



# HUNEHUNE KALO

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School

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## *Aloha mai kākou*

Congratulations to our newly elected student council officers - Pōlani Kahakalau, President; Sierra Stanley, Vice President; Ano'i Strauss, Secretary and Kamaka Le'a Akiona, Sergeant-at-Arms. We know that student activities are in good hands with this group of officers selected by their classmates.



A reminder that student led conferences are Thursday and Friday, September 29-30. Students do not come to school that day until it is time for their presentations. This conference provides your child the opportunity to share what he/she has learned thus far. If parents have concerns they wish to discuss with the kumu, please feel free to schedule a conference at another time to allow plenty of time for you to share your concerns.

This week marks the end of the first quarter and it is time to clear outstanding accounts/IOU for school breakfast/lunch before Friday, September 30th. Please submit payment to either school office. First quarter report card for students with outstanding accounts will be held for pick up at school office until account is cleared or payment plan is agreed upon.

On a more serious note, we are concerned with the increase in incidences of fighting and/or aggravated assault occurring among our secondary boys. Over the last month or so, we have had three such incidences. For KANU that is three incidents too many. It is simply not the way we do things. For our 'ohana to thrive, we must live in harmony. Anger and aggressive physical acts disrupt the harmony of the school as well as that of the families involved. There are alternative courses of action to resolve issues or conflict. Students are well aware that conflicts are best handled through kūkākūkā with an adult present. Often, families of both parties are called in to be part of the discussion if the situation warrants it. This is the reasonable, logical way to deal with problems. When you chose to attend KANU, the entire 'ohana made a commitment to honor and live by KANU's values and behavioral expectations as well as to always strive to achieve one's personal best and do what is right and pono. Resorting to fighting is contrary to that commitment.

Every KANU student has the right to a safe, secure school environment and parents should expect no less. We want to assure our parent community that we take these incidents seriously and that we will take swift action when they do occur. One thing is certain, if this behavior is repetitive and cannot be curtailed, we will be left with no choice but to ask the student and family to seek alternative educational opportunities elsewhere.

Mahalo to Lālāmilo parents who have diligently followed our drop off and pick up directions. For those who may have forgotten, please follow the one-way traffic pattern driving all the way up to the chain link fence to drop of your keiki or to pick them up again in the afternoon. Mahalo for your kōkua.

**Me ke aloha pumehana,**

Pat Bergin

Co-Administrator

**'Ōlelo No'eau**

**Ho'okāhi no hulu like o ia po'e.**

*Those people are all of the same feather.*



## Hō'ike Haumāna

# PU'UKAPU



This year the Pu'ukapu project is focused on exploring the process of building relationships and how people, places and life are all connected. Throughout this quarter we have done this in several ways. First, students researched the story behind their birth and names. Each haumāna met with family members to record and document how they entered this world.

Students also built relationships with one another and explored their identity by building mask and learning art with Auntie Val.

*"Building the mask with Maika'i was fun because when we did it wrong, we didn't yell at each other... and it helped to build trust."*

*~ Kaleo Navas Clark, Gr. 7 & Maika'i Kumishige-Aikau, Gr. 6*



*"Building a mask helped me bond with Kea because we were partners. We got to work together and helped each other build our mask."*

*~ Ano'i Straus, Gr. 8*



*"It was easy and hard at the same time. I learned how I was born and how I got my name. I never knew that."* ~ Parker Hall, Gr. 6

*"I learned a lot about when I was really young, it was always kind of a mystery to me and I never really wanted to ask."*

*~ Skyla Elder Grade, Gr. 7*



*"I saw my very talkative students go from being quiet to developing nice conversations and art work."*

*~ Uncle Bob, Pu'ukapu Kumu*



# Kihikihi Makua

## Pu'UKAPU

To experience inter generational relationships and give back to the community, students have also started a yearlong service project with Hale Ho'ola Hāmākua. Each month, students visit with kūpuna and build relationships with them. Haumāna help to set up for monthly events, talk story, read, play bingo, and kōkua or participate in anything that helps to enrich the lives of the kūpuna they are visiting with. In return, many kūpuna share stories about their own lives and experiences. This service project helps students with practicing our school values, maturity, and everyday life skills.



*"My elder friend is Herbert and I found out I had connections with him. My papa and him are really good friends." ~ Keliko Hurley, Gr.7*

*"My kupuna friend's name is Ms. Lou and I learned that she started the Fire House Gallery, here in Waimea." ~ Keli'i Van Kirk, Gr. 7*



*"My kupuna friend's name is Phyllis...she told me her husband was a dog trainer and had a lot of dogs." ~ Chelsea Boneza, Gr. 7*



Another way we have explored relationships is participating in this year's Run for Hope 5K Run. As a hui, we were able to raise over \$600 to help benefit cancer research in Hawai'i. As a group we built foundations by training for the event, having a sleep over, raising money, and completing the race. This was an amazing experience for both haumāna and their families as well as our hui, as we worked together to raise money and train for the event.

*"This was a good experience for me because it was my first fun run." ~ Kawai Tucay-Laa, Gr. 8*

*"My grandma's good friend started this run and it was an awesome experience." ~ Keliko Hurley, Gr. 7*

*"The run was very hard because I began in the back and had to swivel my way to the front like a fish in a river, and I got tired at the second mile."*

*~ Makali'i Bertelmann, Gr. 8*



As we transition into the next quarter, our students are diligently working on their science fair projects and researching other community organizations to partner with. Students have hopes of running and helping to raise money for another 5K Run (with thoughts of even creating our own event), eagerly wanting to continue to "give back" and practice healthy living practices.



