

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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February 4, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2013

- 8 Mid Quarter Progress Reports sent home with students, return next school day
- 9 Complex Science Fair, Kapiolani CC, 9 am-1pm
- 13 - 17 School-wide Spirit Week
- 18 Presidents' Day, No School
- 21 School Community Council Mtg., 4:00 pm

March 2013

- 14 School Community Council Mtg., 4:00 pm
- 15 3rd Quarter Ends
- 18 - 22 Spring Break, No School
- 22 Quarter 3 Report Cards mailed home
- 25 Non-Instructional Day, No School
- 26 Prince Kuhio Day, No School
- 27 Students Return to School
- 29 Good Friday, No School

April 2013

- 18 School Community Council Mtg., 4:00 pm
- 24 Mid Quarter Progress Reports sent home
- 27 KMS Ohana Fair, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

May 2013

- 22 Schedule changed, Dismissal at 2:15 pm
- 24 Last Day of School for Students, Schedule changed, Dismissal at 1:25 pm

June 2013

- 7 Quarter 4 Report Cards mailed home



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Aloha,
 The month of February is upon us. This is a special time to celebrate "Love". Be sure to indulge your children

with lots of love, hugs and praise.

I would like to thank parents for your support with your child's learning. The middle school years pose many emotional challenges that often affect academics. It is essential that we work together to keep them on the right track. Counselors and teachers are available, so please feel free to call them. After school programs are also available to assist students with tutoring and completing assignments.

The 2nd round of testing for the Hawaii State Assessments (H.S.A.) has begun. Students are required to have a score of 300 and above to be considered proficient in their grade level. Students who score 300+ on both reading and math assessments become members of Club 300. Club 300 members earn a t-shirt that allows them a fast pass in the lunch line and access to the club lounge to hang out during lunch recess. 227 students qualified for Club 300 after round 1.

School attendance is essential for students to learn. We need them to be here. I ask for your cooperation in ensuring your child reports to school everyday and on time. On any given morning an average of 50+ students arrive late to school. This sets them off for a difficult morning. Tardy students will be assigned to detention.

Please partner with us as we strive to increase student achievement at Kalakaua Middle School. Encourage your child to do their best everyday, come to school ready to learn, and be sure that homework is completed daily. Working together with you is our privilege. Thank you for the opportunity!

Mahalo,
 Lorelei Aiwahi, Principal



Our Vision

King David Kalākaua Middle School strives to prepare students to be productive members of society.

Our Mission

The Kalākaua Middle School community assumes responsibility for creating a learning environment that recognizes, challenges, and fulfills the unique academic, social, and emotional needs of adolescents to help them achieve their highest potential.

Geographic Exception (GE) Forms

The school your child attends is based on your (parent's or guardian's) legal address. If, for any reason, you would like your child to attend a different school, 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.
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 1 – March 1, 2012. You will be notified of the school's decision after March 1.

If you have any questions, please call us at 832-3134.

WIDA TEST

All English Language Learner (ELL) students will be taking the *ACCESS for ELLs*® English language proficiency test. This test is for students whose first or home language is not English and measures a student's ability to use the English language. The test specifically identifies how well your child is reading, writing,

speaking, and listening in English. The four sub-parts of the test take approximately three hours during the regular school day.

The testing window is:

January 22, 2013 - February 28, 2013.

Teachers and students have been working hard to achieve the best results. The test will help teachers identify areas where support may be needed. The test also allows schools to monitor individual ELL student progress on an annual basis, a requirement of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law.

Your assistance is needed to prepare your child to take this test. Help your child get plenty of rest each night. Make sure your child eats a good breakfast, and gets to school on time. This kind of assistance will help our students to do their best. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anthony at 832-3130, ext. 308.



ALOHA PEACE WARRIOR ART DESIGN CONTEST

Hawaii, located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, is a special place in the world. Recognized internationally as the Aloha State, through the years, efforts have been made to preserve what is left of the "Hawaiian culture" as well as to promote things that are Hawaiian.

In 1986, the "Aloha Spirit" became law (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 5-7-5) to encourage citizens and government officials of Hawaii to conduct themselves with "aloha" while performing their duties and obligations, as well as their day to day living.

