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Principal's Message

By Kevin Yuen

Aloha Parents,

Winter Break is right around the corner starting on December 20, 2007. Lunch will not be served on this date, and the A+ after school program will not be in session. Please make appropriate arrangements for your child's pick-up on this date. Students will report back to school on Monday January 14, 2007.

Presently, all DOE schools are very busy preparing their 2008-09 Academic and Financial Plan. It is important for everyone to know that it is this plan that will drive all QLS operations towards **maximum student achievement**, which is the number-one goal of our hard working faculty and staff. Mr. Glen Furuya, President of Leadership Works, who continues to train many business and education leaders, refers to this effort as our "B.H.A.G.", which stands for "Big Hairy Audacious Goal".

According to Mr. Furuya:

"A true BHAG is clear and compelling, serves as unifying focal point of effort, and acts as a clear catalyst for team spirit. It has a clear finish line, so the organization can know when it has achieved the goal; people like to shoot for finish lines." (Collins and Porras, 1996).

Finally, I would like to highlight some of the exciting events and activities that have occurred here at Queen Lili'uokalani School. In planning for our recent Holiday Fair, substitute SPED teacher, Mr. Paul Aubin, asked if he could contract a "dunking booth" to raise money for his class. I asked him to think of an alternate way to raise funds because the cost to rent this equipment was not affordable and may have posed a Health and Safety issue. As the result, Mr. Paul Aubin took it upon himself to create a homemade invention that would produce the same result, and this device was very successful. Many participated and had a great time. Mr. Clifford Lum, EA and Mr. Christopher Kelley, EA also enjoyed great successes. They combined earnings with Mr. Aubin for a great "team" effort. Mr. Aubin then used the generated funds to create a great academic lesson for his students. As part of this lesson, Mr. Aubin's students and colleagues tried various types of foods that were shared at the first Thanksgiving. This amazing lesson successfully combined Language Arts, Math, History and the Sciences, and I congratulated Mr. Aubin and his team for the children's great learning experience – One they will not likely forget.

In conclusion, I would also like to extend a special "Mahalo" to Mr. David Giomi's Kung Fu students who assisted in the clean-up work following our Holiday Fair. It is this type of "teamwork" and volunteer spirit that will move our school to new successes throughout the coming years.

Once again, mahalo and best wishes for the holiday season.



"Common sense is not so common."

Voltaire (1694 - 1778)

Critical Thinking Skills for School and Beyond...

Help your child 'GLO'!

Mrs. Susan Kurihara, Grade 6

You've seen it. You've heard it. Are you still wondering how to help your child improve in the area of Complex Thinking (GLO 3)? Complex thinking is the ability to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving strategies.

Our Faculty Committee on Critical Thinking Skills will host a monthly column in the QLS newsletter, highlighting a particular critical thinking skill. We will offer some simple scenarios and information that may help de-mystify the four major levels of critical thinking skills. We teachers build these levels of critical thinking into our classroom lessons everyday. You may not even realize that you, too, are working hard at making your child 'GLO' by the simple tasks that you do together around the house!

We welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions to make this column helpful to you and your child. Address any communications to the Faculty Committee on Critical Thinking Skills, c/o QLS Office. Mahalo...Happy GLOing!

Level 1: "Retrieval"	Scenarios:
<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizing• Recalling• Giving examples• Listing or naming	<u>In-class Tasks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student can name characters in a story.• The student can retell events in a story.• The student may not be able to differentiate critical from non-critical elements at this time. <u>At-home Tasks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student can repeat a parent's instruction to help set the table.• The student can give an example of how to help with clean-up.• The student can list tasks that need to be done.• <i>The student may not be able to differentiate critical steps or prioritize steps in a task, or understand the how/why of a sequence of steps at this time.</i> <u>A few thoughts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each time you set the table, go through a routine, explaining <i>why</i> you do what you do.• Ask, "What happens if...?"• Ask, "What would you do first? Why?"

