How did our küpuna carry fresh water with them? A question that was asked was, are, hui 4-5 had a conversation on how our ancestors used water. This led us right into ipu. The class was thrilled when they went places?

In learning about what an ‘ahupua’a and watershed are, hui 4-5 had a conversation on how our ancestors used water. This discussion led our class to go on a huaka‘i to Ipulani Farm and to Pu‘uhonua o Hönaunau. At the ipu farm Aunty Mary helped us plant ipu seeds, sift through compost, clean ipu, and she also shared with us her method with a partner.

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Inspired by the ipu trellises on our huaka‘i, our project is making plans to grow ipu at the Lälämilo campus. On our huaka‘i to Ipulani Farm and to Pu‘uhonua o Hönaunau the students observed different examples of supports for the ipu vines.

The class reviewed perpendicular lines and right angles and practiced measuring in inches/feet and centimeters/meters. Working with partners they built their own models of trellises. They used chopsticks and green tape and twists. They learned the importance of patience and cooperation in constructing their model with a partner.

Why is wai important?
• Where does our wai come from? (watercycle)
• What is an ‘ahupua’a / a watershed?
• How was wai managed in the ‘ahupua’a system?
• How is the watercycle related to weather and climate?
• What Hawaiian mo’olelo focus on wai?
• What is our keaalea to our kahawai (rivers) and fresh water sources?
• Who monitors the quality of water today and how is it distributed?

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September Birthdays
1 Hunter Azia & Kealani Anderson-Hanashiro
2 Kenzie Awum writes a story
3 Kanala A-cubed-Kabardo
4 Antonio-Coffie & Kahikuhi Plunkett
5 Skye Hanan
10 La'amii Julian-Pahi
11 Nuka Pohio & Vai Hanashio
12 La'i Bertellman
15 Keokulani Ionita-Duncans
16 Kait Marshall
17 Cy Kealoha, Hiraminnu Strow-Boyle & Kaila Sylvia
19 Marya Voriesaga
21 Kalena Aluan & Sadie Gilmer
22 Kenisha Lindsey & Leukaiala Mangalani
29 Embroshahh Channels

STUDENTS’ PORTRAITS - Grades 6-12 students, kumu & staff on Friday, September 4, 2009 Hālān Ho’olako at 9:00am Grades Pre K to 5th Grades, Kumu & Staff on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Lālāmilo Campus at 9:00 am. Money/Check in ordering envelope required! Students must wear KANU shirts to school and can wear aloha attire for picture taking. KANU’s dress code applies for aloha wear. If your child misses the photo taking, reschedule a makeup with Kelvin Nakano of Positive Image at 885-0488. For more information, contact Aunty Sasha at 890-8147.

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Be thankful for what you have.

‘ōlelo No‘eau

Mahalo i ka mea loa‘a.
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On behalf of the entire KANU Executive Team, I would like to express our CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected student council or ‘AHA HAUMÄNA who held their first meeting last FRIDAY.

Made up of middle and high school students representing our four 6-12 Hui, these young men and women have committed themselves to kūlia i ka mu‘u, perpetuate Hawaiian language and traditions, to demonstrate leadership qualities and actively model KANU’s school-wide behavioral expectations. Read our upcoming HUNEHUNE for more information on KANU’s student leaders.

KANU’S ‘AHA HAUMÄNA is designed to foster student involvement in the growth of KANU, advance leadership among students and help promote school spirit. We believe that student input can improve and strengthen our school in ways that adults could not do alone, by bringing new energy and ideas. This includes preparing for our upcoming Spring 2010 accreditation committee visit, which will be a major focus of this year’s student council.

With our students and staff working harder than ever before to kūlia i ka mu‘u, it is imperative that KANU and other public charter schools receive the required financial support and our fair share of Hawai‘i’s education budget. Public charter schools were first established in 1999, to provide children and parents with choices in public education. This year, 8,424 children attend 31 public charter schools located on Kau‘a‘i, O‘ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i and Hawai‘i Island. Yet, from the very beginning, the State has not funded its public charter school students at the same level as DOE students.

This year, charter schools are receiving $5,500 per pupil, a 33% decrease from $8,149 per pupil received last year. (In comparison, the DOE, this year, will spend over $14,000 per public school student) While we acknowledge the dire economic times that are challenging all of us, we need to use our funder’s and the public know that $5,500 per child is simply not enough to provide a quality education. Since July, the Charter School Review Panel has heard from several charter school heads that their schools may not survive the 33% reduction in funding. Teachers and staff are being laid off, exacerbating Hawaii’s unemployment problem. If a number of our charter schools close, Hawai‘i will have fewer educational choices. More importantly thousands of students will have to return to the DOE system which left them behind in the past.

Please help Hawai‘i’s charter school children receive equitable funding by appealing to your legislators, the Governor, and private funders to please provide whatever financial help, as soon as possible, to Hawai‘i’s 31 charter schools. Also please write letters to the editor and let others know that our charter schools are at peril, and that our very existence is at a severe and immediate risk. All we are asking for is equity in funding. Let the money follow the child!

