

# NEWS LETTER

Hanalei School | SY 2015-2016 Quarter 3

## Welcome to 3rd Qtr

Welcome back to the 3rd quarter. Please review the many school events and activities this quarter.

## Important Dates

### January

- 6 Qtr 3 Begins
- 18 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 19 Report Cards go home
- 25-29 SPIRIT WEEK

### February

- 5 Teacher Planning Day - No School
- 15 President's Day - No school
- 26 May Day Court Drawing

### March

- 2 Hawaiiana Day
- 16 Market Day - 12:45pm; End Qtr 3
- 16-24 Spring Beak
- 25 Good Friday - No School
- 28 Kuhio Day - No School
- 29 Qtr 4 Begins (Back to School)



## Makahiki - 4th Grade

Ancient Hawaiian New Year Festival

*Mrs. Rowan & Mrs. Sugahara's classes.....*

hosted the annual Makahiki games with Kilauea School's 4th graders on Monday, December 14th. The Makahiki season is the ancient Hawaiian time of year to celebrate the harvest and enjoy a time of peace. Hawaiians of old would pay taxes and gifts to Lono, then compete in games of skill and strength. The focus of the festival is a celebration of the bounty of the land.

The 4th graders from Hanalei and Kilauea Schools greeted each other with chanting and hula and then competed in traditional Hawaiian games such as spear throwing, running, chicken fighting, stone rolling, and tug-a-war. The day concluding with lunch together, awards, and closing songs. There was an excellent turn out of parents who helped with scoring and even participated in a little tug-a-war themselves. Students showed wonderful spirit and sportsmanship. A big Mahalo to Kumu Naomi Yokotake for teaching the hula and songs.



## Starry Nights

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*It's that time of year again.....SAVE THE DATE!!*

*April 16th, St. Regis  
Princeville Resort*

Starry Nights is our largest fundraiser of the year. This will be a fun night out. There will be fantastic entertainment (to be announced soon), silent auction, live auction of class projects, dancing, photo booth and more. It's a 21 and up event.

All funds raised support our in-school and after school enrichment programs (Art, Music, Garden & PE). Funds are also used for much needed classroom supplies and school support.

### **How to help :**

- Volunteer to be on a planning or organization committee.
- Donate a silent auction item or service.
- Help with your class project.
- Volunteer to set up and work at the event.
- Much more.....

**Please contact the PTSA**



4th grade + 5th & 6th grade completed murals hang outside Hanalei School

## Wyland “Water is Life” National Art Challenge

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The Wyland Foundation and its partners provided 100 schools nation wide with paint supplies, educational materials and 50 sq. ft. canvas murals to look at the economic, cultural and aesthetic value of the world's ocean resources. The contest encouraged students to work together while studying our coasts and climate issues.

Led by our Enrichment Art instructor, Jen Gagen, Hanalei School was lucky enough to receive two entries. One mural was completed by the 4th graders by Ms. Rowan and Ms. Sugahara's classes. The second mural was completed by the 5th and 6th graders in Ms. McDonald, Mr. McHugh, Ms. Liberato and Ms. McHugh's classes. The students worked for almost 2 months planning and painting their murals.

Over Winter Break, we received the fantastic news that the 4th Graders WON 1st Place in the national challenge. Wow, lets congratulate all the 4th students and Art Instructor Jen Gagen for their creative and hard work! A special thanks to Ms. Rowan and Ms. Sugahara as well!

The Murals are hanging beside the large Hanalei School sign at the steps in the main court yard. Please walk by to take a closer look.