

# E K O M O M A I

## Congratulations - Hanalei School Spelling Bee Participants

Congratulations students Jason Burton and Sophia Scully for representing Hanalei School at the District Spelling Bee. Sophia is one of two participants advancing to the State Spelling Bee on O'ahu in March. Good luck Sophia! The Garden Island did a nice write up of the island competition- check it out [here](#).



### January- February

Jan. 22 - 2nd Qtr Report Cards go home  
 Jan. 25 - SCC Meeting, 2:30pm  
 Feb. 6 - PTSA General membership meeting, 7:50am in the Cafeteria  
 Feb. 13 Teachers Institute Day - No School  
 Feb. 19 Presidents Day - No School  
 Feb. 26 East Complex Waiver Day for Teacher Professional Development - No school  
 Feb 23 - Talent Show - Registration forms go home next week  
 March 7 - Hawaiiiana Day  
 March 19 - 23 Spring Break - No School

*If you haven't provided your email please do so by emailing [kdoi@hanalei.k12.hi.us](mailto:kdoi@hanalei.k12.hi.us) The newsletter is also posted on our website: <http://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us/>*



## Mark you Calendar.....

**February 9, 2018 @ 6:00 PM @ Hanalei School Cafeteria; community screening for parents only of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age.**

This screening is sponsored by the PTSA, more information about this event will be coming home soon.

## Needed: Donated CD Players

We need about 4 CD players to run a program in lower elementary classes that requires use of compact discs.

## False Alarm

Many of us will not soon forget waking up to a ballistic missile threat headed to the Hawaiian Islands and the call to take cover. With that said, the event did help each of us take stock of our plans, preparedness, and emotional state, should this come up again. At Hanalei School, we have a number of emergency drills we practice regularly. The drill for a missile threat is to Shelter-In-Place, the whole school reports to the library to take shelter. That is the procedure Hanalei School would have followed if school had been in session during the false alarm. According to Elton Ushio, Administrator with Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA)- formerly Civil Defense, we should prepare just like we would for a hurricane, and shelter in place. Schools are advised to have 48 hours of food stored, access to a restroom and water. The Hanalei School library is equipped with the recommended provisions and we continue to analyze our procedures to ensure this plan comprehensive and communicated to our students, staff and families in an effective manner. If you have any questions about these procedures, please schedule an appointment with Ms. Stein to discuss. Below are links specific to Hanalei School and links to get more information on emergency preparedness related to nuclear threats:

[KEMA Response](#)

[Hanalei School Shelter-in-Place Map](#)

[DHS Nuclear Blast Guidelines](#)

[HiEMA Nuclear Threat Guidelines](#)

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## Goal-Setting Campaign

As we started the second semester of the school year, our staff was busy analyzing student data to identify the school wide practices that contributed to data results. This effort helped us identify areas of strength as well as plan for revising practices to better improve student outcomes in identified areas. When students returned back to school on January 8, we wanted to engage them in the same process of setting a goals for the second semester- a personal goal along with an academic (or school) goal. This was timely because many students had heard their parents setting New Year's resolutions, and many students thought that was what we were asking them to do- a happy coincidence. Whatever the motivation, students were interested in writing their goals and had lots to say on this matter. Over the course of the two weeks since returning to school, a number of students were interviewed on the morning school announcements to talk about their school goal and their academic goal. Here are two of them:

- 1st grader Reyla said, "My personal goal is to get better at snorkeling- Lydgate is where I go to snorkel. I plan to swim more at the pool to get stronger at swimming. An academic goal I have is to do better on math tests. I can do this if I study more after school, maybe for 20 minutes, so I can get better at math and do better on the test."

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## Goal-Setting Campaign - Continued

- 6th grader Jason said, "My personal goal is to get more fit. I would like my mom to get a treadmill but until then, I am doing jumping jacks and running. An academic goal I have is to get better at handwriting. I can do this by writing every day in my English journal."

All students will be creating a personal and an academic goal. We plan to post student goals around campus at the start of February. As we continue through this semester, we will periodically ask students to reflect on their goals and determine what else might be needed to meet those goals by May. Please ask your child what they wrote down for their personal and academic goal.

