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Principal's Message

Aloha,

The theme of this month's Principal's message is "Teamwork". Since arriving to QLS on July 1, 2007, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and work with this great faculty and staff. I would not trade my people for anyone else. They are knowledgeable, hard working and kind hearted.

The one group that I would like to highlight in this issue is our Educational Assistants and Skills Trainers. All together we have 19 individuals that are very good in what they do, and that is helping our children with special needs. At QLS, our E.A.s (Educational Assistants) and S.T.s (Skills Trainers) go above and beyond their normal duties in helping our school be a better place for our children to learn, make new friends and to enjoy a meaningful educational experience. A few have also risen in helping our front office with a clerical staff vacancy and a risky and dangerous morning parking/drop off period that is now operational and safe for everyone.

The Hawaiian term "Kinaole" as defined by George Kanahele, states that,

"The highest courage is to dare to be your self in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity... these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing."

This year I will work towards motivating our people to embrace this belief and ideology to move our school forward in being the best it can be.

I would also like to recognize Ms. Deanne Yoshioka, our Title I/Curriculum Coordinator. She is currently putting together a strong team of 4 academic tutors that will focus on our "gap" kids that are approaching proficiency in the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA). Again, this "teamwork" with hand selected tutors will assure that all of our children that are struggling with learning will receive specialized instructions for optimal success. Ms. Yoshioka is a former Title I linker that has brought her expertise and organizational skills to our school to assure that the learning "playing field" will be a level one for all of our children. We are hoping for a mid-November start.

On November 10, 2007 we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Holiday Fair. Please come out to enjoy what our staff has been planning since the start of school. Just to give you a heads up, if you enjoy silent auctions, this year is BIG! This was made possible by the incredible teamwork of Lori Yamada, Lori Toyama, Lori Seki (yes, all spelled the same too), Michelle Nakaya, and Janice Oshiro. Remember, proceeds go directly to our children through PTSA. Hope to see you there.

Mahalo and Aloha,
Kevin Yuen, Principal

Critical Thinking Skills for School and Beyond...
Help Your Child GLO!

You've seen it. You've heard it many times. 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 and questions, and suggestions to make this news-column helpful to you and your child. Address any notes to Faculty Critical Thinking Skills Committee, c/o QLS Office.



STUDENT HAPPENINGS

2007 – 2008 QLS Basketball Team coached by Mr. Wayne Matsukawa and student coach alumni Kimberly Sakamoto and Kaimana Lau are in top form practicing after school. They are an undefeated team (so far) in the elementary school league. Team members are: Duke Ahuna, Marivic Baoas, Nick Chun, Jack Faatilaga, Nicholas Gerber, Julian Iervolino, Anthony Lueke, Marcus Mafi, Stanley Perpignan, Shaye Simms and Kevin Williams. Give them a Hi-Five next time you see them on campus.



PCNC Happenings

Halloween Parade – It was quick and fun event this year. Due to the early dismissal of our students, we had to do an abbreviated version of our Halloween activity. During the lunch period we had judging of costumes by Batty Bob Swallow and other evil spirits roaming the cafeteria. Winners of the best costumes this year are: Lianna Craig as a poodle, Jenna Lee Clayton Reff as a mini ghouel, Jasmine Beverford as a Chinese empress, Maricor Baoas as a vampire and William Greene as a Zombie. Three of our adults were recognized but declined prizes: Wayne Matsukawa as Count Dracula, Kevin Yuen as the Iron Chef and Paul Aubin as Psycho's Mom. Mahalo to everyone who braved giving the costumed students candy and other treats during our parade.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming holiday activities – Annual Kaimuki Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 6 and QLS Holiday Activities on Monday, December 17. The Holiday Activities include Mini Graham Cracker House Building, 3rd Grade Students Performance, After School Program Performance and our 2nd SCC Community Meeting to present our Academic & Financial Plan. Pink legal sized flyers have been distributed – deadline to hand in forms is Monday, December 3rd. More flyers are available in the office if your child has mistakenly eaten it as candy....



Our 4th Grade Students invite you to our Holiday Fair!!

