

Aloha Awesome Parents and Guardians,

Director's Message

This time of year is especially focused on love, joy, and happiness. The holiday season is a great time to provide opportunities for children to practice caring and gratitude. Studies show that people who express gratitude are more helpful, generous, compassionate, and forgiving – and they're also more likely to be happy and healthy. The Harvard Graduate School of Education shares these tips for parents:

**Real responsibilities.** Expect children to routinely help -- for example, with household chores and siblings -- and only praise uncommon acts of kindness. When these kinds of routine actions are simply expected and not rewarded, they're more likely to become ingrained in everyday actions.

**Expressing thanks.** Consider making expressing gratitude a daily ritual at dinnertime, bedtime, in the car, or on the bus. Encourage children to express appreciation for family members, teachers, or others who contribute to their lives.

**Hold family meetings.** Give children practice helping to solve family problems such as squabbles between siblings, hassles getting off to school, and making meals more pleasant. Although as parents and caretakers we always need to stand firmly behind key values such as caring and fairness, we can make our home democratic in key respects, asking our children to express their views while being respectful of ours.

We hope you have a great winter break. On behalf of the many wonderful people at Ka'ōhao School, we want to wish you Happy Holidays!

Mahalo,  
Winston Sakurai, Ed D.



**ALOHA: Words Of The Day by Dr. Sakurai**

**Akahai:** modest, gentle, unassuming, unpretentious, unobtrusive,  
**Lokahi:** unity, agreement, accord, unison, harmony, agreed, in unity  
**'Olu'olu:** pleasant, nice, agreeable, gracious, cordial, amiable,  
**Ha'aha'a:** humble, modest, unassuming  
**Ahonui:** patience, patient, enduring, to tolerate



Fri., 12/20- 1/6  
Winter Break  
Office Hours: 9-2  
Please call ahead.  
266-7844

Mon., 1/6  
Teacher Work Day,  
NO STUDENTS

Mon., 1/20  
Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day,  
NO SCHOOL

Mon., 2/10  
Teacher Institute  
Day,  
NO STUDENTS

Mon., 2/17  
President's Day  
No School

Sat. 2/22,  
5:30 PM,  
Mid-Pacific  
Country Club





Does your child order school lunch? To start, stop, or change the frequency of days of school lunch is ordered, please let Ms. Ruth know before the next month begins. Give Ms. Ruth at least one week notice, email at [rmaiwela@kaohaoschool.org](mailto:rmaiwela@kaohaoschool.org) or call 266-7844. Please make sure to come make sure to pay your lunch balance.

FROM THE REGISTRAR: THE GE APPLICATION WINDOW IS FROM JANUARY 1-MARCH 1. THE GE LOTTERY WILL BE ON APRIL 3. PLEASE FIRST VIEW OUR WEBSITE ON ENROLLMENT AT [HTTP://KAOHAOSCHOOL.ORG/ENROLLMENT/](http://kaohaoschool.org/enrollment/) IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, CALL 266-7844 X 222.

SCHOOL TOURS WITH ESPIE FOR GE APPLICANTS WILL BE ON MONDAYS AT 8AM OR THURSDAY AT 1PM DURING JANUARY THROUGH MARCH. TOUR AND GE APPLICATIONS DO NOT GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT. IF YOU ARE IN DISTRICT, YOUR TOUR CAN BE SCHEDULED DURING APRIL.

**AS A REMINDER FROM THE OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER:**

**KA'OHAO SCHOOL ENROLLMENT POLICY:**

TO MINIMIZE FALSIFICATION OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND ENSURE FAIRNESS TO ALL STUDENT APPLICANTS AT KA'OHAO SCHOOL, THE ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE HAS STRENGTHENED OUR IN DISTRICT AND GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTION ENROLLMENT POLICIES. IN DISTRICT STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PRIMARY AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF KA'OHAO SCHOOL DISTRICT. PLEASE VISIT [KAOHAOSCHOOL.ORG/ENROLLMENT/](http://kaohaoschool.org/enrollment/) TO VIEW THE STREET NAMES.

AS A SCHOOL OF CHOICE, WE ARE VERY PROUD TO OFFER OUR COMMUNITY AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM AN EXCELLENT KAOHAO EDUCATION. AS A GEOGRAPHIC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FAIR ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES BASED ON AVAILABLE SPACE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE DR. SAKURAI.

FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IS SUBJECT TO PENALTY UNDER HAWAII REVISED STATUTES 710-1063, RESULTING IN THE CHILD BEING SENT BACK TO THE SCHOOL WHERE HE/SHE SHOULD PROPERLY BE ATTENDING. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PURSUE PROSECUTION AT ITS DISCRETION.

**'Tis the season for germs and bugs!**

Please remember to not send sick or contagious children to school. **Children must be fever-free for 24 hours WITHOUT fever-reducing medicine before returning to school.**

Ka'ohao is an uku (head lice) and nit free school, and any student found to have them will be sent home. When they return to school, children must report to the health aide for a follow-up check BEFORE going to class. **This school policy is approved by the State Department of Health.**

We highly recommend increasing hand washing during this season and teaching your child good hand washing technique (30 seconds covering all surfaces). We also recommend periodically checking your kids' heads for any signs of ukus (head lice). Prevention and early detection make everyone's lives better!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 5-10PM

**DROP OFF THE KIDS!**

Pajama Jam  
Vintage 2020

PIZZA DINNER INCLUDED,  
3 STATIONS: BOARD GAMES,  
MOVIE, ART & READING AND MORE

\$25, 5-10PM  
per child

Child care provided by 15/16 YO Lanikai Alumna and friends.

