

Nene News

Kea'au Elementary School is "the heart of a vibrant community."



Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Important Dates

Kea'au Elementary Staff

- February 21** HFS Kids Club deposit day 7:00-7:55am
- February 26** Mr. Kneel Dr. Seuss Raps
- March 2** Dr. Seuss Day
- March 7** Admin and Parent Coffee Hour in cafeteria 7:30am - 8:30am
- March 10** Family Fun Fair 10am -2pm



DEAR TEACHER...
YOU ARE THE BEST
BECAUSE YOU
BROUGHT OUT
THE BEST IN US.

Kanno Always a Teacher

Cryzl Padamada and Staff

Mrs. Kanno has always had a passion for teaching. When she was 23 years old, she started a job as a teacher here at Kea'au Elementary School. One of the reasons she loves to teach is because of the students she has in her wonderful class. She has always loved being a teacher here at Kea'au Elementary School. This year her class has been working on projects and events, Some fun events coming up are art, computer technology, and family night.

Ms. Rivera-Hiro Loves to Help

Alaissa Pascua and Staff

Ms. Rivera-Hiro grew up helping others. One of her first jobs was as a helper of students. She is a kindergarten teacher here at Kea'au Elementary School. She is very happy. Her happiness come from the love she has for every one of her students. Her happiness also comes from the love and appreciation she has for the passionate people she works with everyday. Ms. Rivera-Hiro became a teacher and is still a teacher because she loves to help students.

We Mahalo Our Bus Drivers

Jheanna Cabico and Staff

February 13 it was Mahalo Bus Drivers Day. Our school came together on this day to give mahalo to our bus drivers in the forms of cards, gifts, and delicious food. Our bus drivers do a lot for us. One of our bus drivers is Uncle Logan. And the only way he could've become a bus driver was if he took his CDL license. This is a license that shows you are an expert bus driver. His route is the Hawaiian Paradise Park. Many students ride this route before school and after school. Any rules on the bus? There are! Uncle Logan shared some important bus rule reminders that everyone should follow. They are: always keep your feet and arms out of the aisle and inside the bus, keep the noise down, always listen to the bus driver and the rules. Uncle Logan is very nice. If someone is being pono on the bus, he gives them prizes and plays music. If you want to know how he looks like, I can tell you. He always wears sunglasses. If you are at recess, you may see him as one of the adult supervisors. Sometimes he wears a hat! Auntie Leila is also our bus driver. We can also find her one our campus helping to supervise students or giving them pep talks on being the best they can be. Auntie Leila has done many things in her life, and she is happy to be a mentor for our young Nene here at Kea'au Elementary School. If you ever need someone to talk to, you can always count on Auntie Leila.



School Bus Driver Mahalo Day



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Big Brothers and Big Sisters Strengthens Ohana Feeling on Campus

Ms. LaForge and Friends

Our Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program has been busy. It has been working within our school day to integrate community service projects and awareness activities for our haumana to be a recipient of. Some of these activities include a Christmas gift donation to Bigs and Littles at our school on behalf of KBIG FM and Hawaiian National Bank, our Bigs delivered a signed proclamation by Governor Ige declaring January 31st Mentoring Day in Hawai'i County! Check out these fun pictures from our Big Brothers and Big Sisters ohana.



Kea'au Elementary Places First in Wellness Fair

Staff

On January 27 at Buddy Perry Soccer Fields, our county sponsored a wellness fair for our community. A special challenge was given to schools to register the highest number of participants in the event. Our school earned first place for this. This fun wellness fair featured a fun run, live music, backpack giveaways, free lunch, and different tips on how to live a healthy life.



Congratulations to Chase Pratt for earning a trophy in the fun run.

PCNC/PTSA UPDATES

Sally DeRyke, PCNC Facilitator
313-4622

Hello Families! Did you hear? The Kea'au Elementary school walking unit took 2nd place in the Keaau Community Christmas parade! Mahalo for all the dedicated parents, students and staff who joined us for another memorable community activity.

We are moving toward the end of the 3rd quarter with many activities planned just around the corner!