PTSA

By Michelle Nakaya, PTSA President

REMINDERS: Snack Pack money is due 11/15/07

Next meeting is 11/19/07 at 5:00 p.m!!!!

Dear QLS Parent,

Just a Reminder! On Saturday, November 10 we have our 2nd annual QLS Holiday Fair. It will be lots of fun for parents and children alike. We will have all of the usual events, food, booths, crafts, games and attractions. As most of you may know this will be our major fundraising event for the fall semester. The proceeds that we raise will go directly into your children's classroom and school. The PTSA decides what needs to be funded with input from the teachers, students, parents and administration. The proceeds are then allocated directly to these programs and needs.

We will have lots of children's activities provided by each classroom as well as vendors who will be coming in with crafts and items to purchase for your holiday gift giving. The Silent Auction which has been one of the growing areas of our Holiday Fair features generous donations from our local business community and parents. You will find an extensive list of gift certificates, products, services and activities to choose from. We even have a Big Island vacation to the Hilton Waikoloa! To grow our 2nd annual Holiday Fair and to help its success we are encouraging all families to invite their closest friends and relatives to join us for a day of fun.

Highlights of the Fair are: Fabulous Silent Auction – over 200 items listed; Grade Level Activity Booths – tricycle obstacle course, water game, ice cake and bake sale, rummage sale, funky hair spraying, bean bag toss, fishing game, country store, craft sale, tie dye and quilt raffle, ping pong toss, aquarium and basketball game and face painting; Yummy Food – teri hamburger, hot dogs, chips & drinks, spam musubi, Wilson Chun's famous noodles, shave ice, and PERHAPS a special home made treat by Principal Yuen. Jeffrey Renner's PUMP IT UP! Bouncer and Slide Bouncer Combo, Fashionista Jewelry and Clothing, Sandy Kahalewai's Special Stationery, Sandy Candy from Maui, Sketch N Ink T-shirt making, Discovery Toys and Tupperware are featured vendors. We will also be selling the Celebrate Kaimuki Kanikapila Coupon Books and Snack Pack Tickets. Please bring CASH. All transactions will be on a cash only basis.

"Looking forward to everyone attending Holiday Fair"

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Snack Pack Fundraiser – Tickets have gone out and is money is due on November 15th. At just \$5.00 a ticket, the snack pack contains old fashioned sweet li hing mui, gummy bears candy, crunchy mixed arare, li hing mango and happy plum candy. Distribution will be on Saturday, December 15th. YUM!

SCC (School Community Council)

Mrs. Lori Toyama, SCC Chair

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ono (Kael & Elora Goodness) for helping out in the office again. Ms. Florence Holtz continues to be a great help in the office working with our E.A.s in the front office answering phones and doing general office work.

Please attend our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 4:00 p.m. **NOTE THE NEW DATE & TIME!!** You can make a difference in the educational experience your child has at Queen Lili'uokalani School. We welcome Mr. Brian Kang as our Parent Representative (Melissa, Gr. K)!!

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! Its really adding up \$\$\$!!!

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 only one of two locations in East Honolulu. Highlighted brochures for this month are: Raise a Healthy Family with WIC, also Stretch Your Dollar and Hurricane/Tropical Storm Preparedness. A catalog to order government issued brochures is also available for your reference.



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)

November

1-2 – Parent Teacher Conferences
10 – QLS Holiday Fair – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Food, Family Fun and Vendors for your Holiday Shopping, Fabulous Silent Auction!
12 – Veterans' Day – **No School**
14 – P/C Day – **No School**
19 – PTSA Mtg. 5:00 pm Library
20 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library
22-23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – **No School**

December

6 – Kaimuki Christmas Parade 4:00 pm – meet at QLS Cafeteria – Return Forms by Dec. 3rd!!
10 – PTSA Mtg. 5:00 pm Library
13 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library
15 – **Snack Pack Fundraiser Pick Up**
17 – **Holiday Graham Cracker House Building, 3rd Grade & After School Programs Performances & SCC Meeting #2 – 3:00-5:00 pm Cafeteria- ho, ho, ho!**
20 – End of 2nd Quarter
21-31 – **WINTER BREAK**