GLO AWARDS

By Carolyn Ohara, Counselor

Every month until April 2008 we will be acknowledging students at a special noon assembly who effectively displayed characteristics of the GLO theme for the month. In November we awarded the following students for being a Community Contributor (GLO 2):

P - Joseph Johnson

K - Tiare Apina, Melissa Kang, Ammen Tawfik

1 - Leila Chun, Grace McGregor, Kailee Takayama, Keani Kilaulani

2 - AJ Skyler Kock, Skye Naleimaile, Teya Tilley

3 - Darcy Ahuna, Julian Iervolino, Emma Kaohi

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4 - Justin Grandalen, Sivailei Haiku, Shaye Simms
5 - Trevis Jardine, Almog Dekalo, Nickalas Chun, Isaac Bogdahn
6 - Desiree Dudoit, Maikai Hee, Etalynia Jahier, Laura-Ann Kaaihue, Kainalu Kilaulani, Anthony Luecke, Vincent Siuze, Bryce Takahashi

Most Improved Awards are given to acknowledge students who has demonstrated significant improvement in the classroom. November's winners are:

P - Koa Hardy
K - Nathaniel Balangitao
1 - Jasmine Beverford
2 - Darien Mole (nominated by both Ms. Cornwell and Ms. Webb)
3 - Justin Keaweehu-Beverford
4 - Aizeah Caldeira
5 - Juria Ito
6 - Anthony Luecke
Mr. Aubin - Nickalas Chun

We look forward to our GLO winners in December – Effective Communicator, January – Effective and Ethical User of Technology, February – Self Directed Learner, March – Quality Producer, and April - Complex Thinker.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Grade 2 – reported by Mrs. Laura Cornwell, Gr. 2 Teacher

The second graders have built the Town of Chinnalulu in honor of our pet class, Tribble. Students built their own homes and worked in teams to make all of the community buildings. When "construction" was done, the students were able to construct a map from a bird's eye view!



Grade 5 – reported by Mrs. Valerie Kuraya, Gr. 5 Teacher

A big mahalo to all the 5th grade parents who so generously gave their time and effort to donate all the delicious baked goods for the Fun Fair. The kids had fun making the ice cakes and selling the baked goods as it was a valuable life skill learning experience. Special thanks to Mrs. Ahuna (Duke's mom), Sandy Stanley (Melissa Ballestero's mom) and Mrs. Shigeta (Alex's) mom for coming out to support and work with the kids at the Fair. Also a special thanks to Mr. Renner for supplying the students with the Bounce Houses where the kids really enjoyed themselves. Thank you parents for all your support!

QLS Basketball Team are CHAMPS!! - reported by Coach Wayne Matsukawa



Our team just won the championship of the elementary school division of the Kaimuki Park Invitational Basketball League coached by Mr. Wayne Matsukawa and student coach alumni Kimberly Sakamoto and Kaimana Lau. Team members: Duke Ahuna, Marivic Baoas, Nick Chun, Nicholas Gerber, Angelo Iervolino, Julian Iervolino, Anthony Lueke, Marcus Mafi, Stanley Perpignan, Shaye Simms and Kevin Williams. NOTE: Coach Wayne states, that Jack Faatiliga resigned from the team at the beginning of the season. Fortunately, Angelo Iervolino was available as a more than capable replacement. He apologizes for the late notification of this printed error but, hopefully, the final edition regarding the QLS Basketball Team will reflect the correct roster so Angelo can receive the recognition that he deserves. Scores: Last Game: Fri. 11/ 16 , Won game vs. Kaimuki Christian , Score 21 – 6; League Standings: Undefeated season - Perfect record 5 wins & 0 losses; Goodwill Game: 13th annual QLS Team vs. Parents Basketball Game, Date & time to be determined.

Note from the Office

Mrs. Toyama reports that the school lunch loan fund is depleted due to over borrowing and no repayments. If your child has borrowed lunch money in the past, please be sure he/she repays the loan the day after they borrowed it.

PCNC Happenings

- ***Kaimuki Christmas Parade – Thursday, December 6*** – meet at the cafeteria around 4:00 pm. We will leave campus to walk to St. Louis School at 4:30. Please bring a water bottle for the walk. Parade starts promptly at 6:00 pm. We will then meet back at the cafeteria for refreshments and camaraderie with Liholiho Elementary School. See you there!!
- ***Graham Cracker House Building, Special Performances & SCC Meeting #2 – Monday, December 17 – 3:00 – 5:00 pm.*** If attending only the performances and meeting, please arrive by 4:00 pm. House building kits are \$5.00 each. Refreshments and fun will be served.

Food and Clothing Drive now until February 1, 2008

To benefit the children living in the Next Step Project, a homeless shelter in Kakaako, Hawaii. the Onelau'ena Shelter in Barbers Point and the Pai'olu Kaiaulu Shelter in Waianae.

