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Growing, Caring, Learning... We are a team.

Pursuing Excellence...Empowering All

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BLUE ZONES PROJECT®

Did you know that Lunalilo Elementary School is in a “Blue Zone” project area? Do you want to live a longer life? The Blue Zone Project encourages workers in the community and residents to live healthy, happy lives by building strong social connections throughout the community. *The Blue Zones Project* was born out of National Geographic explorer Dan Buettner’s eight-year examination of communities across the globe where people were happily living the longest. A team of medical researchers, anthropologists, demographers, and epidemiologists uncovered nine common characteristics that help identify a path for up to 12 extra years of life, regardless of geographic location. These shared lifestyle behaviors are known as the Power 9® and focus on helping people move naturally, eat wisely, connect with others, discover purpose, and change their environments. (Quoted from the <http://www.healthways.com/bluezonesproject>). Lunalilo Faculty and staff have pledged to take an environmental approach to live longer and better by making healthy living choices. The school is in the process of taking a personal pledge meet new people and support new friendships, and live a healthy lifestyle and to help make the community a better place to live. Please join us as we begin to take action with the Blue Zone Project. We had 72% of our faculty sign up for healthy initiatives and we want you to get involved too. Together, we can lower obesity rates and chronic disease to create a healthier, happier place to learn, play, work and live.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from
October 30 –November 3

During Parent-Teacher Conferences school will end each day at 12:45pm. Please make appropriate arrangements for your child to be picked up from school on time. Thank you.

Upcoming Events and Activities

September 29	Recycling Day, Drop off your HI-5 bottles and cans First quarter ends
October 5	Math Night @5:30 in the cafeteria
October 9-13	Fall Break, No School For Students
October 16	Waiver Day, No School For Students
October 20	Smile: Make Up Photos
October 27	Recycling Day, Drop off your HI-% bottles and cans Report Cards Go Home
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	Parent –Teacher Conferences, School ends at 12:45 pm
October 31	Halloween Parade for (Kindergarten and Grade 1)

Visitors Guidelines: Lunalilo School welcomes you as a visitor to our school. However to promote student safety, we ask that all visitors sign in at the office and receive a “visitor’s badge” before entering the campus. This will assist the school in monitoring the presence of “strangers” on campus. As a courtesy to our faculty and staff, please prearrange the date and time of your visitation.



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Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

- ❖ For the safety of our students, please use the designated student drop off area on Fern Street when dropping off or picking up your child from school.
- ❖ Please do not park on Hauoli Street because it blocks delivery trucks and backs up traffic. Because parking is limited, we need everyone’s cooperation to help keep our students safe and traffic flowing. As a note, the Honolulu Police Department has been known to frequently ticket the area!
- ❖ The Parking Lot by the cafeteria is designated for employee parking only. The lot is closed to all vehicles except faculty and staff. There are no visitor stalls in this lot.

- ❖ We ask that parents kindly use only the parking spaces designated as “visitor parking.” All other spaces are reserved for faculty and staff.
- ❖ As a reminder, only people with handicapped parking permits may use the handicapped parking stalls.
- ❖ Please drive respectfully and courteously. Do not speed and zoom in and out of the drop off areas.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our students safe!

Lunalilo Recycling Project



Lunalilo Elementary school will hold **a monthly recycling drop off on the last Friday of each month.** Money earned from recycling will go to support student programs, projects and needs at Lunalilo Elementary school. We hope you save your bottles and cans and continue to participate in this monthly community service project. Drop off will be the last Friday of every month by the front office.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTEND THE GOLDEN MOMENT ICE SHOW!

Thank you to the Always Dream Foundation who provided our Kindergarten students and a parent tickets to attend the Golden Moment Extravaganza! On Sunday, September 10, 2017 our kindergarten students were treated to an amazing performance by Kristi Yamaguchi, Olympic Gold Medalist, and a troupe of world champion skaters who shared their amazing talents. Our students were excited when Kristi Yamaguchi gave a shout out to Lunalilo School during the show! The Always Dream Foundation

focuses on the importance of early literacy and proceeds from the show go to support the students in Hawaii. Lunailo School students have access to many books on character education that teach students how to make positive choices, preserve and develop good character traits.

Thank you, Always Dream Foundation for gifting us with the wonderful opportunities for reading and free tickets to the ice show!

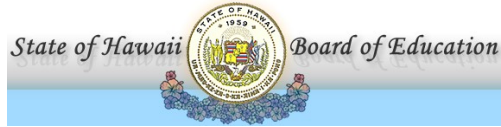


FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS DUE

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications must be turned in and approved by **September 18, 2017**. All students who have not completed an application for the 2017-2018 school year and received verification of approval will be charged full price for lunch starting September 19, 2017. Any school lunch loans that have been made prior to an application being approved must be repaid. Please feel free to contact the Meal Ticket Clerk at 973-0270 if you have any questions.