January

1-10 – **WINTER BREAK**
11 – Teachers' Work Day – **No School**
14 – PTSA Mtg. 5:00 pm Library
15 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library
21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – **No School**

February

19 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library
TBA PTSA Mtg.
18 – Presidents' Day – **No School**
20 – P/C Day – **No School**

March

11 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library
TBA PTSA Mtg.
14 – End of 3rd Quarter
17 – 31 – **SPRING BREAK**

April

7 - 11 – **Hawaii State Assessment Testing Week**
TBA PTSA Mtg.
15 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library

May

2 – P/C Day – **No School**
TBA PTSA Mtg. TBA
16 – Field Day (details to be announced)
20 – SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm 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**



FUN FREE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KEIKI

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.

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 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 – No Sunsets Scheduled for November

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: hawaiishotokankarate@hotmail.com
Website: www.hawaii-shotokankarate.com

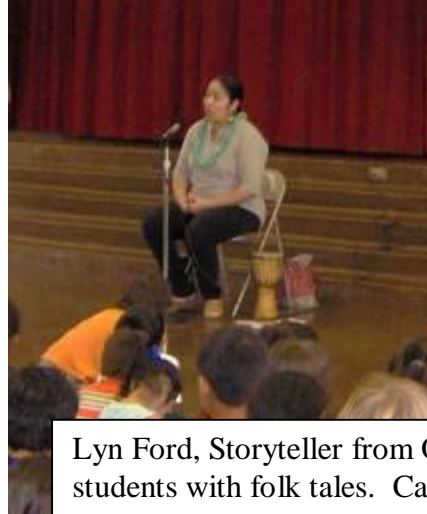
Pump It Up! 561-1000

Inflatable Bouncers & Party Rentals. Owner is a QLS dad who donates his service to our school functions!
Email: jeffreyrenner@yahoo.com
Website: www.pumpitup.bizland.com

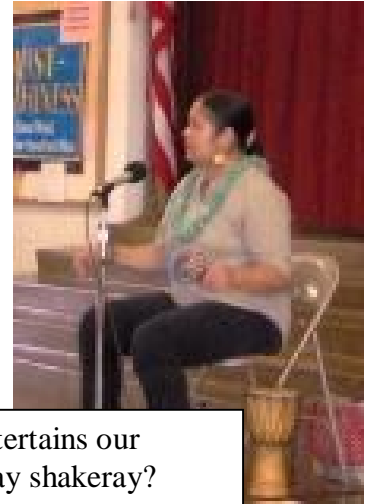
QLS 'OHANA PHOTOS



Iron Chef (pun intended) & his little beauties!



Lyn Ford, Storyteller from Ohio entertains our students with folk tales. Can you say shakeray?




Michael Wall, Percussionist introduces African rhythms to our students. Can you say bougarabou?



Parent Amy Ogasawara-Fukumoto spent her morning with Holiday Fair Preparations.



November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE COME TO OUR HOLIDAY FAIR NOV. 10				1 Parent/Teacher Conferences Snack Pack Tickets Distribution	2 Parent/Teacher Conferences	3 CELEBRATE KAIMUKI KANIKAPILA 9-3 Kaimuki Park
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 QLS HOLIDAY FAIR 10-3
11	12 VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY 	13	14 P/C DAY NO SCHOOL	15	16	17
18	19 PTSA Mtg. 5:00 pm Library	20 SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library	21 Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Mtg. 7 pm Cafeteria	22 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY 	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2007

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2	3 Deadline for QLS Holiday Activities & Parade forms	4	5	6 Kaimuki Christmas Parade 4:00 - 7:45 PM	7	8
9	10 PTSA Mtg. 5:00 pm Library	11	12	13 SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library	14	15 SNACK PACK PICK UP
16	17 QLS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 3:00 - 5:00 PM	18	19 Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Mtg. 7 pm Cafeteria	20 END OF 2 ND QUARTER	21 WINTER BREAK - 1/10/08	22
23 30	24 31 WINTER BREAK	25 Christmas Day WINTER BREAK	26 WINTER BREAK	27 WINTER BREAK	28 WINTER BREAK	29