



# ALI'IOLANI NEWS

Living, Loving & Learning

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## J.P.O. FIELD DAY

by Mrs. Iwamoto

After countless hours of practice, our JPOs earned 100 points, a perfect score, at this year's Junior Police Officer Drill Competition. It was a long bus ride to Central Oahu Regional Park in Waipahu, I could feel the nervousness and anxiety when we exited the bus. Seeing hundreds of JPOs standing in drill formation

was intimidating! I tried to reassure everyone that we are here to have fun. I could tell they didn't believe me. After the competition and a picnic lunch, our JPOs visited the Police canines, motorcycles and bomb squad.

On our return to Ali'iolani School, our JPOs were welcomed back by a loud

drum and the entire student body. JPOs performed their drills and at the end everyone cheered when it was announced our JPOs got 100 points.

Thank you everyone for always supporting the JPO program. It was a perfect day that ended with a perfect score.

### Vision:

*Empowering students to make a difference.*

### Mission:

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

### Behavior Expectations:

*Always Learning, Being Responsible, Being Caring*

### 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 and Ethical User of Technology

**MAHALO TO OUR LATEST COLLECTORS:**

Kailee C.	Jayxen D.	F101
Kei A.	Sena S.	

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of the year is just around the corner. My how time flies! It does not seem possible that another school year has come and almost gone. We hope your child has not only enjoyed the year but has grown in many ways. The calendar for May is full. We begin the month with Smarter Balance Testing for all of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade students. In May we will also see our Kindergarten class be promoted to 1st grade and our 5th grade class be promoted to 6th grade. We will also begin a school wide mural project that will be the biggest in the state. This mural will allow every student on our campus to participate in creating a mural that will last for decades. We also hope that you keep your calendars free on May 31st as it is our last day of school and we will be having a huge culminating celebration that will validate the yearlong academic and classroom work which our students accomplished.

On another note, many of the goals established at the beginning of the school year have been accomplished. There have been numerous successes to celebrate. Through the year I have had so many opportunities to see how our student achievement goals have been actively embraced by all staff, students and stakeholders.

During the next school year, we will continue to link the school with the homes and the community as we strive to continually improve student achievement. As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank each of you who have shown so much support of Ali'iolani Elementary School. If my staff or I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to always assist you and your child.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Passantino

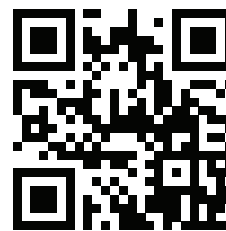
## A Message from our Principal



Mr. Passantino and Mr. Wall from Playful Percussion Program

## PLAYFUL Percussion

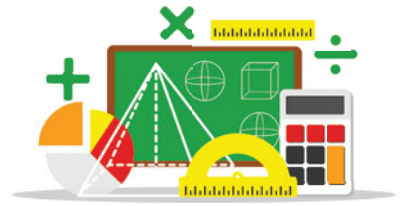
During the months of January, February, March, and April our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes participated in a grant provided by The Artists In The School Foundation. This grant was awarded to us to implement music. The program was formally called Playful Percussion. Mr. Wall and his Playful Percussion program taught our students to play African percussion in 11 weeks with the culmination activity being a performance presentation where they shared their skills with their classmates. Our students went from having minimal exposure of beat, tempo, and rhythm to being able to put together an amazing performance. Thank you to all of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers for making this happen and for giving our students the opportunity to be exposed to music from a different culture.



For more photos.



# Math Meet



On Saturday April 13 our Awesome Ali'i Mathletes converged onto the Washington Middle School campus to compete against 10 other area schools. Thanks to Mrs. Laurie Chang and Mrs. Margaret Miura, they were well coached and prepared for the event. Our students competed individually and as a team. Our very own Jayden T. placed in the top 3 out of all students in the head to head individual round. Thank you to our coaches for making this possible and thank you students for taking on the challenge and giving up your lunch recess for multiple weeks to mentally train for this event. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME ALI'!



## THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE MURAL "BE KIND", 2019 Marker and Crayon on Paper

This year our students participated in The Great Kindness Challenge for the entire month of February. Students and staff were encouraged to do at least one act of kindness a day for the entire month. The intention was to show the world that **KINDNESS MATTERS!**

In the art room, each student (Kindergarten - 5th Grade) created a rectangular piece for this mural. We learned that when each of us work together, we can make something big and beautiful. We also learned that art can be used to convey an important message. **BE KIND!**

Their artwork was displayed for all to see and enjoy at Kahala Mall near CPK and Macy's from April 12-19. Thank you to Mrs. Nesti and the work she has done with our students this year!

# SPEECH FESTIVAL



The 31st Annual Texaco Honolulu District Elementary Speech Festival was held on Sat. April 27, 2019 at Kaimuki High School. Over 400 students participated in this exciting event where they could practice, develop, and improve their oral communication skills to be an Effective Communicator. Thirteen of our Ali'iolani students participated in the Choral Reading and Group Interpretation categories. It was a memorable experience for all students as they received medals for their awesome speaking skills but they were also treated to an inspirational talk by Ku'uipo Kumukahi during the awards ceremony. The Texaco staff and Honolulu District planning team worked so hard to put together a special event, we are so grateful to them and the volunteer judges.



- Kailey B. and Alex W.: *The Princess and the Pea & The Three Bears*
- Olivia B. and Hope L.: *How to Read a Story*
- Qian C. and Teyla C.: *The Three Little Pigs & Jack and The Beanstalk*
- STEM Club (Kervin A., La'akea B., Kailee C., Yinyi C., Lola G., Reece K., Sena S., and Jayden T.): *Joyful Noise Poems*

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 STEM Night Grade 4 & 5 5:30-7:30pm at Cafe	3 A+ FAMILY NIGHT Cafeteria 6-8pm	4
5	6 Field Trip: Grade 4 Kanewai Lo'i 	7	8 Field Trip: Grade K, 1 & 5 Jarrett Middle School's Aladdin 	9 Ali'iolani STEM Club McTeach's NIGHT 4-7pm Palolo McDonald's 	10	11 Ukulele Club Performance The Ukulele Festival Ewa Makai Middle School 10am-1pm 
12 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	13	14 Delivery 2:15-3:15pm at Office Field Trip: Grade 1 'Iolani Palace 	15	16	17 Field Trip: Grade 3 Tenney Theatre 	18 STEM Club Space Camp May 17-18 
19	20	21 Chronic Taco Tuesday Fundraiser  	22 Dismissal at 2:15pm	23	24 MAKAHIKI 8:15-10:00am Dismissal at 1:00pm	25 Ukulele Club Performance Ala Moana Center Stage 3:00-3:45pm 
26	27 Memorial Day No School 	28 Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony Grade 3 Musical Performance Cafeteria 5-8pm 	29 Mele Mural Unveiling 4th Quarter Awards Assembly Cafeteria 12:30pm Dismissal at 2:15pm 	30 5th Grade Graduation Cafeteria 8:30am 	31 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Dismissal at 1:00pm 	



## MAKAHIKI GAMES

Friday, May 24, 2019  
8:15-10:00am



## STEM CLUB



STEM Club brought home Robot Performance Award from the Kalihi Kai Robotics Invitational held on April 6, 2019.



## HAWAII FOOD BANK

Thank you for supporting our food drive. We collected over 680 pounds of food. All the food was donated to the Hawaii Food Bank.



## FUNDRAISER CSA PROGRAM

Locally grown produce & groceries delivered every other week  
**Last Delivery: May 28, 2019**




We are not planning to host the program after the May 28th delivery. Thank you to the families who have supported us this school year. For other delivery sites, please refer to [OAHUFRESH.COM](http://OAHUFRESH.COM)



## THE MORNINGMILE

15,035 Laps  
3,758.75 Miles

08/13/18 - 5/03/19

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