



# The Queen's Tribune

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## Principal's Message

By Kevin Yuen

Welcome Back from Spring Break! I hope everyone took some time with family and friends and to do something fun. On March 25, 2008, I had a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Embark Program. This is where 16 fortunate guests (or DV - Distinguished Visitors) experienced flying to the aircraft carrier out at sea and to actually land on the moving vessel. Here we enjoyed learning of the many vital departments/sections in the operations of this "moving city". It was amazing to see and understand the tremendous teamwork and coordination by 5,000 personnel to succeed in their drills and missions. I was told that the average age of everyone on board was approximately 20 years old. This was amazing where we were able to actually see these brave young men and women execute complex mechanical and technological tasks. You would not believe how technologically advanced this aircraft carrier is. Everything that I witnessed was heavily influenced with the newest electronics in technology. When I asked crewmen working in the areas of electronic equipment diagnostics/maintenance, aircraft engine repair, global positioning systems, propulsion, and other technical areas if they had gone through any type of college coursework prior to doing their job, I was surprised to learn that most of their technical training actually came from the military training programs on board. One crewman mentioned that it is very important for every grade level student to receive rigorous foundational education in core subjects. This enabled him to learn and be successful in his specialized area. It was apparent that he was confident with the "skills" that he had upon entering the military and that he was able to connect this to what he was now responsible for. This "relevance" made his job more meaningful. I also feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to foster awareness and understanding of the role of carrier aviation.



Principal Kevin Yuen & Principal Justin Mew from Niu Valley Middle School ready to board!

On Tuesday April 1, 2008 our students will begin taking the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA). Our faculty and staff have worked very hard in teaching our students identified standards in core content areas. These assessments will identify the areas of strengths and areas where we may continually make instructional improvements here at Queen Lili'uokalani School. Data generated from these assessments are valuable tools that will be used to drive our academic and financial plans of the near future. Our teachers are utilizing the HSA data to make the wisest academic decisions for our students. Just like the young men and women of the USS Abraham Lincoln, we are focused and working together for our identified goal. To maximize success, the home and school together must support our children where they may develop a strong academic "foundation" as stated by the crewman. We are focused on "High Student Achievement".

***Vision – Queen Lili'uokalani School, a creative community where learning blossoms.***

## GLO AWARDS

The month of March did not have an award assembly due to the Spring Break and Intersession. In April we will have two assemblies. Watch for the pictures of our award winners in next month's issue. In the meantime, ask your child to explain what the GLOs mean.

1. Self-directed Learner (The ability to be responsible for one's own learning)
2. Community Contributor (The understanding that it is essential for human beings to work together)
3. Complex Thinker (The ability to demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving)
4. Quality Producer (The ability to recognize and produce quality performance and quality products)
5. Effective Communicator (The ability to communicate effectively)
6. Effective and Ethical User of Technology (The ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically)

### Hawaii Food Bank Annual Food Drive Classroom Competition

**Starts Monday, April 7th and ends Thursday, April 17th**



We will be having a classroom competition to see which grade level brings in the most food and monetary donations. The classroom that brings in the most donations at the end of the drive (Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>) receives an ice cream reward after lunch on **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Student volunteers will take charge and count the canned goods and monetary donations. Donation receipts are available on request. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lori Yamada, PCNC- 295-3294 or 733-4680.

### PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association)

**Mrs. Michelle Nakaya, President**

Next *PTSA Meeting is on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.* in the QLS library. Topic of discussion: Ideas about future fundraisers. Please attend. Your input is valuable.

### SCC (School Community Council)

Next *SCC Meeting is Tuesday, April 15 11th at 4:00-5:30 p.m.* QLS library. We regrettably announce that Mrs. Lori Toyama, presently our school's SASA, has resigned from her position as the SCC Chairperson.

SCC elections are coming up. Interested parties should come to our next meeting to see how the council works. We will determine the establishment of the concept of having a rotation system for classified and certificated members serving future terms.

### PCNC (Parent Community Networking Center)

**Ms. Lori Yamada**



#### **New Digs!**

During the Spring Break, I have been settling in to my new office space – the Library Workroom! This new location will be used for our after school enrichment programs and other activities that will be determined soon.

## National TV Turn Off Week

Encourage your family to take a break from the couch and participate in National TV Turn Off Week from April 21-27. During this week, everyone stops watching TV and spends time walking, talking, playing, listening to music or doing other fun activities that increase family time. For more information, visit [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org). An interesting research fact is "that for every hour of television children watch each day, their risk of developing attention-related problems later increases by ten percent. For example, if a child watches three hours of television each day, the child would be thirty percent more likely to develop attention deficit disorder – D. Christakis, Pediatrics, April 2004"

Editor's Note: I thought this is a good excuse to get away from the routine of watching the television and spending some quality time with your family members.