On February 2, twenty four acts of bravery showed off their awesome talents to an audience of family and friends during the recent PTSA sponsored 2nd Annual Talent Show. Proud parents were there to support their children as they came forward to shine! Hats off to the students for sharing what you love to do most and to the hardworking PTSA Board for sponsoring this annual event! We are asking your support for the up-coming **Annual Family Fun Fair on March 10**. There will be games, entertainment, a silent auction, crafts and food vendors, the always popular bouncing castle and Keiki train and much much more! All grade levels will man an activity or booth to raise funds for their classrooms. Please mark your calendar and let us know if you are able to help out that day! Mahalo for your continued support of parent and family activities. If you signed up for the STEAM Night, we hope you enjoy the event. Mahalo to our awesome community sponsor, ACE Hardware as well as our Makery and Robotics Coach, Ms. Merry Blechta, who will lead us in an array of fun science activities!

The American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Campaign is in full swing. Students bringing a \$5.00 pledge earn the instant prize JAX and their name goes on the Monster Squad poster in the cafeteria. **All fundraising envelopes are due on February 23** and the Jump Rope For Heart Event is scheduled for *March 16th*.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (JA) is a non-profit organization that partners with volunteers from the community to teach elementary students about their roles as individuals, workers and consumers, and to prepare middle/high school students for key economic and workforce issues they will face. JA's purpose is to inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives and be workforce ready.

When you become a volunteer you'll receive a convenient kit of materials to make it easy for you to talk to the students for about 10 minutes and then lead them in hands-on activities for the remainder of the time. For Kindergarten through 2nd grade programs, you go into the classroom five times for 30 minutes each session. This is generally done once per week, but the schedule can be as flexible as you and your teacher want it to be.

The first step if you're interested in learning more is to contact your child's teacher or your school's PCNC. They can help answer questions, and when you're ready we will match you with a class and sign you up for a short training session. You will learn everything you need to know, get your materials and be ready to go! For more information, please call PCNC Facilitator, Sally DeRyke @ 313-4622 or stop by the Parent Center!



Fruits and Vegetables Leianna Sanborn

Did you know that kiwis offer many health benefits including high antioxidants that help your body ward off many health problems? One kiwi fruit contains 1.5 times the daily recommended dose of vitamin C!

POSITIVE QUOTE Kahea Lindsey

Some people will always throw stones in your path. It depends on what you make with them - will you build a wall or bridge? Remember, you are the architect of your life.

KMC Was Funtastic

Blaisen Filoteo-Mendes and Staff

We fifth graders went on a Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) Field Trip on February 12 and 13, 2018. We had fun, and we learned new things. A lot of learning happened on the hikes that we walked. One of the hikes we went on was the Kilauea Iki Trail, and it felt tiring. But hiking through the lava tube was really cool and a lot of fun. At the end of the day we had a shoyu chicken and beef tomato dinner with potatoes, salad, and juice. We are so thankful for our fifth grade teachers and all the parent chaperones who made sure this KMC trip was safe and fun. My favorite part of the trip was the bowling because I was able to hang out with my friends. At the bowling alley area, we bought french fries and juice. I even tried my best at bowling, and I did not give up. Me and my friends had so much fun. This was the best field trip I have been on since kindergarten.



Bowling Alley at KMC



Devastation Trail Hike at KMC



Nene Crossing at KMC

***Happiness is ...
traveling with friends.***

Funny Jokes



By Troy, Aiyanna, and Cassandra

*Did you hear the one about the wooden car?
With the wooden wheels?*

It wooden work.

Why did the football player go to the bank?

To get his quarterback.

There were three men in a boat. The boat fell over. Two of the men's hair got wet, why not the third man?

He was bald.

What did the ocean say to the beach?

Nothing, it just waved.

Why did the farmer pick all the blueberries?

Because it was the ripe thing to do.

KHS, KMS & KES Connect for Homecoming

Sa-tya Carvalho-Vincent

On January 12, 2018, Kea'au High School had their Homecoming week festivities. Homecoming is when a school celebrates it's school spirit and graduates come back to visit. Kea'au High School, Middle School and Elementary students paraded around the high school. The theme was "Let Us Entertain You". The Kea'au Homecoming parade made the elementary students excited about going to Kea'au High School.



February Pono Assembly

Czarhina Ringen

Last month's Pono Assembly was the 2nd assembly for the year. On February 7, 2018, the assembly was held in D, E, and F village. Students showed Koa and did what was difficult. Pono students were given a certificate, a pencil, and a 20 Pono coupon. We had a lot of perfect attendance students for the 2nd quarter! SBG emcees were Elijah Onodera, Lilia Kaupu, Tiani Kaupu, and Kyra Medeiros. Get ready for next month's assembly and keep on being pono!

