

# The Queen's Tribune

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### Principal's Message By Kevin Yuen

Aloha,

My first year as principal has been a wondrous experience, meeting such a great student body and an incredibly hard working faculty and staff. I enjoyed being with and observing our children in academic situations and in their free time/activities. We really do have a special bunch of kids!

This year, our teachers were very busy learning and conducting lessons in three brand new, DOE approved core curricula - Reading Street (language arts), Harcourt Science and Houghton Mifflin Social Studies. (We will continue the use of Everyday Math.). They have done a fantastic job in applying all three and aligning them with grade level benchmarks. We received great support from Ms. Estelle Wong, Kalani/Kaimuki Complex Area Superintendent (CAS), Ms. Connie Kalima, Kalani Complex SRS and her dynamic resource teacher team. Many thanks must go out to all of our teachers, Ms. Yoshiki, Mrs. Fujiuchi, Mrs. Cornwell, Ms. Doi, Ms. Wilmington, Mrs. Kuraya, Mrs. Kurihara, Ms. Egan, Mrs. Webb and Mr. Aubin, for their love for our children and their time and efforts. Ms. Janice Oshiro, SSC and Ms. Denise Webb, SPED GLC have provided tremendous consideration and coordination for our entire SPED population. I am equally proud of the rest of our instructional staff and our educational assistants who, without their efforts, our children would not have the same care and success in their learning experiences. BIG Mahalo for the efforts from our office staff, health aide and custodians, who keep our school's operations working smoothly. Special thanks to Ms. Lori Yamada, PCNC and Ms. Michelle Nakaya, PTSA who have planned and delivered our enrichment courses and school's activities to help make school "fun" for everyone, and Mr. Brian Kang, new SCC Chairman for taking on this daunting task. Also, a "Gig or Mig" (whatever it is) of thanks to Mr. Tavis Kagawa, Technology for laying a strong tech foundation with the development of our new tech plan, "mouse club" and computer education instructions. I appreciate all of you. Parents and friends of Queen Lili'uokalani School can be assured that student achievement and the "well being" of our children are in very good hands. I am very proud of our Team.

As for next school year, many of you may already know that several of our staff members will not be returning. Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Kurihara, Ms. Egan, Mr. Aubin, Mrs. Yoshioka and Ms. Erika (ELL). We wish them well in their new endeavors and are grateful for their contribution to the QLS family this past year. Several new hires are already in place to help continue our programs and traditions. With many DOE principals attending the Model School Conference in Florida this June, everyone can expect to see new and exciting educational practices influence student achievement. The 3 R's (Rigor, Relevance and Relationships) will be a key focus in reshaping how we inspire student learning. An emphasis towards "Specialty Schools" is about to emerge where Queen Lili'uokalani School has already started looking into its options in understanding and forming our new belief of "who we are". Thank you everyone. Remember, "It takes a village to raise a child". To all who may be reading this message, "please take the time to get involved and to make a difference". Mahalo.

## Parents and Guardians of QLS Students

IMPORTANT! Be sure to fill out registration and student information completely. Lack of some key data could affect our school's funding for the next school year

### Field Day, May 16, 2008 By Janice Oshiro, SSC

Thank you to all the students, faculty, staff, Honolulu District resource teachers, and other volunteers who supported this year's field day event. The event was a culminating activity of physical fitness skills practiced throughout the year during P.E. Despite the heat and voggy conditions, the students had a fabulous time while gaining physical fitness benefits.



## **QLS HSA Science Proficiency** By Carolyn Ohara, Counselor

We recently received Science Assessment reports for the HSA Science test administered to fifth graders last October. Congratulations are in order for grade 5 students and their teachers. This test reflects science knowledge and skills taught in previous years. According to the report,

The State's average fifth grade science score is 280 (Approaches Proficiency range)

The Complex Area's average is 305 (Meets Proficiency)

QLS's average score is 303 (Meets Proficiency)!!

A copy of the School Report has been routed to all classroom teachers. WAY TO GO!

#### **Internet Wit & Wisdom**

Do you know what the word FAMILY means? FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

E.A., Bonnie Lee sent: Do you have a Hawaii Library Card? Borrow library material in the comfort of home. Log in to Horizon Information Portal at <a href="http://ipac.librarieshawaii.org/#focus">http://ipac.librarieshawaii.org/#focus</a>. You can reserve CD's, DVDs, books, etc. - a postcard will be sent to you when ordered items are available for pick up. Click on My Account and enter your card's barcode number and PIN number which is your last four digits of your phone number. Just make sure the Library has your latest information logged in.