Help us provide our students with State of the Art Safety and Communication Systems that will keep our school safe, modern, and efficient.

Currently, our phone systems and communication equipment is antiquated and outdated. In case of any emergency, we want our children to be in a safe environment, where staff are able to protect the school as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you for the continued support and partnership in developing a school experience that leads to excellence not only in learning but in navigating life. We also want to thank you for the continued support and partnership in our annual community fundraiser, Vintage Lanikai Auction Gala.



*Vintage Lanikai Auction Gala*

Please come support our students at the Vintage Lanikai Auction Gala for "State of the Art Safety and Communication Systems" at Ka'ohao Public Charter School!

February 22nd, 2020, 5:30pm at the Mid Pacific Country Club.

**\*\*Early Bird Tickets Now through Nov. 15th: \$65 each**

Nov. 15th-Dec 31st: \$85 each

Dec. 31-Feb 15th: \$100 each



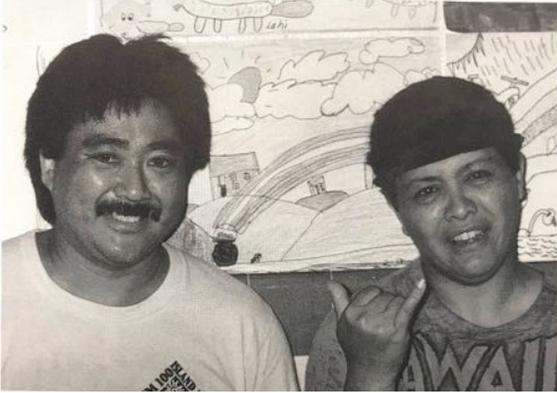
Our 2020 **S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G-B-E-E** is coming up! Students have been given this year's lists of words to study and prepare for the Classroom Bee which will be held the **week of January 7-10**, except for Kindergarten. The top two spellers from each class will move on to the School Spelling Bee on **Thursday, January 23rd, at 8:30am in the Cafeteria**. Parents are welcome to attend.

**H-A-P-P-Y S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G!** 

**The Auction Committee Needs Your Help**  
Do you know a business owner that would be willing to donate? Are you a business owner that can donate? We would like every family to ask one business to donate an item or money to our auction. We are hoping to utilize our great community network where everyone knows somebody. Please sign up below. Thank you for helping us procure great items!

<https://kaohao-school1.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>

# Head Custodian, Aunty Mary Crawford



## A CAREER OF SERVICE

After 30 years and 2 months of service to our little school, we would like to wish Head Custodian Mary Crawford all the best as she begins her retirement. Many of you have seen her over the years working on the school grounds, cleaning classrooms, and driving around campus in her cart. However, you may not know that Aunty Mary was born and raised in Kalihi as part of a big family - six sisters and two brothers! She graduated from Farrington High School and was married in 1973. Mary is also a lifelong softball player up until only a few years ago. Mary is most proud of her three children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren, including her beloved Mahealani.

"I've worked for over 10 principals here at Ka'ōhao. They come and go. My favorite thing is watching the kids come through the school. The kids come in so small and shy and by the time they leave, they are so big and confident. I even see some of our former students grow up, have kids, and then they send their kids here. **Some are rascals but those are my favorites since I was like that too!** I'm gonna miss you all, but I'm ready to relax and spend more time with my husband."

**We will miss you too, Aunty Mary. You are truly one of a kind! Thank you for everything. Love and Best Wishes, Your Ka'ōhao 'Ohana**

Mary, After 28 year of working side by side, it has been a joy and pleasure sharing your company. I hope you take the time to enjoy your retirement, stay healthy , happy and do some traveling Love you! Jeff Mizuno and 'Ohana



**WE WILL MISS YOU AND WE LOVE YOU DEARLY!**

## After School Enrichment Programs

### MONDAY

P4-MARTIAL ARTS, 2:15-3PM, 1/27-4/27  
Martin Day 263-1911,  
info@martialartscompany.com

### THURSDAY

P4: COOKING 2:15-3PM, 1/9-2/27  
Ms. Lowe, llowe@kaohaoschool.org

### TUESDAY

P3-HULA, 2:15-3:30PM, 1/14-3/3  
Kumu Lilinoe,  
lsterling@kaohaoschool.org

### FRIDAY

STAGE: SHINE ON STAGE, 2:15-4:20,  
1/31-5/15 Sarah Halford,  
721-2205, sarahjhalford@gmail.com

### WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

P3-STRINGS, 1:15-4:15PM, 1/15-5/15  
Anna Callner 718-419-452  
annacallner@gmail.com

VOLLEYBALL, GRADES 4-6, Ms. Libby &  
Ms. Espie echapman@kaohaoschool.org

### WEDNESDAY

BACKFIELD, SOCCER, 1:30-2:30, 1/29-5/6  
Advantage Soccer,  
www.advantagesoccer.org

Vet School  
and Golf  
will not be  
offered at  
this time.

A25-SPARK YOU SCIENCE, 1:15-3:15,  
1/22-2/26 Natasha Skoberla, 453-0065,  
info@sparkyou.com

P4: This Mindful Life, 1:15-2:15, 2/19-4/29  
Amanda Mount, 415-225-9599,  
amandamount@yahoo.com

