm –Principal's Welcome & Introduction of Teachers and Staff

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Classroom visits

**Help Available during Open House:** On-line 2016-2017 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.



**Welcome to our New Teachers and Staff...**

Tiffany Davis--ELA/SpEd Grade 8

Mat Eugenio--FSC

Michelle Hoffmeister-Gr.7 & 8/Science/Math

Deanna Jones---Math Grade 7

Moana Nazareno--ELA Grade 8

Lauren Nomura--Outreach Counselor

Moyrah Roberts—Gr. 7 Soc. Studies

## 1st Quarter Report Cards

The last day of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Quarter 1 report cards will be mailed home on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## KMS Reading Campaign

For our school wide 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 305-4580. John Hamilton, Literacy Coach.

## PARENT COMMUNITY NETWORK COORDINATOR

Did you know????

### **WE HAVE A NEW PARENT CENTER**

E KOMO MAI.....WELCOME.....

Parents and Caregivers to our new Parent Center located in Rm. K102. Located across from the Cafeteria parking lot. So please stop by for a visit.

We have Parent Coffee Hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9am. Parent Center hours are M/W/F 9am-12noon and T/Th 11am-2pm. Please sign in at the front office first. Aloha! Lehua Lum, PCNC



### Parent

### Engagement Program (PEP)

### & Family Academy

*Develop new relationships, network with friends and make new ones.*

*Discover your learning style & your child.*

*Learn how to talk to your child's teachers, hear about Testing, Common Core & ESSA.*

*Learn leadership skills, to set SMART goals, & how to develop work plans*

*Earn a certificate of achievement.*

*Credibility: Parents for Public Schools has been working with parents and families for over 22 years. PEP workshops are based on working with, & listening to parents.*

***Free Class, Meals included Childcare provided***

*PEP and Family Academy graduates become proactive problem solvers, effective decision makers and mentors to other parents.*

***Contact Lehua Lum, KMS Parent Community***

***Networking Coordinator at 305-4513 or email***

***Lehua.Lum@kalakauamiddle.org for more information or to put your name on the list. Space is limited so reserve yours today!***

**Workshops are FUN, interactive & use hands on learning!**



## 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.

## Math Team:

Need more math in your life?! Math Team will meet each Friday after school for 1 hour (2:15-3:15 PM) in the library (location may change. Any changes will be announced on broadcast). OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS TO JOIN. Students will have the opportunity to practice competition type problems and also participate in logic type games. There are 3 main math meet events that selected students compete at. Not all students must compete, but encouraged :) Math team coaches will include (Gr 6) Mrs. Chanhbourny, (Gr 7/8) Mrs. Hoffmeister, (Gr 7) Mrs. Jones, (Gr 8) Mrs. Rombang-Matsushita and (Gr 7) Ms. Takamori.

## 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.

## KMS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Parents, there are several after school programs available. Here on KMS campus and off campus sights. These are a few Kalihi Agencies that serve our area.

### **After School All Stars**

Contact Miss. Tosa Tel#371-4241

### **PACT**

Contact Gladys Paselio and Vai Atonio  
Tel#842-1843

### **Kalihi YMCA**

Contact Miss. Evelyn Tel# 848-2494

### **UPLINK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Contact KMS Admin  
Tel#832-3130

## School Community Council

KMS School Community Council

The KMS SCC is seeking parent members for the 2016-17 SY. School Community Councils are forums for exchanging ideas about *how to improve student achievement* among the school's stakeholders: administrators, teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members. They help *craft the school's Academic Plan and Financial Plan*, which establish the goals and programs for the school, and the available resources.

Benefits to members of a School Community Council include:

- Learning about educational research and factors that impact student achievement;
- Being an important partner in the education system, whose views are valued;
- Contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement;
- Having a vehicle through which to express opinions and share ideas; and
- Being informed about what is happening at the school.

You are invited to attend our first meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 4:00pm at the KMS Library. Please contact John Takeuchi or Marie Domingo at 832-3130 for more information.

## KMS PTSO

Parents & Students, KMS Parent Teacher Student Organization is looking for parents and students as officers for our KMS PTSO Board. Please come to our PTSO Meeting in the Library on Thursday September 8 at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Domingo at 832-3130



## ELL PARENT NIGHT

ELL Parent Night is Thursday, September 15, 2016@5:30pm in the KMS Library.