On December 12, 2012, Kalakaua Middle School Kokua Learning Center initiated the first Aloha Peace Warrior Art Design Contest to promote the Aloha Spirit and non-violence in our homes, schools, and communities. It is our hope that through the spirit of Aloha that we can avoid the hatred and violence that is happening in other parts of the world.

Many of the Kalakaua Middle School staff donated their time to judge the contest: Sam Ah Yuen, Naomi Agustin, Miki Gouveia, Jeri Hirata, Joshua Klaassen, Kristina Lum, Natalie Mun-Takata, Larrilyn Paguyo, Joe Passantino, and Diane Sasaki.

Allison Arakaki, Jeri Hirata, Kristina Lum, Lehua Lum, Natalie Mun-Takata and Johnny Verzon donated money and gift certificates for prizes.

The winners are:

First Place:	Donald Sanchez, 8 th grader	\$75.00
Second Place:	Dutch Bacalso, 6 th grader	\$50.00
Third Place:	Erika Mae Reyes, 6 th grader	\$25.00

The Honorable Mentions are: William Academia, Justine Alagao, Zyra Aninag, Harbe Bacalso, Ian Russel Domingo, Lyka Mae Domingo, Mark Mangligot, Alex Moe, Jaywan Skinny, and Kate Vallar



L - R: Lyka Mae Domingo, Erika Reyes, Mr. Verzon, Justine Alagao, Donald Sanchez, Ian Russel Domingo, Dutch Bacalso, Harbe Bacalso, William Academia, Alex Moe



CALLING

ALL MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

Kalakaua Middle school will be hosting a "Night of the Arts" on May 3, 2013. We are inviting all families to share their musical talents or their artistic talent. Share the stage with both students and staff. If you have a talent, musical or artistic, that you would like to share by performing for the Kalakaua Ohana, please contact Ms. Stone at 832-3130 ext 295.



AVID

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. This class is an elective class that helps students prepare for college by using Cornell Notes and other types of classroom strategies. To be in this class, students are recommended by their teachers based on criteria set up by the AVID Institute. Currently, we are interviewing students for this class so if your child comes home with a letter then your child has been recommended by his or her teachers to be in the AVID Elective class. Please call Mr. Lee at 832-3130 ext. 278 for further details.

Five discipline tips to improve your teen's behavior in school

Your teen's behavior in school affects the teacher's ability to teach, as well as your teen's ability to learn. However, parenting a teen can be a real challenge. Try these six parent-tested, teacher-approved discipline tips:

1. **Stay actively involved** in your teen's life. Go to his games or performances. Meet his friends.
2. **Don't overlook drugs** and alcohol. They are a part of many teen parties. And they can take a serious toll on your teen's health and school performance.
3. **Involve your teen** in setting rules. He'll be more likely to follow them.
4. **Set consequences** and follow through. Predictability is a parent's best friend. A consequence doesn't have to be severe if your teen knows with certainty that you will impose it.
5. **Work with your school.** If the school contacts you about a concern, don't instantly decide your teen is right.



Book Worms Fall Into Books



The Book Worms (the KMS book club) have had a busy, exciting Fall season. After having read Veronica Roth's dystopian novel *Divergent* in the first quarter, we shared that story in two venues: first at the KMS Reading Night on October 25, 2012, and then at the

KMS Barnes and Noble Ala Moana book-signing event on November 17, 2012, with Mr. Randall Ng, a former KMS counselor and author. At both events--in the KMS library, and in the kid's section of Barnes & Noble--adults as well as kids seemed interested in learning more about the romantic action tale of *Divergent*, after our presentation, which included a summary and large posters representing each of the five factions in the book: Abnegation, Amity, Candor, Dauntless, and Erudite.

The third Book Worm activity this past Fall was gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble Ala Moana on December 8, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We wrapped all sorts of gifts like books, toys, cups, pencils, and more. While we were gift wrapping, holiday shoppers generously donated money to help our club--it was a very lucrative activity. We all enjoyed wrapping gifts and talking stories with each other.

On December 15, 2012 most of the Book Worms went to the Dole Cannery Theaters to watch the movie, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, the movie based on the book we had read during the second quarter. We all agreed that the movie was great!

We would like to acknowledge the support from many people on campus, including the principal, account clerk, librarians, English department heads, advisors, Barnes & Noble people, and many more. Much Mahalo for all you do to support our Book Worm activities!



