



ALI'IOLANI NEWS

LIVING, *Loving* & LEARNING

January 2024

ALI'IOLANI GIRLS ROBOTICS TEAM



Our girls robotics team lead by Mr. Tawata (left to right: Kara T., Kylie Rose P., Addison S., Sarah M., and Lydia Y.)

Congratulations to our girls' robotics team who placed 5th out of 40 teams at the

state robotics tournament at Wai'alua High School held on December 2nd. The AES team also placed 3rd for the innovation science project!

OUR VISION

Empowering students to make a difference.

OUR MISSION

Ali'iolani Elementary School provides a supportive community that values:
Living, Loving & Learning

Aloha AES Ohana, and Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and partnership!

I am excited to share our school's focus for the remaining year and beyond. These three essential focus areas will be Ali'iolani's crucial pillars as we set our sights on a dynamic year of growth and development.

Our three focus areas are:

Implementing a new viable curriculum.

Strengthening relationships with our school community.

Implementing a Multi-tiered system of support for all students.

1. Viable Curriculum:

Our commitment to a robust and viable curriculum is at the core of nurturing well-rounded students. Next school year, 2024-25, all Hawaii public schools will be mandated to implement a viable mathematics and English language arts curriculum. Ali'iolani is a step ahead and is currently implementing a high-quality math curriculum called Ready Mathematics. Next year, we will implement the most updated version of Reading Wonders to meet the BOE's requirements. These curricula are aligned with the Hawaii State Common Core Standards - promoting engaging lessons, critical thinking, and hands-on problem-solving activities. Additionally, students will enjoy a dynamic and comprehensive learning experience.

2. Strengthening Relationships:

Our second focus area centers on creating a positive and inclusive school community. We believe that building strong relationships between students, teachers, parents, and staff is the foundation of a thriving educational environment. By fostering open communication, empathy, and mutual respect, we aim to create a supportive community where everyone feels valued and empowered to make a difference.

3. Hawaii Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (HMTSS):

Lastly, to meet all our students' diverse needs, we embrace the Hawaii Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (HMTSS) framework. This proactive approach enables us to provide targeted interventions and support at different levels, ensuring every student receives the assistance they need to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our commitment to a viable curriculum, building strong relationships, and implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Support reflects our dedication to creating an environment where each child can thrive. We look forward to finishing the second half of the school year with academic success and the continued growth of all our students.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mahalo,

Leonard Padayhag

Principal

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL CREED

As a mighty Alif'i

I promise to obey our school rules,
practice positive behavior,
respect the rights of others,
develop physical fitness skills,
strive to be the best that I can be
to better serve our school,
community, state, and country

ALMA MATER

Praises to Ali'iolani School
We hail thy royal name
O, bounded by Sixth and Wai'alae
Keanu and Seventh too
We're proud to be a part of
Our school in Kaimuki
Hail to Ali'iolani School
Our alma mater true



sustainable
coastlines
Hawaii



Through our community partnership with Sustainable Coastlines, dedicated volunteers successfully cleared over 2000 lbs of debris from two Pālolo/ Mānoa stream locations and the surrounding neighborhoods of Kaimukī and Pālolo Valley, covering an impressive 141 acres of land. Additionally, they planted more than 150 native plants along the banks of Pālolo stream.

Leading up to the clean up event, over two hundred Ali‘iolani students participated in an educational tour with Sustainable Coastline educators learning about the relationship between the environment and human life. Students learned about a “throwaway” culture to a circular economy and how each person can have a positive impact on the environment and the community.

On November 25th, local businesses from the Kaimuki area came together to create a vibrant and unforgettable experience for all. The event showcased the incredible talents and offerings of our neighborhood businesses, fostering a sense of unity and celebration.

A special thanks to our teachers - Ms. Toyama, Mr. Tawata, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Donnelly for their efforts in promoting the wonderful things happening at our school. It’s heartening to see our school community come together to showcase the incredible talents and achievements of our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the local businesses that contributed to the success of this event. The atmosphere on that evening was a memorable experience for everyone involved.



BEST OF 2023





2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY-MARCH

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| THU FEB 08 | McTeacher Night 4:00-7:00pm Palolo McDonald's | THU MAR 7 | McTeacher Night 4:00-7:00pm Palolo McDonald's | Spring Picture Taking |
| MON FEB 12 | Teacher Institute Day No School for Students | FRI MAR 8 | STEM Day Grades K-2 | |
| THU FEB 14 | Grade 3 Field Trip Go Farm Hawaii | MON MAR 11 | Professional Development for Teachers No School | |
| MON FEB 19 | Presidents' Day No School | TUE MAR 12 | Dental Sealants 8:15-9:30 Grade 2 | |
| FEB 20 TO FEB 23 | Book Fair School Library | FRI MAR 15 | STEM Day Grades 3-5 | |
| WED FEB 21 | Preschool Field Trip Capitol Modern | MAR 18 TO MAR 22 | Spring Break No School | |
| THU FEB 22 | Grade 3 Field Trip Papahana Kuaola | TUE MAR 26 | Prince Kuhio Day Holiday No School | |
| FRI FEB 23 | Family Reading Night 5:30pm-7:30pm School Cafeteria | FRI MAR 29 | Good Friday Holiday No School | |

GENERAL LEARNER OUTCOMES

- GLO 1: Self-directed learner
- GLO 2: Community Contributor
- GLO 3: Complex Thinker
- GLO 4: Quality Producer
- GLO 5: Effective Communicator
- GLO 6: Effective & Ethical User of Technology



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS



THE MORNING MILE

3,717 LAPS | 929.25 MILES

08/15/23 - 01/26/24



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Last October, we celebrated our very own Mrs. Laurie Chang, who was selected as the Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt complex area Teacher of the Year. This well-deserved recognition highlights Mrs. Chang's exceptional dedication to our students and the school community. Her passion and commitment to teaching have genuinely set her apart, positively impacting all of our students and the community at large. Congratulations, Mrs. Chang, for this prestigious achievement! Your outstanding contributions are an inspiration to us all.

MAHALO MRS. TOMITA!

A big mahalo to our extraordinary educator, Mrs. Tomita, who dedicated over three decades to fostering young minds at our school for the future. Mrs. Tomita decided to retire last month after 34 years of teaching. Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Tomita has made a lasting impact by leading the after-school garden club and, more recently, partnering with the community to host recycling and trash pickup events.

As we bid farewell to a remarkable teacher, let's come together to express our deepest gratitude for Mrs. Tomita's unwavering commitment to our children's education and the betterment of our community. We wish her a retirement filled with joy and fulfillment.

