

# E K O M O M A I

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### Healthy habits, more important than ever

With unhealthy options bombarding our lives (fast food, sugar additives, time spent online versus playing outside, etc), creating healthy habits is paramount. The Hanalei School Wellness Committee is dedicated to doing just that. Some of the initiatives this year include:

- Expanding the school garden to include a variety of fruit trees enabling the school garden to eventually produce healthy snack alternatives for students.
- Offering a healthy morning recess snack as often as possible; thus far, starfruit and sweet corn have been made available to our students. The Kilauea Community Farms and the Hanalei

School PTSA are supporting the effort to make fresh fruit and vegetables available to our students. Further, the Hanalei School Girls Scouts Troop are making educational material about the healthy snack transparent and available to all students.

- Farm to School promotion; the Wellness Committee continues to make connections within the USDA to support the Farm to School Initiative for Hanalei and Kilauea Schools.

If you are interested in supporting the Wellness Committee, please reach out to Principal Stein.

## September - October

### Important Dates:

September 4 – Labor Day – No School  
 September 13 – Open House 5-6pm  
 September 19 – PTSA General Membership Meeting 2:15pm, library  
 September 21 – SCC Meeting 2:30pm, library  
 September 26 – Picture Day  
 September 29 – Principal Coffee Hour  
 Highly effective instruction, 8am  
 October 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Student of the Week/Gotcha Assembly, 10am  
 October 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Market Day 12:45pm  
 October 9-13 – Fall Break – No School  
 October 30 – Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students  
 October 31 – Halloween Parade and Fun Run Fundraise  
*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/>



## Hanalei School After School Clubs

The Hanalei School PTSA is happy to announce that we will be offering after school clubs open to all 1-6 grade students. These clubs are generously funded by Aloha Angels, a donor advised fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Sign up forms with the list of clubs will be distributed Friday, September 8, each club is limited to 12 students per club. Please send back completed forms by **Monday, September 11**. Sign ups will be first come, first served.

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## The most important resource.....

One might think time, money, or infrastructure is amongst the most important resources in a school; but topping that list is our people. When we are thoughtful about hiring practices and diligent with mentoring, our people ensure our students are not wanting for anything. With that said, it is our pleasure to introduce some additions to the Hanalei School 'Ohana in the 2017-18 School Year:

- Ashton West is teaching grade 5; she is from Texas and a mother of three.
- Julie Marovich is an Educational Assistant from California; mother of two sons.
- Celeste Makaravicz of Kilauea is a long-term substitute during the first quarter; covering for Mrs. Swenson who is out on maternity leave.
- Sarah Waite is a new teacher in Special Education; she is a mother of two.
- Heidi Hill is returning to Hanalei School after spending a few years teaching at Kapaa Middle; we are so happy to have her back!
- Alegria Quane of Chicago is teaching grade 6; she worked with us for most of the year last year and we were able to offer her a full-time position this year.
- Katie Belville of California is a new teacher working in grade 6; she is the mother of two.
- Chloe Fredericksen, a recent college graduate (and Mrs. Fredericksen's daughter) is working as an Educational Assistant and supporting the lower elementary classrooms.
- Paulette Adams and Adrienne Kimber are working as Science and STEM part time teachers; supporting teachers in their implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).
- Robin Wong, a former classroom volunteer and television producer, is working as a technology and library assistant; also supporting the media crew & videography club.

We warmly welcome all our new employees and we look forward to an excellent year!

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## Reteach or Enrich: Daily Small Group Instruction Block 8-8:30, M-F

Through careful scheduling, a set morning block is sanctioned to work with groups of students on enrichment or reteaching, based on the needs of individual students at that time. The primary objective of this instructional time is to teach the specific skills and root causes of lack of achievement and differentiate instruction to meet the range of learners. Using different forms of assessments such as student work, curriculum assessments, grade level benchmark trackers, teachers can identify learning gaps in each student and pinpoint areas of improvement.

Parents, if you find you have some time in your schedule, we could use your help in the classrooms at this time. Please talk with your child's teacher for direction and training on how to run a small group during the 8:00 - 8:30 period. As stated earlier in the newsletter, our people are our most valuable resource and your help is important during the Small Group Instruction Block.