L - R: Jaclyn Topinio, Danthone Buyacao, Ryan Cenence, Jeanne Aquino, Jolito Topinio, Ms. Fujii, John Paul Suelen, Mr. Hamilton, Jhun Domingo, Eliot Omura

Learning is fun!

Source: D.W. Haffner, *What Every 21st-Century Parent Needs to Know*, Newmarket Press.



Need to Update Your Address or Phone Number?

Please make sure that Kalakaua Middle School has your current address and/or phone number. Notices such as report cards and honor roll letters are mailed to the address we have on file. If you have changed your address or phone number, please have your child stop by the attendance office to pick up the demographic change paper. Parents or guardians must also submit a copy of their rental/lease agreement and a copy of their utility bill to verify the address change. Both documents must have the current address and parent or guardian's name on them. If you have any questions, please call the registrar's office at 832-3134.

PCNC News

- On Thursday, January 24 nearly 150 people attended our Family Movie Night hosted by PTSO/PCNC. Our movie selection was "Big Miracle". We were graced with an excellent presentation by FHS Senior: John Pagaragan, about the dangers and unhealthy habits of playing too much electronic games. He also did a warm-up of BINGO games and gave out prizes to all the winners. There were hot-dogs and candy bars on sale for a dollar. Each family that filled out a short survey was given free popcorn.
- **UH Manoa** is offering **FREE On Line Tutoring for Math & Science**. Tutors are available from 9am-10pm Monday- Friday. Please visit their website at <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ola> or email them for more information at: ola@hawaii.edu
- The **KMS Leadership** class is collecting loose change for: **PENNIES FOR PATIENTS: KIDS WITH LEUKEMIA**. If your family would like to donate to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School & Youth Programs, please see Ms. Jancie Dela Cruz in room O101 before or after school or Ms. Lehua Lum (PCNC) in the Registrar's Office during recess & lunch. Your pennies will give students an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.
- **2013 'Ohana Fair** Planning meeting will be on **Thursday February 7, 2013 at 2:30pm** in the office. If you are able to volunteer your time for this event, please come and be a part of our team.
- If your 'Ohana is ever in need of assistance for locating resources in our community for dental, health, food bank locations, after school programs, etc. please drop by the Registrar's Office and ask for Lehua Lum or call 832-3130 ext. 245 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am-2:30pm.

Kalakaua Middle School 'Ohana Fair



When: **Saturday April 27, 2013**

Time: **9 am - 2 pm**

Where: **Kalakaua Middle School**

Dear Parents,

The Kalakaua Middle School 'Ohana Fair Committee is asking for your support and time in volunteering / donating to our event. Donations we are looking for are to be used for our **hospitality & decorations**. Please reply at the bottom of this page and have your child **return this form to his/her A/A Teacher**. Thank you kindly for your time and support.

Lehua Lum

Kalakaua Middle School PCNC

Cut here and return bottom to A/A Teacher



Student name: _____

Parent name: _____

Contact number: _____

___ Yes, I can volunteer please circle one:

8am-10am

10am-12pm

12pm-2pm

___ Yes, I can donate the item(s) below:
(circle the items you can donate)

Decorations: ti leaves, torch gingers, heliconias, bird of paradise, bamboo, 5 gal. plastic buckets coffee cans

Food items: pre-packaged chips, cookies, trail mix, granola bars, fruit snacks, cereal bars

Other items: _____



Donation drop off days (at the KMS Office)

Friday, April 19 - all food donations

Friday, April 26 - all decorations

A/A TEACHER: Please return forms to Lehua Lum (PCNC)

Million Word Campaign Update

Congratulations to all the students who met their reading goals for the second quarter and for the first semester! Students who read 250,000 words or more in the second quarter earned a free dress day. Students who read 500,000 words or more in the first semester earned an invitation to a Million Words Celebration. Remember, students who read regularly have better vocabularies, a better understanding of the world around them, and are more likely to succeed in school and in life!

Keep reading!