## AVID

AVID Open House/Parent Night September 7 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Library.



## Dancer's Delite

(1) Dancer's Delite accepts new members all year long. The KMS group meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the KMS cafeteria from 2:30 to 5:15. Just see Miss Tiana for sign-up paperwork and to start dancing!

(2) Sunday, October 2, 2016: come see Dancer's Delite of Kalakaua and Farrington as they perform at the annual Children & Youth Day event at the Hawai'i State Capitol. We will be on the main stage. Time will be announced soon.

(3) Thursday, November 10, 2016: Dancer's Delite has an incredible opportunity to compete for the Honozulu Beasts Competition at the NEAL BLAISDELL CONCERT HALL! For many dancers, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so we're excited to take advantage of it this year. The competition will start at 6:00pm and end at 9:00pm. Middle schools from all over Hawai'i will come together to compete for the perpetual trophy.

(4) Saturday, November 12, 2016: Dancer's Delite will be competing in the high school and alumni division for the Honolulu Beasts Dance Competition. This competition will be held in the Kaimuki High School auditorium from 6:00 to 9:00pm as well. Dancer's Delite will be sending in a high school AND alumni group to represent for Farrington High School.

(5) Friday, November 25, 2016: Come see Dancer's Delite along with the Farrington High School band as we spread Christmas cheer in the Kalihi Christmas Parade. Parade starts at 6:30pm from Central Union Church to Kamehameha Shopping Center.

(6) Saturday, December 3, 2016: Dancer's Delite will join the Farrington High School band once again at the Honolulu City Lights Parade.





### **STUDENT COUNCIL:**

Please help us congratulate this year's student council and student government Officers!

They have been working very hard in making this school year a successful one so far and I look forward to working with them to build their leadership, responsibility and organizational skills in order to serve their class effectively at KMS. - With gratitude, Mrs. Markpol, Student Activities Coordinator

### **7th Grade Council S.Y. 2016-2017**


**President:** Jim Gabriel Vergara  
**Vice President:** Franklin Gutierrez  
**Treasurer:** Elizabeth Lacambra  
**Secretary:** Myrene Tolentino

### **8th Grade Council S.Y. 2016-2017**

**President:** Genicha Barroga  
**Vice President:** Angelica Bagaoian  
**Treasurer:** Jasmine Cagadas  
**Secretary:** Cheyenne Lewis

### **8th Grade Government S.Y. 2016-2017**

**President:** Sheila Mae Balbuena  
**Vice President:** Nicole Arana  
**Treasurer:** Angelica Murro  
**Secretary:** Jamaica Escalante



# Your Rights Under The McKinney-Vento Act\*

*\*McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001*

**If You Are** living with friends or family because you cannot afford rent; living on the beach, at a campground, in a park or in a hotel; living in a tent, car, bus, or other non-permanent structure; living in an emergency or transitional shelter; living in a domestic violence shelter; living at any of the following:

- Kauai:** Kauai Economic Opportunity Shelter, Manaolana,
- Hawaii:** Kihei Pua, Beyond Shelter, Na Kahua Hale of Ulu Wini-Kaloko Transitional Housing,
- Maui:** Ka Hale A Ke Ola,
- Oahu:** Family Promise, Institute for Human Services (IHS), Loliana, Maililand, Next Step, Ohana Ola O Kahumana, Onemalu, Hope for a New Beginning, Waianae Civic Center, Weinberg Village Waimanalo, Lighthouse Shelter;

Without a regular place to stay at night; or awaiting foster care placement.

**Then** your child may be eligible for certain educational rights or services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

## Your Child's Rights Include

**Immediate Enrollment . . .**

- The right to continue attendance in the school of origin, or the school of the attendance area where you are actually living; and
- The right to initiate the dispute resolution process if you disagree with an enrollment decision.

**Comparable Services . . .**

- The right to comparable services that are available to other students; and
- The right to transportation to and from your school of origin, if feasible.

**Transportation Services Options Include . . .**

- Public bus passes; • Mileage reimbursement;
- Curb-to-curb services, if applicable; and/or • Modified bus routes.

**Unsure whether your child qualifies or is eligible for services?**  
Please call the Department of Education • Homeless Concerns Office at 808-305-9869 or (toll-free) 1-866-927-7095 for assistance.

*All collected information will only be used for the purposes of providing educational services pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act and is protected by federal and state laws.*

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