## "Children's Mental Health Matters "

Did you know that children and youth who get into trouble at home or in school may be suffering from depression?

Did you know that children with ADHD drop out of school ten times more than other children? Awareness is the first step in getting help for children who may have a mental health condition. Help promote mental wellness for Hawaii's children and youth during **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** (May 4-10, 2008). Activities are being planned throughout the State to raise awareness of children's mental health issues and what initiatives and programs help our children to thrive in their communities.



On Wednesday, May 8, Children's Mental Health Day, lend a "hand" by participating in a sign-waving event at a location nearest your school and showing your support. Contact Hawaii Families As Allies (HFAA) at 487-8785 or toll free 1-866-361-8825 for information about the event or to learn more about promoting mental wellness for your keiki. You can make a difference because "Children's Mental Health Matters!"

## THE FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK CENTER

**Free publications** are available at 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. This resource was developed with support from the University of Hawaii Center on the Family and the Department of Human Services. *Highlights for this month are: Teens and parenting support services and education, Directory of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs & Prevention Directory, and Tips for Teens.*

## COOL WEBSITES TO VISIT

### [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

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

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

Family Support Website



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.



### [www.KaimukiHawaii.com](http://www.KaimukiHawaii.com)

The latest happenings around town and our community.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

### April

**1 - 11 – Hawaii State Assessment Testing**

**7 - PTSA Mtg. 4:30 Library**

**15 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library**

### May

**2 – P/C Day – No School**

PTSA Mtg. TBA

**16 – Field Day (details to be announced)**

### 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. 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 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

#### **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](mailto:hawaii-shotokan-karate@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.hawaii-shotokan-karate.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:jeffreyyrenner@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.pumpitup.bizland.com](http://www.pumpitup.bizland.com)

**20 - SCC Mtg. 4:00 Library**

**22 – Talent Extravaganza 4-5:30 pm, Cafeteria**

**26 – Memorial Day – No School**

### June

**3 – Awards Assembly**

**4 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

**5 – Last Day of School**

#### **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](http://www.artsatmarks.com)

#### **Sunset on the Beach**

Free movie, live entertainment and food booths on Waikiki Queen Surf Beach. Festivities start at 5 pm. Movie starts at 7:00 pm. Scheduled for the following weekend – April 12 & 13 – Movies to be determined at this printing.

[www.sunsetonthebeach.net](http://www.sunsetonthebeach.net)

#### **Kaimuki Public Library – NEW HOURS**

1041 Koko Head Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816 Phone 733-8422

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **Common Grace by Pastor Ron Arnold**

Common Grace links volunteers from a local church with kids in a public school. The motto of Common Grace is "Matching the kindness of a local church with the needs of a kid in the public school." The first "partnership" between a church and a school was in 2003; it was between Kaimuki Christian Church and Queen Lydia Lili'uokalani Elementary. Now there are 36 church/school partnerships! For the past 5 years, volunteers from Kaimuki Christian Church, known as "Aunties" & "Uncles" or simply as "Buddies", have been spending an hour a week with a child at Lili'uokalani. We rely on the teachers for selection of Common Grace Kids, who secure permission from parents/guardians, and then seek to support the family and the school by being a caring friend. If you would like more information about Common Grace, go to [www.commongrace.org](http://www.commongrace.org) or contact Dee Arnold at [arnold.deanna@gmail.com](mailto:arnold.deanna@gmail.com) or 779-5381.

## 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.

## Jokes of the Month

Q: What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?

A: Flatman and ribbon.

Q: When is a car not a car?

A: When it turns into a garage.

Q: How much do pirates pay for their earrings?

A: a Buccaneer!

Q: Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door?

A: He wanted to win the No-bell prize.

Q: Why did the atoms cross the road?

A: It was time to split!

Q: What do you do when your chair breaks?

A: Call a Chairman.

Q: Why do eskimos wash their clothes in tide?

A: Because it's too cold out there!



Q: What kind of car does Luke Skywalker drive?

A: a Toy-yoda.

Q: What is the biggest pencil in the world?

A: Pennsylvania.

Q: David's father has three sons : Snap, Crackle and \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A: David

Q: What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money, a bed but doesn't sleep, and waves but has no hands?

A: a river.