Abellanosa, Froilan
Abraham, Angel
Academia, Willia
Acierto, Vanessa
Acoba, Angela
Acosta, FlorenceMae
Afaga, Giliane
Agcaoili, Keith Christine
Agcaoili, Lynette Joy
Agres-Enguito, Dionisia
Aguilar, Franchesca
Aguimbag, Jester
Ahumada, Nathaniel
Alang, Muktar
Alejo, Andrea Nicole
Almazan, Chester
Alonzo, Kiara Marie
Alvarez, Azia-Lynne
Amram, Rico
Aninag, Marianne
Aninag, Zyra Keith
Annaguey, Aubrey
Apuya, Jaynalyn Ashlee
Aquino, Jeanne Karla
Aragon, Ashley
Ariola, Michael John
Arnold, Charlin
Austin, Lisa
Ayala, Velvet
Bacalso, Dutch
Badua, Amber
Badua, Madison
Bagasol, Shantelle
Balansag, Arjel
Barayuga, Jessica Belle
Bautista, Khatlyn May
Bayudan, Shanneli
Biete, Siony Ann
Bocoboc, Andriana Eve
Bonilla, Michelle Jay
Bruchal, Joseph
Bui, Justina*
Buyacao, Danthone
Buyacao, Mae-Joy
Cabanlit, Den Daniel
Cabras, Cherish
Cain, Sarah
Calip, Lovely Denise
Calipjo, Glorie Anne
Calipjo, Johanna
Calub, Annabelle
Caoli, Jeremy Rose
Caragdag, Sheeree
Casamina, Raina
Castillo, Jennilyn
Castro, Aeman
Chamm, Su
Chua, Meg Chloe
Chutaro, Jennifer
Clarence, Danalynn

Constantino, Ryan
Cordero, Ma Christine
Corotan, Lyka Mae
Corpuz, Anthony Kyle
Corpuz, Nikkia Angela
Cosido, Lil Ann
Daga, Ma-Eliza
Daniels, Joshua
Daquioag, Brian
Dayot, Lovely Joy
Dela Cruz, Nicole
Delantar, Marielle
Delim, Jah Ren Ryan
Delos Santos, Kimberly
Domingo, Anela-Rae
Domingo, Jhun Heinrich
Domingo, Wilma
Dufale, Matthew
Dulluog, Marinelle
Dumot, Marah
Edrada, Alvin Jeremy
Ellis, Tenielle
Ereno, Andrei Luis
Espiritu, Jadelyn
Etrata, Edsel Keene
Eusebio, Jazmine
Faola, Elijah
Fajardo, Angelica Flor
Farinas, Marielle
Fiesta, Jay Ann
Fola, Kali
Gabriel, Dan Lester
Gabriel, Kimberly Joy
Galiza, Jarred
Galvez, Charlene Mae
Gamboa, Desirene
Garalde, Amie
Garalde, Matt John
Guieb, Zyra Andrea
Guillermo, Jeselle Paige
Guillermo, Katelyne
Haimin, Ercyann
Hamo, Sonia
Herreria, Kristel
Ho, Thanh Giang
Icari, Jhamaica Ella
Ines, Eleanor Simonette
Javier, Brandy
Javier, Cris
Juan, Ralph Matthew
Killion, Chelsea
Killion, Jerry
Kony, Dami-Ann
Kulliano, Sonia
Lafua, Arius
Lazo, Czarina Sophia
Lene, Sauino
Lieu, Jamie
Lieu, Vicky
Liu, Zi Jun

