

# King William C. Lunalilo Elementary School

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## Parent Bulletin November 2017

Growing, Caring, Learning... We are a team.  
Pursuing Excellence...Empowering All

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### *BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION leads the way to make Hawaii fossil fuel free*

This month we had a visit from the Blue Planet Foundation. They are a local nonprofit organization committed to making Hawaii 100% clean energy and leading the way for global change. Griffith Jurgens, Blue Planet's Education and Outreach Coordinator came to educate the 4<sup>th</sup> graders about fossil fuels and renewable energy as they are currently learning about these topics in their science classes. His discussion included making minor changes like changing normal incandescent lightbulbs to LED lightbulbs to making major changes like purchasing an electric vehicle or purchasing entire solar panel systems for their homes. Mr. Jurgens had the students commit to make one change in their homes. Most of the students committed to switch out an incandescent lightbulb in their home to an LED lightbulb. That's a start to move in the direction of being fossil fuel free.

### Upcoming Events and Activities

Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Holiday ( <b>NoSchool</b> )
Nov. 24	School Holiday ( <b>Office Open</b> )
Nov. 30	WMS Choir/Orchestra Assembly
Dec. 21	End of Quarter 2
Dec. 22- Jan 4	Winter Break
Dec. 25	Christmas Day ( <b>Office closed</b> )
Jan. 1	New Year's Day ( <b>Office closed</b> )
Jan. 8	Students return to school



## THANKSGIVING FACTS



**Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.**

**Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.**

**Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space** after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.

**The heaviest turkey on record**, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, weighs 86 pounds.

**Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble.** Only male turkeys gobble.

**The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621** and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days.

**Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until over 200 years later!** Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who actually wrote the classic song "Mary Had a Little Lamb," convinced President Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, after writing letters for 17 years campaigning for this to happen.

**Presidential pardon of a turkey:** Each year, the president of the U.S pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947. President Obama pardoned a 45-pound turkey named Courage, who has flown to Disneyland and served as Grand Marshal of the park's Thanksgiving Day parade!.

### **Faculty Staff and Students Share THINGS I AM THANKFUL FOR...**

**Miley V. A6-**I am thankful for having friends and a family that loves me.

**Hanna A. A6-**I am thankful for taking care of me and protecting me.

**Ilaisa M. A5-**I am thankful for having my grandma back from Texas.

**John C., Keani M., Kayli T.-A9-**I am thankful for my family.

**Shanri M.L. A4-**I am thankful for my teacher, my family, my friends and my school.

**Ms. Misha and Ms. Jane-**I am thankful for good health, my family and friends.

**Ms. Bonne-**I am thankful for living in beautiful Hawaii and my family and friends.

**Mr. Kolbeck-**I am thankful for blue skies, trade winds, and Hawaiian Sunsets.

**Ms. Kantrowitz-** I am thankful for all the people I work with each and every day strive to impact our students learning and help each child find success.

**Mr. Viernes-** I am thankful for my health, my family, and for having a job that can make a difference in student's lives.

## **THE 1ST ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL MUSIC AWARDS AND MUSIC EDUCATION BENEFIT**

Representatives from Lunalilo School, including Principal Amy Kantrowitz, School Community Council President Brenda Nakamura and her assistant, Nathan Toyama, Lunalilo Community School Association President Evelyn Mizukami, Grade 3 teacher, Joy Buckland and Vice Principal Michael Viernes attended this extraordinary fundraiser on November 4 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The night was filled with entertainment honoring Don Ho and Tom Moffat. Performances by Michael Paulo, Yvonne Elliman, Glenn Medeiros, and Randy Lorenzo, just to name a few. Lunalilo School was chosen as one of the beneficiaries of this extravaganza. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Thompson for creating this wonderful opportunity for Hawaii's children and for the future of music in Hawaii.

### **LUNALILO GRADE 5 STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO THE PUEO PROGRAM**

Congratulations **Sage Villaplaza** who was accepted into the PUEO Program. She will be attending Punahou summer school starting this summer until the summer before she graduates from high school.



The Clarence T.C. Ching PUEO Program at Punahou School - PUEO stands for Partnerships in Unlimited Educational Opportunities - was designed to inspire students to pursue a college education. The scholarship Sage received is worth more than \$14,000 dollars and will support her academically and socially as she gains the skills and abilities to pursue her college dreams! Congrats again to SAGE!

### **FRANK DE LIMA VISITS LUNALILO, BUT IT WAS NOT ALL LAUGHING MATTER...**



Frank De Lima presented to Grades K-3 at Lunalilo School on November 9, but it was not only jokes. One topic focused on skills the kids would need now so they can be successful in the future. For example, he told them about the importance of staying focused. He told the students to stay focused so they are able to complete their assignments and so the teacher knows they are paying attention. He made this connection with the world of work where an employee must stay focused to get the job done right and on time. Along with this, he performed his own version of a popular Bruno Mars song "That's What I Like" to end the assembly. The students were taught to be kind, be healthy, focus and do well in school. Thank you Frank De Lima for your words of wisdom and for your wonderful entertainment. See you again in the future.

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GET YOUR  
FLU SHOT**

## **HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PARTNERS WITH LUNALILO SCHOOL TO KEEP STUDENTS HEALTHY!**

On November 7, 2017, the Hawaii State Department of Health gave flu shots to Lunalilo's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. As part of an annual flu clinic, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were provided an opportunity to get flu shots. All of the students were anxious as they stood in line, but felt relaxed after the shot was administered. Thank you Hawaii State Department of Health for getting the flu vaccine to our special 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

## **SCHOOL HOLDS COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETING**



On November 13, a group of teacher leaders spent the day looking at school data and reflecting on practices to determine the needs of our students here at Lunalilo School. The CNA or Comprehensive Needs Assessment is an annual meeting that analyzes the school's data which includes demographics, discipline, and evaluations. Teachers and administrators then determine student needs and make recommendations of programs and strategies to use to help all of our students become successful and work to their potential.

*From the Faculty and Staff at Lunalilo Elementary School:*

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

A cartoon illustration featuring Charlie Brown from the Peanuts comic strip. He is standing on the left, holding a large roasted turkey on a platter. To his right is Snoopy, dressed as a chef in a white hat and apron, holding a small red object. Above Snoopy is Woodstock, a small yellow bird. The background is plain white.