

Ke Kula Ha'a Ha'a 'o Kealakehe
The Kealakehe Elementary School

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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SCHOOL - Welcome to Alexandria Gonzalez, Erin Rene, and Deborah Wagner to Kealakehe Elementary. They are our new special educators servicing our keiki. Other additions to our staff include Grace Stancliffe and Cecilia Woodbury in grade 2.

Congratulations to our teachers for successfully earned funds at DonorsChoose.org for classroom projects. Crystal Kawai's project, "Play, Learn, Grow" will bring healthy choices play food and an international food collection into her classroom. Janali West's project, "Full Stomachs Help to Open Minds" will bring organic superfoods into her classroom. Connie Simon's project, "Food is Fuel for the Brain" also will bring organic snacks to her keiki. DonorsChoose.org is a free, nonprofit website where teachers can receive funding for student resources. For more information, visit www.donorschoose.org.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Aloha Families,

We welcome you back to school and look forward to a great year to discover reading: for pleasure, to inspire and motivate us, to challenge our thinking, and to build our knowledge base. We are starting the first year of a new two-year Library Contract. What does this mean? A new library contract needs to be signed and returned.

All students are required to have a Library Contract 17-19 on file before they are allowed to borrow books. Students who ended the school year with a financial obligation to the library will have to take care of this matter in order to start borrowing.

All students are held responsible for returning their library books in a timely manner and in good condition. Any lost or damaged book must be paid for. If payment is not made, your child's participation in certain activities will be affected. After payment—if the library book is found—no refund can be given. However, the school will gratefully accept the book back as a donation.

This year we have a new system for the payment of Library Books. When a payment is going to be made, the student or parent will receive an envelope from the library. S/he will put the payment in the envelope and take it to the office.

Like all school payments, a cash payment must be for the amount owed. Any amount received beyond the required payment will be considered a donation to the library. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns (phone 313-7931). We appreciate your continued support.

From Your Library Team

Mark your Calendars:

Aug. 18 – Statehood Day (school closed)

Sept. 4 – Labor Day (school closed)

Sept. 5 – Kealakehe Complex Professional Collaboration (no students)

MAHALO TO THE KOA PUNA MC KONA! The local motorcycle club generously donated \$500 to our keiki for physical education playground equipment. Club Secretary Walter Santos and Treasurer Anthony Bending visited with each grade level at the welcome back assembly on August 7. We thank President Anthony Page, Vice President Adam Golbski and Sgt. At Arms Jessie Stacey and all the members of the KOA Puna MC Kona. Kealakehe Elementary keiki are lucky to have such good friends in the community.

School Community Council Meeting – The first SCC meeting will be held on August 24, 2017, 3:30 pm in the school's conference room. Parents and community members are welcomed. Agenda for the first meeting includes orientation to Kealakehe Elementary School Community Council, review of school staffing, and organizational structure. Call Principal Nancy Matsukawa at 313-7900 for more information.

Our Vision - Kealakehe Elementary School students are responsible, respectful learners who demonstrate effective communication and complex thinking. Students have the knowledge and skills to lead fulfilling lives in a diverse global community.

Our mission is to provide a quality education that meets the academic, social creative, emotional, and physical needs of all students in a safe and nurturing environment.

MEET and GREET Survey

Aloha Parents, We had our first Meet and Greet on August 3, 5:00 to 6:00 pm. This was an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to bring school supplies before school started. We would like to know if you would like to continue this event next year. What suggestions might you have to publicize the event?

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Please return to Principal Nancy Matsukawa by August 25.

_____ Yes, I liked the Meet and Greet scheduled before the first day of school.

_____ I prefer to meet my child's teacher at Back to School Night several weeks after school started.

Comments (optional)