### Example: Grade 1



1-11-18  
Setting new years resolutions is  
a great idea. My first resolution is  
to work on my friendships. When  
I work on my friendships it will make  
me happy. My second resolution is  
counting on money. When I'll  
learn to count money I'll get a  
kitten. I have resolutions.

### Example: Grade 2

#### My Goals for 2018

My school goal is to get  
better grades in math.  
I plan to achieve this  
goal by taking more time  
on my math pages and  
to study more at home.

My home goal is to get  
up before 6:30. I  
plan to achieve this  
goal by going to bed  
earlier than 7:30 and  
setting an alarm for  
6:15.

My personal goal is to  
get better at soccer.  
I plan to achieve this  
goal by practicing 4  
days a week and exercising  
every other day.

## Will your child have a 1300 lexile level by the time he or she graduates high school?

Literacy is pivotal to success in the real world. We know that most jobs require the ability to read critically in a variety of formats: manuals, contracts, memos, etc. To be college and career ready, a high school senior should be reading at a 1300 lexile level, yet the average 12th grader is reading somewhere between a 910 - 1210 lexile level. For students who struggle academically, the average lexile is approximately 720 at graduation. Hanalei School teachers are making a concerted effort to accelerate literacy growth with regular use of Achieve 3000, an internet based literacy tool that provides students with informational text at their appropriate lexile level and systematically strengthens reading and writing skills towards their growth potential. With that said, students are using Achieve Programs (Smarty Ants, Kidbiz, or Teenbiz) at least 2-3 times per week in school. We are closely monitoring lexile growth data to see if students are at or above grade level reading, making expected gains, and learning through this process. The graphs below show where student lexile levels should be within their grade level according National College and Career Readiness standards as well as school level growth data. Please support this effort and encourage your child to use Achieve 3000 outside of school and during school breaks- this will greatly support their own personal lexile acceleration.

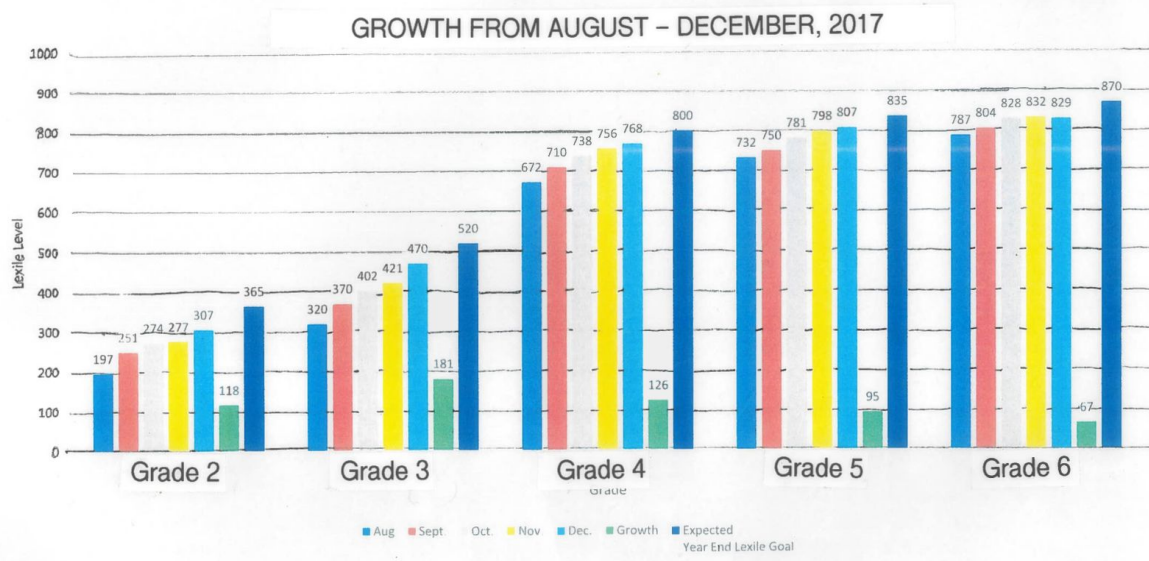
College and Career Readiness				
	Not On Track		On Track	
Grade	Falls Far Below	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds
1	BR111L and Below	BR110L – 185L	190L – 530L	535L and Above
2	150L and Below	155L – 415L	420L – 650L	655L and Above
3	265L and Below	270L – 515L	520L – 820L	825L and Above
4	385L and Below	390L – 735L	740L – 940L	945L and Above
5	500L and Below	505L – 825L	830L – 1010L	1015L and Above
6	555L and Below	560L – 920L	925L – 1070L	1075L and Above
7	625L and Below	630L – 965L	970L – 1120L	1125L and Above
8	660L and Below	665L – 1005L	1010L – 1185L	1190L and Above
9	775L and Below	780L – 1045L	1050L – 1260L	1265L and Above
10	830L and Below	835L – 1075L	1080L – 1335L	1340L and Above
11/12	950L and Below	995L – 1180L	1185L – 1385L	1390L and Above

