

Lanikai School News



June 3, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported and encouraged your children and helped to make it a very successful school year. Please visit our NEW website (www.lanikaielementary.com) over the summer for links about literacy programs and other ways to keep your child academically challenged during the break. Our new website looks great and is very easy to navigate. A special thanks goes to Cj Baehr, Ilan Noy, and Cynthia Fong for all of the hours that they have spent to get the site up and running.

The first day for students in the 2009/10 school year will be 7/30/09. We will hold a meet-and-greet/open house sometime in July. You will be notified once the date is confirmed.

Thank you to all of our outgoing board members: Ronni Willkie, Darraghlynn Lee and Ilan Noy. We greatly appreciate all of the hours of volunteer service that they have provided during their terms in office.

Congratulations to all of the 6th grade graduates. I wish you success in your future academic careers. You have been an outstanding class and you will be missed.

Unfortunately we will be losing several of our full-time staff members next year. Mrs. Danielle Clark, our counselor, is moving with her family to Japan, where her husband will be stationed. There is no way to measure the outstanding gifts of her presence at Lanikai. Students, parents, and staff will all miss her and we wish her well. Others who will be leaving include Ms. Arban, part of the third grade team, and Mrs. Lemes, math teacher for the fifth/sixth grade team. Mrs. Purtell, and Ms. Phillips, outstanding teachers in second and fourth grades respectively, will be returning to the mainland. We send these new friends off with fond memories and with sincere thanks for the fine way in which they have consistently served our students.

On my mind - and on yours, too, I expect - is the economy and how public schools will be required to respond to budget cuts. We are making every effort to minimize staff cuts, but some of even our highly valued people and programs must go. Sadly we will lose Miss Tina and her PSAP program as well as Sensei Mieko Bisch and her Japanese classes. Our best wishes and warmest aloha go to each of them.

Have a safe and happy summer! Keep your kids reading, learning, and engaged. I encourage you to build some great memories: go to the beach, take lots of pictures, read some good books, and laugh a lot. We'll see most of you back in just nine weeks.

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June Calendar

Check www.lanikaielementary.com for changes and updates.

- 6/5 6th Grade Graduation 8:30 AM- Boat Cruise 10:00 AM -3 PM
6/5 Classroom Parties – picnics - 11:30 Please pack a lunch.
6/8 4th quarter awards ceremony 8:30 AM
6/8 Field Day 10:00 -11:30
6/8 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - 11:30 dismissal
7/30 First Day of School for 2009-2010 School Year

JPOs Score 100 Points at Statewide Competition

Our JPOs competed with teams from the entire state on Friday, 5/22, and received 100 points, or a **PERFECT** score during their competition. The event was held at Kapiolani Park and all attending report having had a great day. Mr. Rocky has led the JPO group for many years here at Lanikai and is very proud of the group this year. They have demonstrated a high level of maturity, discipline, and leadership, and we should all be very proud of their accomplishments. On Friday, 5/29, our JPO group was treated to a day at Hawaiian Water Park as a reward for their consistent work this year in keeping all of our students safe during drop off and pick up.

Thanks again for a great year, Team JPO!

Mrs. Kristi 's book nominated for Ka'Palapala Po'Okela Award

Mrs. Kristi's most current children's book, "Hoku the Stargazer," was nominated for the 2009 Ka' Palapala Po'Okela award. This award is presented by the Hawaii Book Publishers Association. It is an honor to be nominated, and we are proud of her accomplishment.

**FREE SUMMER FUN FOR FAMILIES
AT THE THIRD ANNUAL UH KIDS FIRST! FILM FESTIVAL
AND
THE EARTHDANCE SHORT-ATTENTION-SPAN ENVIRONMENTAL
FILM FESTIVAL**

The University of Hawai'i KIDS FIRST! Film Festival, presented by UH Manoa Outreach College, returns with another summer of quality family fun. Last year, the locally curated UH Festival garnered the "Best Community Film Series" award at the national KIDS FIRST! Best Awards in Hollywood. This year, the Festival is paired up with the *EarthDance* Short-Attention-Span Environmental Film Festival to give families five Sundays of entertainment—and eco-tainment—at an affordable price—free!

The **KIDS FIRST! Film Festival screens on June 14 & 28 and July 12 & 19**; the ***EarthDance* Short-Attention-Span Environmental Film Festival for families screens on July 26**. All films are at **3:00pm** in the **UH Manoa Art Auditorium**. Door prizes are given at the film screenings. For complete information, including film synopsis, visit www.outreach.hawaii.edu/summer.

[Please also see the attached document for more information.](#)