Mahalo nui loa for your ongoing support.

Me ka aloha ponoheaha,

Kī Kahakalau, Ph.D.

Director

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Aloha e nā mākua,

**RE: HAWAIʻI ISLAND FESTIVAL - 30-DAYS OF ALOHA 34TH ANNUAL WAIMEA PARADE**

As in previous years, KANU students, staff and ‘ohana members will march in the Annual Aloha Week Paniolo Parade scheduled for September 19, 2009. Known for many years as the Aloha Week Festival, this event became known as the Hawaiʻi Island Festival – 30-days of Aloha last year. With a new name, also has come a new approach and a strong commitment to share the island’s aloha with residents and visitors alike. This year’s theme is “Honoring the late Uncle Kindy Sproat,” one of Kohala’s foremost story tellers, falsetto singers and cultural experts who passed away last year.

Students and ‘ohana members interested in participating in our marching unit must meet at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, September 19, 2009 in front of the Imiola Church Hall. All participants must wear a red KANU polo shirt and anything else Paniolo i.e. jeans, boots, hat, bandana etc. The parade will end at Waimea Community Park around 10:30 a.m. Parents/guardians must pick-up their child immediately following the parade at the Waimea Community Park Tennis Courts—children will not be released until a parent/guardian arrives.

I understand that my child must:

- Have parental consent to participate in the event
- Be chaperoned throughout the event if they are in grades K-5
- Have a nutritious breakfast prior to arrival
- Bring a full water bottle
- Apply sunscreen
- Wear a red KANU polo shirt and anything else Paniolo i.e. jeans, boots, hat, bandana etc.
- Meet in front of Imiola Church Hall at 9:15 a.m. and be picked-up at 10:30 a.m. at the **Waimea Community Park Tennis Court**
- Return both forms (Hawaii Island Festival Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement and KANU’s Approval to Participate and Waiver of Claims) to Chris Plunkett by Tuesday, September 15, 2009

This festival provides unique opportunities for our students and families to support community events. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Plunkett at 960-6806.

Mahalo,
Chris Plunkett
HAWAII ISLAND FESTIVAL – 30 DAYS OF ALOHA

The 34th Annual
WAIMEA PANIOLO PARADE

“Honoring the late Uncle Kindy Sproat”

Saturday, September 19, 2009
10:00 a.m.

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
One form for each participant required

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hawaii Island Festival has agreed to allow our participation in the 34th ANNUAL WAIMEA PANIOLO PARADE to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Your commitment to us requires, as a condition precedent to our participation, that we execute and deliver an undertaking by us to indemnify and hold you and your agents harmless against any and all claims, liability, damage and expense which you might incur in connection with or arising out of our participation in the parade, including, without limitation, any injury sustained by us or by anyone involved with or watching the parade, caused by us.

In consideration of allowing our participation, we hereby agree that we will indemnify and hold you harmless against any and all such claims, liability, damages and expenses. Said expenses referred to above include but are not limited to, all costs and reasonable attorney’s fees that might be incurred by you in connection therewith or arising there from.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, we agree that in the event any such liability or damage is asserted, we will, upon a tender by you, undertake and assume the defense of all such allegations and claims through an attorney or attorneys approved in advance by you and the fees and costs of said attorney(s) and defense shall be paid currently by us.

Very truly yours,

Signed (Legal Name of Participant or Parent/Guardian if Participant is a minor)

Print (Legal Name of Participant or Parent/Guardian if Participant is a minor)

Unit Name Date
Kanu o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School
APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

September 2, 2009

My son/daughter (Print) ____________________________ Grade: ________
has my consent to participate in any or all activities connected with the following:

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ACTIVITY: 30-days of Aloha, 34th Annual Waimea Paniolo Parade
            “Honoring the Late Uncle Kindy Sproat”

PLACE OF ACTIVITY: Waimea Town

In case of illness or injury to said student, we (I) hereby consent to and authorize medical or dental treatment as deemed necessary and agree to pay for medical and dental costs incurred.

______ My child is covered by__________________________________________

(Name of medical or travel insurance plan/policy)

______ My child needs insurance assistance for this event.

I expressly waive any and all claims against Kanu o ka ‘Āina NCPCS and/or the Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana, on account of accident or injury or illness that may be incurred by or to my son/daughter while participating in this activity. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards associated with waterfront activities and that Kanu o ka ‘Āina and its supporting employees will follow and employ all safety procedures and protocols reasonable and appropriate to the activity listed.

All DOE and KANU rules and guidelines apply throughout the entire fieldtrip and a NO TOLERANCE rule will be in effect at all times. This means that absolutely no sexual misconduct, harassment, insubordination, or use of any illegal substance will be tolerated. If any infraction occurs, discipline will be at the discretion of the attending KANU staff. If necessary, parents/guardians will be notified and the student(s) will be sent home at the expense of the parents, who will be responsible to make arrangements to pick-up their child as well.

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Print Name of Father/Guardian ____________________________

Print Name of Mother/Guardian ____________________________

Date and Signature of Father/Guardian ____________________________

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