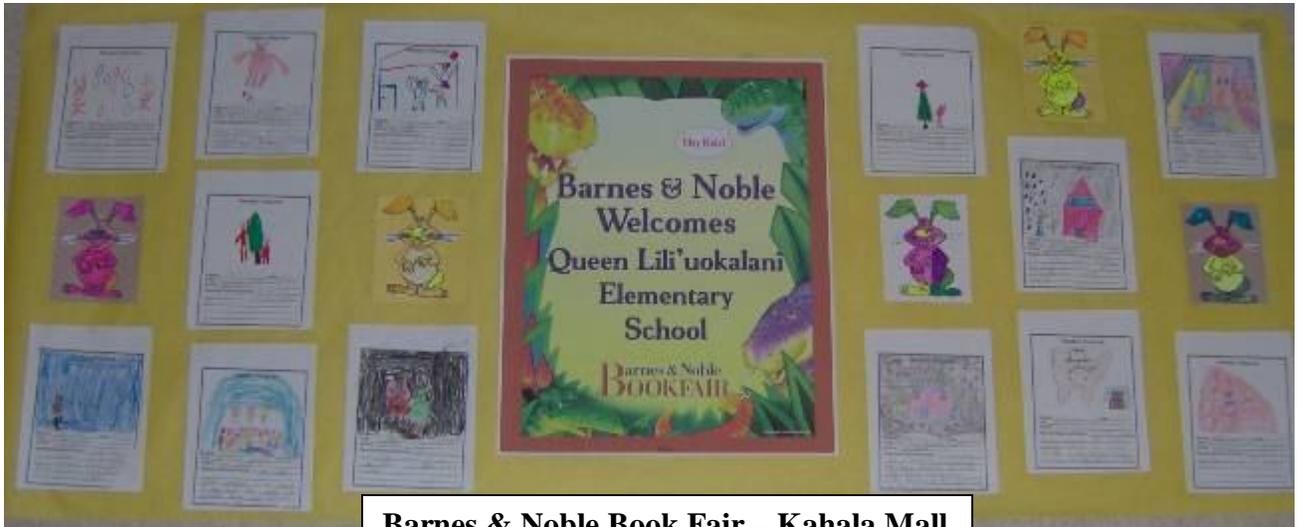
Q: A cowboy rode to an inn on Friday. He stayed two nights and left on Friday. How could that be?

A: His horse was called Friday.

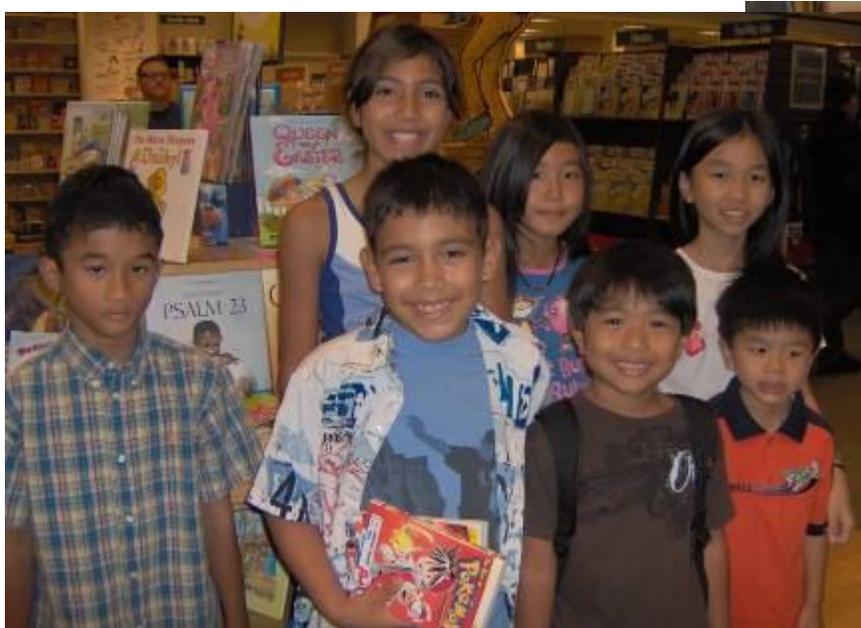
Q: If the red house is on the right side and if the blue house is on the left side where's the white house?

A: Washington DC

# QLS 'Ohana Photos



**Barnes & Noble Book Fair – Kahala Mall  
March 21, 22, & 23, 2008**





# April 2008

**HSA TESTING April 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Please do not schedule appointments during the testing period.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>HSA Testing starts this week</b>	1 April Fool's Day 	2	3	4	5
6	7 PTSA Mtg 4:30 pm Library	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 HSA Make Up	15 SCC Mtg 4:00 pm Library	16 Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Mtg. 7 pm Cafeteria	17	18 Food Drive Ends	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<b>Hawaii Food Bank Annual Food Drive April 7<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> – Please send a donation of food or cash to school with your child- Mahalo!</b>		

# May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 P/C DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 FIELD DAY School Activities	17
18	19	20 SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm Library	21 Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Mtg. 7 pm Cafeteria	22 TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA 4:00 – 5:30 pm Cafeteria	23	24
25 	26 HOLIDAY MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31