Llamas, Jessa
Llanto, Jake Kyle
Lopez, Jeremiah
Lu, Bryson
Mabuti, Abigail
Mabuti, Janine
Macaraeg, Mae Ann
Madayag, Joshua Ivan
Mallillin, Marinelle
Manera, Dwaine
Marquez, Sophia Anne
Martin, Christian Paul
Marzan, Sherilei
Masao, Monalisa
Masis, Sinan
Medeiros, Tiffany
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Meza, Vincent Enrique
Miranda, Ramil
Morales, Reymar
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Pena, Aprilyn
Polintang, Ruby Anne
Pruitt, Travers
Pruitt, Trevonn
Pulido, Raizza Angelica
Pumaras, Michael
Quiniano, Justine
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Ramos, Jadelyn
Ramos, Regine Louisa
Raquel, Euoan Jei
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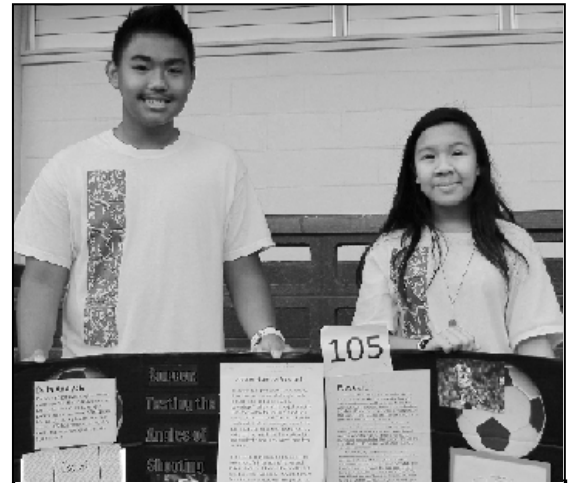
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Sanarez, Tricia Khim
Santiago, Jasmine
Santos, Aron Jay
Sedeno, Thomas
Serna, Kimberly Amber*
Soi, Punefu
Somera, Ruby
Soriano, Marlienne
Soter, Kathy
Soter, Samanta
Suda, Darcy
Sy, Andrea
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Tabar, Crystal Carmel
Tablason, Peter James
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Taclay, Jacob Ralsthon
Tadena, Wilson
Tagudar, Jasmine
Talana, Imarie Nicole
Taumua, Saelor
Tee Sy, Crystal
Teodosio, Reyna Leika
Terrado, Erika Joy
Theriot, Seth
Tialigo, Noah
Timmango, Darlene
Todd, Kamalu
Toka, Charlynn
Tomas, Jhansen
Topinio, Jaclyn
Topinio, Jolito
Tran, Aniken
Tran, Minh
Trinidad, Rycerj
Tuigamala, Aryana
Tully, Shawn Patric
Tutop, Camille
Ulsa, Von Dickenson
Valdez, Bien Aubrey
Vallar, Kate Samantha
Villa, R J
Villaver, Nikki
Yap, April Joy
Yap, Nina
Zhang, Bing Cheng



Congratulations to the KMS Science Fair Finalists!

The following students have made it through the rigorous questioning by our KMS teacher judges to go on to the **Honolulu District Science Fair** at Kapiolani Community College on Saturday, February 9, 2013!

- **Brain Battle** by Emilie Ogata-Tambua, Grade 6
- **Heat and Energy** by Justine Quiniano, Grade 6
- **Soccer: Testing the Angles of Shooting** by Ralph Matthew Juan, Lil Ann Cosido, Annabelle Calub, Grade 7
- **Sun Protection** by Lussami Saengsouri, Wilson Tadena, Marco De Dios, Grade 7
- **Are You Overweight?** by Sherimae Murro, Aprilyn Pena, Dionisia Agres-Enguito, Grade 7
- **Attraction** by Franchesca Aguilar, Minh Tran, Grade 7
- **Fertilizer & Compost vs. Nothing** by Tenielle Ellis, Keith Christine Agcaoili, Paloma Puma, Grade 7
- **Tsunamis, Earthquakes or Meteors?** by Angelica Fajardo, Grade 7
- **Which Structure Can Survive the P Wave in an Earthquake? Structure 1, 2, or 3?** by Vincent Meza, Grade 7
- **Smile! Wait, That's Fake!** by Jasmine Santiago, Grade 8
- **Use It or Lose It!** by Angelika Taaca, Grade 8
- **Spoiler Alert** by Laynee Pasion, Julienne Saladino, Erika Terrado, Grade 8
- **Oh, Does It Really?** by Lyka Corotan, Chelsea Subia, Grade 8
- **Professional Procrastinators** by Sarah Cain, Grade 8
- **Let's Burn Those Calories!** by Kiara Alonzo, Madison Badua, Grade 8
- **Visual Search** by Bryson Lu, Grade 8
- **Supercooling & Snap Freezing H₂O** by Ryan Constantino, Grade 8
- **Ferticide** by Matthew Dufale, Grade 8
- **Oil Spill** by Fatimah Saludares, Grade 8
- **Grow, Grow, Grow** by Giselle Galope, Paula Ocampo, Grade 8
- **Which Toothpaste Works the Best?** by Dutch Bacalso, Angesabel Asidera, Grade 6
- **How Does the Stretch of a Rubber Band Affect the Amount of Energy That Springs Out of It?** by Aeman Castro, Harbe Bacalso, Angelita Asidera, Grade 6
- **Sun vs. Stove** by Jadelyn Ramos, Grade 6
- **Acid Where's the Reaction?** by Claire Marie Alegre, Lucey Gonzaga, Lynette Agcaoili, Grade 7
- **Plant React** by Elaine Momosea, Dalianna Tambua, Grade 8