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## Lexile level - Continued

# LEXILE GROWTH



## 2018 Starry Nights, April 14th

We are happy to announce this years Starry Nights Annual School Fundraiser at the St. Regis. This year's theme is Bollywood, featuring a DJ, silent auction, live auction and many more fun details to come.

We need volunteers to help with Starry Nights! Please let us know if you can help by emailing [hanaleielementaryptsa@gmail.com](mailto:hanaleielementaryptsa@gmail.com) or call/text Korin Dunford at 808-212-7282. Before the event we need help collecting silent auction items and the night of the event we need help with check-in, check-out, silent auction, and live auction and much more. Please get involved and be apart of this exciting event.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year! All funds go directly back to school into our enrichment programs (art, music, garden, PE), teacher funding and so much more!



## PTSA Sponsored: Middle School Information Night

February 22nd starting at 5:30pm in the Cafeteria there will be a Middle School Information night with representatives coming from Kapaa Middle School, Puukumu School, Island School, St. Catherines, KCA and homeschool options. Presenters will give a brief presentation then there will be lots of time for question and answers.

## PTSA General Membership Meeting: February 6th, 7:50am

Our second PTSA General Meeting will be held in the Cafeteria after drop-off. Please attend this meeting and find out what is going on at school and how you can get involved. Your feedback and participation is important to making sure the kids have many important programs and instruction in art, music, garden, PE and so much more at school next year!



## Support Kilauea School Fundraiser

You are invited to participate in the 1st annual Jungle Run, a 4.5 mile Run/Walk (1.7 mile Student Run/Walk) around Wai Koa Loop Trail on Sunday April 15th, 2018. Following the Jungle Run, join us right next door at Anaina Hou for Family Fun Day – a community event with activities, music, food, and festivities for the entire family to enjoy.

<http://kilaueajunglerun.com>

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## DOE School cafeterias serving more locally sourced food

*Spearheaded by Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE), the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and The Kohala Center are working collaboratively on the Farm to School Initiative. Across the nation, farm to school programs are reconnecting students to a better understanding of the food system and where their food comes from. Farm to school programs introduce students to healthier eating habits and help them become familiar with new vegetables and fruits that they and their families will then be more willing to incorporate into their own diets.--Hawaii.gov.* At Hanalei School, the Wellness Committee, in conjunction with the PTSA and Girl Scouts, are supporting this effort by providing a healthy snack to students two or more times each month at morning recess. The Kilauea Agricultural Center and other local farms are partnering with Hanalei School to see that we have access to seasonal fruits and vegetables at very reasonable rates, and sometimes free. The school cafeteria is also serving more locally sourced products. In December, the cafeteria served paniolo burgers with beef from Hawaii Island. In the month of January, locally sourced bananas will be on the menu several times, and locally grown avocados will be offered throughout the month of February. This is a move in a positive direction for school cafeterias.

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## Parents leading by example

### A few friendly reminders:

- Parking and drop off/pick up is in front lot only in both the morning and afternoon time frames, no walking in the employee parking lot or behind the cafeteria.
- Use the crosswalks within our parking lot and outside of the school entrance.
- Once on campus, walk bikes to and from the bike racks.
- When on campus during school hours check-in at the front office. Refrain from going to your child's classroom until the release bell rings.
- When on campus and picking up your child, please adhere to the same dress code as your child. Dress for success.