## Important Info & Updates

# Ho‘omana‘o

**KANU**

### October Birthdays

3 Kaleo Navas-Clark	16 Amber Carpenter-Horsley
4 Kahiau Jordan Redican-Bortmas	20 Jadan Rostau
5 Ke‘alohilani Bannister & Jared Hart	21 Maile Zsupnik
6 Kehau Ah Quin & Auli‘i Mahuna	22 Alyssa Heenan
7 Maika‘i Coelho, Seth Kapuniaia & Sam Landers	23 Alohalani Kalamau & Kymani Medeiros-Rengulbai
8 Melia Van Kirk	24 Kimberly Finn & Kai Tolentino
11 Kalāokahaku Akima	29 Jerzi Chaves



**FALL INTERSESSION – OCTOBER 3 to 14, 2011.** Students return to school on Monday, October 17, 2011. Teachers return to work on Friday, October 14, 2011 for professional development, collaboration and planning.

**‘OHANA DIRECTORY** – Friday, September 30th is the last day to submit family photos and turn in ‘Ohana Directory Questionnaire to KANU’s parent support group, Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Sarsona at puuluaukahimakua@yahoo.com. Mahalo!

**UNIFORMS** – All students are required to wear a Kanu o ka ‘Āina uniform daily. The school uniform is a collared polo shirt except when working in the environment at which time unaltered KANU T-shirts may be worn. Shirts must be a solid color with collar and devoid of any messages or logos. Shirts may be dropped off to either school office for printing the school logo at a cost of \$2.00 per shirt. All students and staff must have at least one official red polo shirt for special occasions. Deadline to turn in polo shirts for printing is September 30, 2011. Please feel free to call Margo at 890-8144 if you have any questions.

**LIBRARY BOOKS** – All library books must be returned before the end of the first quarter. Lost book charges will be levied for any books checked out to your child and not returned. Invoices will be mailed. Students are welcome to borrow library books through intersession but must see Auntie Sasha by Thursday, September 29th to extend borrowing date.

**OUTSTANDING BREAKFAST/LUNCH ACCOUNTS** – Outstanding accounts/IOU for school breakfast/lunch must be cleared before Friday, September 30th. Please submit payment to either school office. First quarter report card for students with outstanding accounts will be held for pick up at school office until account is cleared or payment plan is agreed upon.

**PSAT/NMSQT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011** – Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be offered at Hālau Ho‘olako. The test will begin promptly at 8:30 am and finish at 11:30 am. All KANU students in grades 10 and 11 are encouraged to take the PSAT. Students who take the PSAT tend to score as much as 120 points higher on the SAT than those who do not. Students in grades 7-9 may also take the test if space is available. Space is limited to 25 students. To register, students must sign up with college advisor Betsy Boland. Please call her at 890-8144 if you should have any questions.

**HAWAI‘I STATE ASSESSMENT (HSA)** – Testing for students in grades 3, 4, & 5 is scheduled for the last two weeks of October. Testing will occur on various days and times at our Lālāmilo campus based on the availability of computers/computer lab, teacher preference for scheduling, and the amount of time your child takes to complete the test. Testing for students in grades 6, 7, 8 & 10 will occur during November and December. Please see letter and information booklet distributed at student-led conferences for more information as well as sample test items. More information can also be found at [www.alohahsa.org](http://www.alohahsa.org). Please call Kathy Gollaher at 887-8144 or 937-2583 if you have any questions or concerns.

**AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, BANK FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM** – Open an account with American Savings Bank now through December 15, 2011 and help KANU to earn up to \$30.00 by designating our school. The school receiving the most qualified designations in each of four counties will be awarded \$10,000. Three schools receiving the most qualified designations in their group may also qualify for an award of \$50,000.

## COMMUNITY

**ACE HARDWARE SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION** – October 2, 2011, 11:30 am. Promoting the book, *The Wizards Book of Science Secrets*, Science Projects from the Hardware Store, Ace Hardware Waimea has been offering free science demonstrations! This week’s topic: The Simple Electric Motor. You don’t need a laboratory filled with fancy equipment, - many discoveries, inventions, and experiments can be made using common, everyday items. Come and see!

**GIRLS SOFTBALL CLINIC** – October 8 & 9, 2011 (8-3/8-4) at Hawai‘i Prep Academy, Kamakani Softball Field (Upper Campus). Cost is \$25 which includes refreshments and T-shirt. Player must bring own lunch, shoes & gloves. Contact Melissa Samura at 887-3014 or email [melissasamura@gmail.com](mailto:melissasamura@gmail.com) for information or to register.

**WAIMEA TOWN MEETING** – Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 5:15 pm at Waimea School Cafeteria. Special guests include Dr. Bruce Anderson with the Hawai‘i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to discuss Hawai‘i Island/North Hawai‘i health care status and issues including Hale Ho‘ola Hāmākua, North Hawai‘i Community Hospital and Kohala Hospital.

**KONA COMMUNITY MEETING** – Hawaiian perspectives in support of geothermal development. Thursday, September 29 at Kealakehe High School. For more information visit [IDGHawaii.com](http://IDGHawaii.com).

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