- Donate items that the children at the shelter could use. Diapers, diapers wipes, powdered infant milk, brand new children's underwear, school supplies, tooth paste, tooth brushes and other items are greatly appreciated.
- Monetary donations are always needed to help pay for the birthday gifts, wrapping paper, and birthday cakes for monthly birthday celebrations. Please bring your donations of goods, food and \$\$\$ to the school office for sorting. MAHALO!

On request, donation acknowledgement letters will be provided by the shelters – please leave your contact information with your donations.

After School Enrichment Programs

By Lori Yamada 733-4680

I am currently planning the second session of our after school enrichment programs which starts the week of February 25 and ends on May 16 with a special performance at our Talent Extravaganza on May 22, which recognizes our talented students and volunteers. So far, we will be offering ukulele, art, French and Japanese, sports, and dance and much more. Registration materials will be available the end of January 2008. These courses are very economical - \$50 for 10 classes and I have some very experienced, dedicated, and brave instructors who teach these courses from the heart.

PTSA

Mrs. Michelle Nakaya, President

Next PTSA Meeting is on Monday, February 11th 5:00 QLS library. There will be no meetings in December and January.

Snack Pack Fundraiser

We are extending the deadline to buy tickets for this popular fundraiser to **Friday, December 7th**. It will be on a cash only basis – no checks accepted. Please remember to return unsold tickets or the suggested donation to the office as soon as possible. Pick up for snack packs is on **Saturday, December 15th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

SCC (School Community Council)

Mrs. Lori Toyama, SCC Chair

Next SCC Meeting is on Thursday, December 13, 2007, 4:00- 5:30 p.m. QLS library. We will be discussing and finalizing the academic and financial plan which will be formally presented at the SCC Community Meeting #2 on December 17th. This AC FIN plan determines how we use our allotted funds to teach our children as well as school expenses.

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STUDENT COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

★ **HI-5¢ Recycling** – We have monthly pick ups by Honolulu Recovery Systems. Bring your recyclables to school to be turned into cash for our various enrichment programs and Student Council activities. The collection bins are near Room C-208. Tell your friends and family to save their recyclables to benefit our school. Mahalo for your generous donations!

★ **Holiday Door Decorating** – President Sheleg Dekalo announced at the last SCC meeting that Holiday Classroom Door Decorating will start soon. They had so much fun decorating at Halloween that they decided to do it again.

THE FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK CENTER

Check out our Family Resource Network Center (FRNC) located in the Admin Office! This is a community resource open to the public. We hope you will find our FRNC to be an easily accessible place where you can find information and resources on children and family-related issues and concerns.

The FRNC contains free materials on health and safety, children's growth and development, getting ready for school, dealing with financial strain, children with special needs, simple activities to promote learning, and much more. Our FRNC was developed with support from the University of Hawaii Center on the Family and the Department of Human Services. We are one of two locations in East Honolulu.

Highlights for this month are: Holiday Activity Sheets and Call 211.



COOL WEBSITES TO VISIT

www.loc.gov

Readable copies of rare children books and fun things to do online!

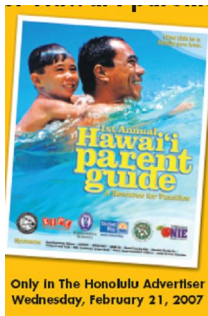
<http://familysupport.k12.hi.us>

Family Support Website



www.KaimukiHawaii.com

The latest happenings around town and our community.



The Hawaii Parent Guide published by the Honolulu Advertiser is now ONLINE. You can download a copy on the Family Support website at: <http://familysupport.k12.hi.us/> This informative guide has everything you wanted to know about resources available in Hawaii for your keiki.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

(Events, dates and times are subject to change – details to be announced)

December

6 – Kaimuki Christmas Parade 4:00 pm – meet at QLS Cafeteria

13 – SCC Mtg. 4:30 pm Library

15 – Snack Pack Fundraiser Pick Up 10-12

17 – Holiday Graham Cracker House Building, Performances & SCC Meeting #2 – 3:00-5:00 pm Cafeteria

20 – End of 2nd Quarter – **Half Day School**

21-31 – **WINTER BREAK**

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January

1-10 – WINTER BREAK

11 – Teachers' Work Day – No School

15 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library

21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

February

11 - PTSA Mtg. 5:00 Library

19 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library

18 – Presidents' Day – No School

20 – P/C Day – No School

March

11 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library

PTSA Mtg. TBA

14 – End of 3rd Quarter

17 – 31 – SPRING BREAK

April

FUN FREE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KEIKI

Honolulu City Lights

Opens December 1st. Food Booths, Keiki Rides on the grounds next to Honolulu Hale. Displays will be available through the new year.