Campus Supervision: Due to limited supervision before and after school, students should arrive on campus no earlier than 7:30am unless participating in our breakfast program or before school program. . Students must leave campus promptly at the end of school unless asked to remain by a teacher or they are participating in our A+ after school program. The school day ends at 2:15pm every day except Wednesdays when students are released at 1:00pm. Please make certain students are picked up promptly. If students are found loitering unattended on campus 15 minutes after the bell rings, parents will be called to pick up their child. Please cooperate and do not leave your child unattended .

Homework Requests for Students: Parents should submit homework requests to the school office at the time an absence is called in, but no later than 11:00 am. Although teachers will make every effort to make homework available at the end of the school day, there will be no assurance that homework will be ready for pick up on the same day if the request is made after 11:00am. Homework will be placed in the homework drop off box in the administrative office within one half hour after the end of the school day for parents to pick up.



POLICY 101-14 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/PARTNERSHIP

In setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to effective engagement/partnership implementation, the Board acknowledges the importance of administrative leadership at all levels, including its own. Therefore, the Board directs the Department to establish an organizational culture characterized by practices and programs that build and sustain positive and engaged relationships with families and communities by:

Building the capacity of staff and families to engage in partnerships;

Aligning with school achievement goals and connecting families to the teaching and learning goals for the students;

Taking a comprehensive and coordinated approach to family school engagement and community partnerships;

Addressing family school engagement/partnership in strategic planning processes;

Assigning formal responsibility, accountability and necessary authority for engagement/partnership implementation to appropriate staff at the State, Complex Area and School levels;

Embracing the diverse cultures, languages, strengths and needs of all families;

Providing adequate and appropriate time, resources and opportunities to include families in the design, implementation, evaluation and oversight of all relevant programs and services.

Establishing statewide standards, administrative guidelines, associated metrics/indicators, timelines and reporting requirements that support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of family and community engagement/partnerships based upon national evidence-based best practices including, but not limited to:

Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community—Families are active participants in the life of the school and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

Standard 2: Communicating effectively—Families and school staff engage in regular two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.

Standard 3: Supporting student success—Families and school staff continuously partner to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

Standard 4: Speaking up for every child—Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

Standard 5: Sharing power—Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Standard 6: Engaging/partnering with community—Families and school staff engage/partner with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

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Former policy 2403 history: approved: 05/03/2001; revised: 09/18/2003



- Playground equipment is for school use only, during school hours, and supervised by trained school personnel.
- The nearest community park for your use is diagonally across the street, next to the McCully Recreation Center.
- Please refrain from coming onto campus during non-school hours, including holidays and weekends.
- Please refrain from skateboarding, bike riding, and bringing dogs on campus.

Please kokua and keep our school safe and clean.





Counselor's Corner

Our Counseling Team, Darren Yamabe and Krista Wells welcome you to September! This month our focus is on skills for learning. Using our new social and emotional learning program called Second Step program we teach and encourage good learning habits. This month we are working on **listening skills, focusing attention, using positive self-talk and being assertive.** These skills are not only good for learning at school but for learning at home!

The counseling team has some great projects and events planned for this school year that will help all of our students to become more successful in many ways – socially, emotionally, and academically. Their main goal is to help all students achieve and at the same time help them develop holistically. Our counselors provide individual and group support as well as teach character education. Here is some other great programs that are going at school on to support our students...

- The **“Second Step”** program is being used in all classrooms to support Social-Emotional **Learning and teaches** our children to manage their feelings, how to show empathy for others and to develop skills to focus better in class.
- Our **Peer Mediators are** a group of student volunteers committed to helping students resolve conflicts peacefully and to remind others to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
- **“Caught Being a HAWK” is behavior incentive program** rewards our students for following our Lunalilo Behavior Expectations and exemplify Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviors. Students are recognized for earning signatures given by faculty for outstanding behavior that can be exchanged for items that can be “bought” at our HAWK store.
- **Mindful Morning Club** is a chance for students to join together before school to practice yoga-type stretches and breathing techniques that help them learn how to calm themselves down and become more mindful.
- **Malama Honua Club** is helping students become connected with caring for the earth at our school by pulling weeds, planting, and watering plants on our school campus.

LUNALILO COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Parent Teacher Association

Contact the School if you are interested in a position on the
LCSA Executive Board for
2017-2018



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