Let the kids play, learn, and earn prizes at <u>www.uboost.com</u>. It's a safe site, sponsored by Weekly Reader, where parental permission is required. Parents can also deactivate the account at any time. Check it out! The games are FUN for adults too!

**Charles Schultz Philosophy -** The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the e-mail straight through, and you'll get the point.

- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
- 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
- 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

'Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia ' (Charles Schultz)

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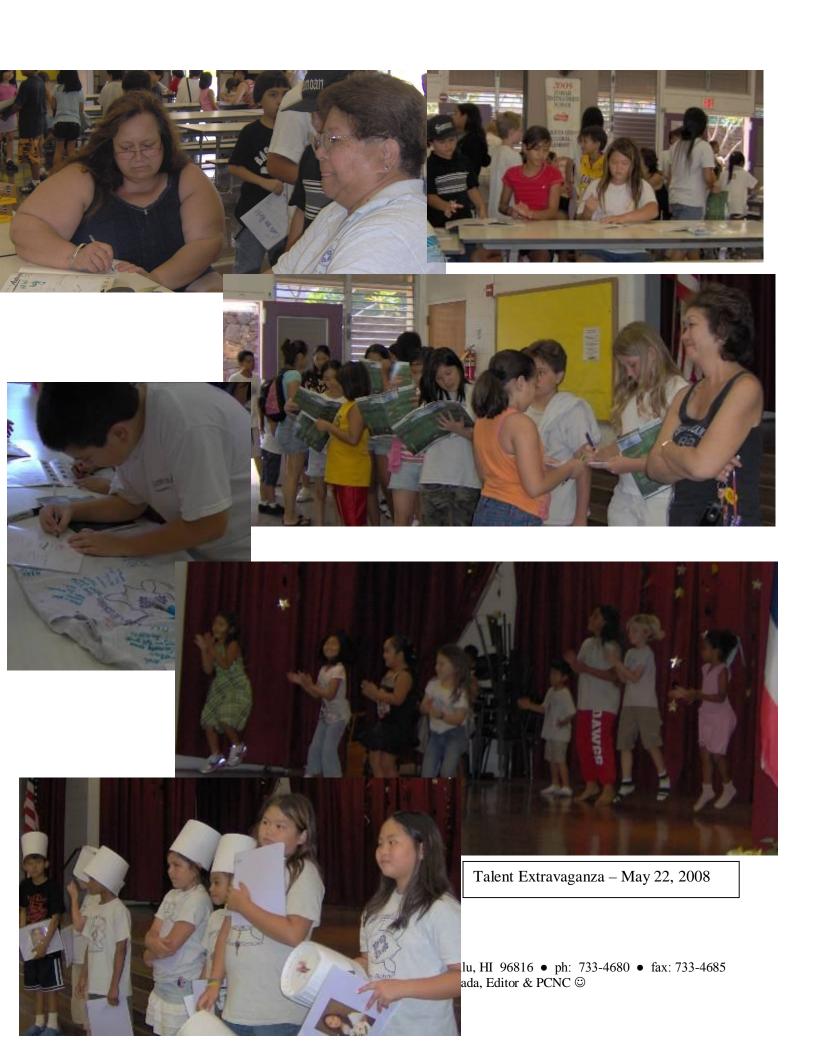
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## Queen Lili'uokalani School's 2008-2009 Calendar

Jul 24: First day for Teachers Jul 30: First day for Students Aug 15: Statehood Day September 1: Labor Day Oct 6-10: Fall Break

Oct 13: Teacher Institute Day\*\*

Nov 4: Election Day Nov 11: Veterans' Day Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day

Nov 28: Holiday

Jan 12: Teacher Work Day Jan 19: Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day February 16: Presidents' Day Mar 23-April 3: Spring Break Mar 26: Prince Kuhio Day April 10: Good Friday May 25: Memorial Day

Dec 22-Jan 09 : Winter Break

June 8: Last Day for Students June 9: Last Day for Teachers

School starts on July 30

Tentative Planning & Collabration 07/28/08 - Waiver Day

07/29/08 - PC Day

09/05/08 - Complex Waiver Day

10/14/08 - PC Day 12/01/08 - PC Day 06/08/09 - PC Day

1st Qtr: 07/28/08-10/03/08 2nd Qtr: 10/04/08-12/19/08 3rd Qtr: 01/13/09-03/20/09 4th Qtr: 04/06/09-06/09/09

#### Teachers' Work Year

1st Semester: 07/24/08-12/19/08 2nd Semester: 01/12/09-06/09/09

#### Students' Work Year

1st Semester: 07/30/08-12/19/08 2nd Semester: 01/13/09-06/08/09

\*\*Teacher Institute Day Tentatively Scheduled for: Oct 13

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Parent Calendar Rev: 05/06/2008