Soccer: Testing the Angles of Shooting
L- R: Ralph Juan, Lil Ann Cosido, Annabelle Calub



L - R: Wilson Tadena, Lussami Saengsouri, Marco De Dios

THANK YOU to the parents that came to support their children!

Congratulations to **ALL** the KMS Science Fair participants and finalists!



Fertilizer & Compost vs. Nothing
L - R: Keith Christine Agcaoili, Tenielle Ellis, Paloma Puma



SPELLING BEE CONTESTANTS

The 2013 Honolulu District Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Kalakaua Middle School was proudly represented by Bernadette Dela Cruz and Dutch Bacalso. All attendees and supporters were impressed and, at times, humbled by the quality and complexity of the academic words chosen for the event. Congratulations to Bernadette and Dutch on their poise and dedication.



KMS Spelling Bee Contestants with their Teachers

L - R: Ms. Feliciano, Bernadette Dela Cruz, Ms. Cacace, Dutch Bacalso, Ms. Harmon



WHY ARE THESE STUDENTS HAPPY?

THEY ARE CLUB 300 MEMBERS FROM TEAM HANOHANO!

Congratulations to all students who scored 300 or above on the first round of the HSA! Your scores indicate that you are meeting standards and are a reflection of all the time and care you invest in your schoolwork. We are very proud of you and hope you continue to excel. Students who scored 300 in BOTH math and ELA will be inducted into Club 300 and awarded special privileges in recognition of their achievement such as a “fast pass” in the lunch line and access to the **Club 300 Lounge**. If you haven’t scored a 300 yet, you have two more chances - so pay attention in class and put time and effort into your work so you can make this goal!

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE HSA?

1. Be sure your child is in school on time, especially on test days. (Avoid scheduling doctor's or dental appointments on testing days).
2. Have your child attend afterschool tutoring to keep up with class work.
3. Make sure that your child has a good breakfast on test days.
4. Make sure that your child has plenty of sleep the night before test days.

School Emergency Information for Parents and Guardians



The Hawaii State Department of Education is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. We work closely with national, state, and local safety officials such as Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Agencies and the Department of Health to ensure our schools are well prepared in the event of an emergency. Each school conducts drills throughout the school year to help students and staff prepare for possible emergencies. Office of School Facilities and Support Services/Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Branch
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How You Can Help

BE PREPARED FOR A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

- Ensure that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and current.
- All DOE schools have emergency plans. Become familiar with your school's emergency plan and parent/guardian reunification procedures in the event of a school evacuation.

IN CASE OF A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

Although your first reaction would be to call or rush to your child's school, please follow the tips listed below.

- **DO NOT** call or rush to your child's school. Phone lines and staff are needed for emergency response efforts.

- **DO NOT** phone your child. Staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communication for safety reasons.
- Tune in to local TV/Radio stations for official school news alerts.
- Rely only on official communication from school or public safety officials.
- Listen for official information regarding reunification with your child. Students will be released **ONLY** to parents/guardians who are documented as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID such as a driver's license, military ID or passport.
- Go to the DOE website: doe.k12.hi.us for emergency updates.

Safety Terms & Procedures

In the event of an emergency at your child's school, it is important to know these terms:

Lockdown

A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at the school. All school doors are locked and students are confined to classrooms. **No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.**

Shelter in Place

Students take refuge in designated areas to protect them from hazardous materials or severe weather. **No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.**

Evacuation

Certain emergencies may require students and staff to evacuate school. Evacuations are conducted when it is no longer safe to remain on campus. All schools have evacuation sites and conduct evacuation drills annually. In the event the emergency continues and students are not able to return to campus, parent or guardian reunification procedures will take place. Please become familiar with your school's re-unification procedures.