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## Thinking through an emergency

If ever you've experienced a true emergency, sometimes it's difficult to keep your wits about you, unless you've trained for those situations. The American Red Cross states, "Disasters are frightening for adults and can be traumatic for children." Hanalei School is making a concerted effort this year to adequately prepare students to "think" through emergencies by providing them experiences that simulate these situations. This training will happen in two ways: (1) Routine emergency drills for tsunami, school closure, & school evacuation (2) Emergency preparedness training with CPR, water safety, and stranger danger through counselor guidance lessons in conjunction with community organizations (Fire Department, KPD, American Red Cross, etc). Please support this training by talking about emergency preparation with your family and children so that everyone knows what to do when situations occur.

### Upcoming Evacuation Drills:

- School Evacuation to Soccer Field on September 14.
- Tsunami Evacuation Drill Graveyard Location on September 25

\*\*\*\*Students must have their shoes

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## Hanalei School Ho'iki Media Crew

"One picture is worth ten thousand words" and we couldn't agree more. The Hanalei School media crew is teaming up with Ho'ike Community Television in a television production training course. We look forward to Hanalei School students telling the stories of our school and community through the lense of a video camera. Stay tuned for exciting productions from the Hanalei School Media Crew.



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## Is it better to do a few things extremely well or many things with mediocrity?

A school is often pulled in many directions with some initiatives being more important to people than other equally important initiatives. To navigate this conundrum, we look to a variety of data points to help us decide on the most important items to drive Hanalei School's improvement efforts. Out of that planning, Hanalei School is committed to improving in 5 areas:

1. Increasing student engagement through project-based learning, primarily in science
2. Differentiating work to meet the needs of diverse learners
3. Utilizing collaborative teacher data teams to improve math skills, concepts & instruction
4. Building a comprehensive character education system applicable across all settings
5. Communicating the importance of daily school attendance to students and families

The school's 3-year Academic Plan details these 5 initiatives with measurable outcomes for each; the leadership team will diligently monitor each goal. Communication about progress on these goals will be ongoing to ensure parents are aware of how the school is doing each area.

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## Social media

Stay connected in more ways than one. We are making a commitment to share information with our families in real time regarding the instructional activities, projects, and events happening on our campus. We realize our parents are busy providing for their families and not everyone is afforded the opportunity to be present on campus regularly. Through social media, we will be posting regular updates about events and activities in and out of the class. Please start following Hanalei School on the social media platforms here and stay connected with school initiatives:

- Webpage - [www.hanalei.k12.hi.us](http://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us)
- Twitter - follow us @hanaleischool - [twitter.com/hanaleischool](https://twitter.com/hanaleischool)
- Instagram - follow us at hanalei.school - [instagram.com/hanalei.school](https://instagram.com/hanalei.school)

Vimeo Channel - [vimeo.com/hanaleischool](https://vimeo.com/hanaleischool) - to see footage of events, clubs, emergency

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## You're invited and we hope to see you there....Hanalei School Open House

The Hanalei School Open House will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ 5:00 PM-** there is no better way to get to know your child's teacher and to understand grade level expectations. Throughout the evening, from 4:00 - 6:00, there will be a number of presentations and booths set up in the cafeteria for parent support. The Agenda for Open House is as follows:

### OPEN HOUSE AGENDA

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| 4:00 - 6:00 | Visit booths @ Cafeteria at your leisure |                |
|             | • PTSA Information & Sign Up             |                |
|             | • Farm to School                         | (R. Vali)      |
|             | ◦ School Garden Tours & Overview         | (Girl Scouts)  |
|             | • School Accreditation                   | (S. Deblin)    |
|             | • Hanalei School's Emergency Procedures  | (T. Stein)     |
| 5:00-6:00   | Classroom Visitations & Presentations    | (All Teachers) |

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## Message from the PTSA

**\*\*\*JOIN NOW\*\*\***



*Membership forms will be sent home Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, please return to your homeroom teacher or at Open House!*

We look forward to seeing all our Hanalei School Families at Open House as we kick off the year to a terrific start! During Open House, Hanalei School PTSA will be holding our annual Membership Drive, where you can sign up to be a 2017-2018 member. We will have tables in front of the cafeteria and in the center breeze-way near the Rainbow Room. Hanalei School PTSA needs your support. By becoming a current member, you will receive all PTSA updates about our programs and fundraising events throughout the year. There will be free pizza, carrot sticks and ice water available for all current and new 2017-2018 members (you must sign up yearly). We will also be selling Hanalei School T-Shirts!

**See you all next Wednesday, September 13th!**

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## Continued: PTSA



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