Academy of Arts Bank of Hawaii Free Sunday

The third Sunday of every month is Bank of Hawaii Sunday with free admission for all. Enjoy live music and dance performances, videos, storytelling and other family friendly entertainment. Take a self directed gallery hunt. Activities include make and take art objects for keiki and adults. Phone: 532-8700.

Kama'aina Sundays at 'Iolani Palace

Both the Palace Galleries and docent-guided tours of the first and second floors are free of charge of Hawai'i residents (bring your state ID or Hawai'i driver's license) on one Sunday (usually the first Sunday) of most months. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The first tour of the day starts at 9:00 a.m. and the

7 - 11 – Hawaii State Assessment Testing

15 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library

PTSA Mtg. TBA

May

2 – P/C Day – No School

PTSA Mtg. TBA

16 – Field Day (details to be announced)

20 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library

22 – Talent Extravaganza 4-5:30 pm

26 – Memorial Day – No School

June

3 – Awards Assembly

4 – 6th Grade Graduation

5 – Last Day of School



last tour starts at 2:00 p.m. No reservations will be taken except for groups of 10 or more. Kama'aina Sundays are normally held on the first Sunday of the month, but check ahead because it can be scheduled otherwise. Komo mai! Phone: 522-0822

First Friday Honolulu

Downtown-Chinatown Gallery Walk, 5-9 pm, every first Friday of the month. Downtown galleries and studios open their doors for an evening celebrating artists, art and art making of all kinds. Affordable parking rates are available in the Municipal Parking garages – Alii Place, Chinatown Gateway, Hale Pauahi, Harbor Court, Harbor Village, Kekaulike Courtyard, Kukui Plaza, Marin Tower and Smith-Beretania. Information: www.artsatmarks.com

Sunset on the Beach – None scheduled this month

Kaimuki Public Library

1041 Koko Head Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816 Phone 733-8422

Hours: Mon, Tues 12-8, Wed, Thu 10-6, Fri Closed, Sat Closed, Sun 10-5. Borrow Books, videos & surf the web!

MISCELLANEOUS

Hawaii Shotokan Karate

Beginner's Karate Classes at Lili'uokalani School Cafeteria. Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Call 988-7128 for information and registration.

Email: hawaii-shotokan-karate@hotmail.com

Website: www.hawaii-shotokan-karate.com

Cornerstone Martial Arts

Teaching an eclectic system based on Jeet Kune Do, Shao Lin Kung Fu, and Chinese Kenpo with family values.

Beginner's Classes at Lili'uokalani School Cafeteria. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling 735-3486. Website: HawaiiKungFu.com

Pump It Up! 561-1000

Inflatable Bouncers & Party Rentals. Owner is a QLS dad who donates his service to our school functions!

Email: jeffreyyrenner@yahoo.com

Website: www.pumpitup.bizland.com

TRASH INTO TREASURE

HI 5¢ Recycling

We are collecting HI-5¢ bottles and cans. Please bring your recyclables to school to be turned into cash for our various enrichment programs. The collection bins are near Room C-208. Tell your friends and family to save their recyclables to benefit our school

Tyson Foods Project A+

Look for these labels on your Tyson brand products. Each label is worth 24¢! In your grocer's freezer section, look for Tyson Products that display the Project A+ logo. The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple 1, 2, 3 program steps.

Campbell's Brand Labels for Education

Save points from labels and lids from Campbell Brand products to earn merchandise for our school.

BoxTops For Education

Cut out and save these coupons on your favorite General Mills products. Ziploc Bags and Kleenex are some of the new items that you can find these coupons. They are worth 10 cents apiece! Have your family and friends collect them to send with your child to school.

Healthy Hawaii Schools

This program sponsored by Meadow Gold and Education Works gives credit for merchandise at the Education Works Store. Save the **UPC Codes** from the following Meadow Gold drinks - **One gallon (worth 20¢)** VIVA 2%, 1%, Fat Free milk and 1% Chocolate Milk. **Half gallon (worth 10¢)** Meadow Gold Skim, Egg Nog, VIVA Extra Calcium, 2%, 1% Acidophilus, Low Fat and Chocolate milk.

QLS ' OHANA PHOTOS



Holiday Fair – November 10, 2008



**Get Active with Ronald McDonald
November 15 - Grades K-3**



GLO Awards – November 21



Happy Thanksgiving!!!