



# ALI'IOLANI NEWS

Living, Loving & Learning

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## Colors Week

Every year, our kindergarteners study the colors of the rainbow during Colors Week. Students learn about each color with songs, crafts and activities. The whole school joined in and wore the colors of the day.



For more photos



Good Morning Ali'i's!

Each morning 5th graders, Kairi and Amanda, welcome our students to a new school day over our Public Address (PA) system. They announce school-wide events, news, and the day's lunch menu. They set the tone for the day and build morale with a word of the day from our Choose Love program.



### 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:

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|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Kailee C. | Ka'imipono U.     | Kayla K. |
| Kayla F.  | Hilinaimaluhia H. | Casey K. |
| Maya F.   | Sarah A.          |          |

## Dear Ali'iolani Families!

Welcome to a brand new school year. All of us at Ali'iolani Elementary School want to make this a successful year for your child. We are proud of our staff and students and invite you to be involved at Ali'iolani Elementary School.

As a school, we have the privilege to work with learners that possess many interests, strengths, and passions. It is important to celebrate the diversity of each member of our school community and offer a quality learning experience that not only prepares students for the next level, but that fosters those passions.

We are committed to helping your students learn, develop, and grow in all aspects. We create a safe environment for students that encourages creativity, promotes critical thinking, and facilitates collaboration and communication with peers.

Our goal is to prepare every student with essential skills and knowledge that will open doors of opportunity and promote their success in our ever changing world.

I am a big believer that there is power in numbers and when we work together, our students will thrive.

Our community has a great opportunity to support, nurture, and care for our students to provide an environment that encourages each child to be respectful, responsible, and safe to maximize their learning progress and life experiences. I am excited to be a part of that experience and look forward to working with all of you. If you are interested in how to get involved, please see your child's teacher, inquire within the office, or email me directly at [Joseph\\_Passantino@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:Joseph_Passantino@notes.k12.hi.us).

Communication is very important. Please take advantage of our school website and feel free to email me if you have a question or a concern. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children.

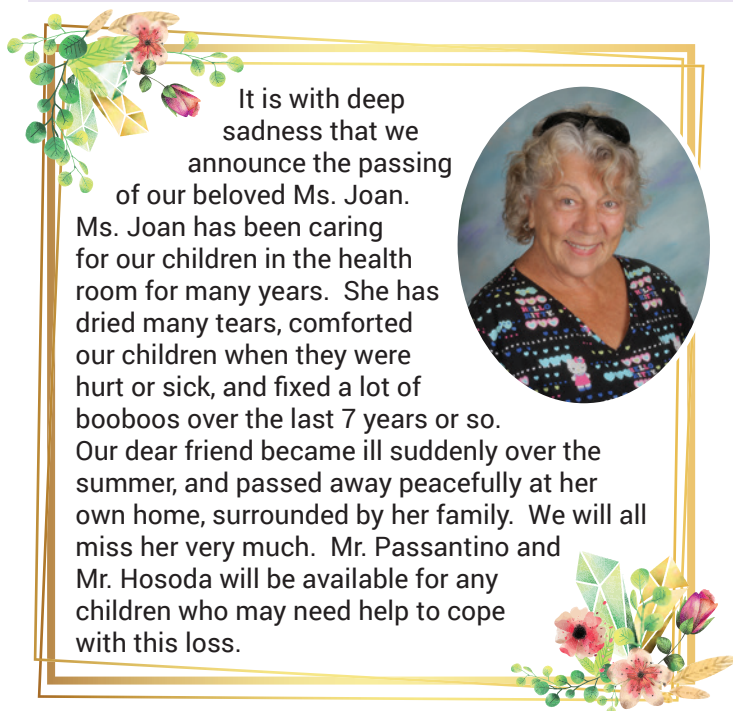

**Sincerely,**

Joseph Passantino

## A Message from our Principal



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Ms. Joan. Ms. Joan has been caring for our children in the health room for many years. She has dried many tears, comforted our children when they were hurt or sick, and fixed a lot of boobos over the last 7 years or so. Our dear friend became ill suddenly over the summer, and passed away peacefully at her own home, surrounded by her family. We will all miss her very much. Mr. Passantino and Mr. Hosoda will be available for any children who may need help to cope with this loss.



## ATTENTION!

Reminder that students should leave campus immediately after school ends unless authorized to attend a school activity or A+ after-school program. Students waiting for a ride, are expected to wait at the two locations designated for parent pick up.

- F Building (6th Ave. Parking Lot)
- A Building (7th Ave. Parking Lot)

Students not picked up within 15 minutes of school ending will be escorted to the office to call parents.

Also, since staff supervision of children cannot be provided before and after school, children are discouraged from playing on the school campus prior to and after school hours.

Our goal is to create a safe environment, one in which we know all of our students are accounted for.



# Thank You FOR YOUR HELP

Thank you to all the students, teachers, families, friends, and staff for supporting the STEM Club at Palolo McTeacher night August 30th. With your help we raised \$1,127.50!



Backpacks of school supplies awarded by Palolo McDonald's to the following winners: Kahiau M., Megumi M., Isabella W., Kyla S., Lola G., Laakea B., and Kailee C.

# WELCOME TO OUR 'Ohana

We are very lucky to have some new amazing staff at Ali'iolani this year.

Mr. Tongg transferred to us from Kalihi Waena Elementary School and will be our pre-school teacher. He loves all sports, surfing, and working with kids. We are grateful to him for being here and look forward to his energy in our pre-school.

Mrs. Matsuura was at Ali'iolani as an Educational Assistant for the last few years but she is now working on finishing her teacher license and is now our K-2 resource teacher. Mrs. Matsuura is married and has a daughter with special needs. She has worn many hats while working in the area of providing support to individuals with special needs. She has been a skills trainer, tutor, educational assistant, Special Olympics coach, and now she can proudly say...she is a teacher. She so enjoyed working with the students and staff at Ali'iolani ES as an EA and is very honored to be joining a fabulous team of teachers.

Mrs. Holman is our new 4th grade teacher. She was born in Vietnam and at the age of seven, her family moved across the Pacific to Vancouver, Washington. She grew up in the Vancouver/Portland area and loves to visit her family there still to this day. She went to Washington State University and completed her teaching degree. After graduation, she moved to Hawaii and began working at private schools



Clockwise from top left: Mr. Tongg, Mrs. Holman, Mr. Edman, Mrs. Matsuura

on the island. She looks forward to having a wonderful, productive, and fun year at Ali'iolani!

Mr. Edman hails from the dusty plains of oil country in North Texas. He grew up in a number of cities throughout the western US in Texas, Colorado, and California, as well as spending a few years in Perth, Western Australia. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in finance and economics, Jeff spent a number of years in Northern California working in the tech sector, then returned to Los Angeles where he worked in various parts of the building industry. Jeff has a 21 year old son, Nicholas, currently a senior at UCLA. Nick is the love of his life. Jeff relocated to Hawaii in 2017 for one purpose: to help support the state's children gain the opportunity that every child around the world deserves. And to spread a little aloha along the way.

## ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF PRIVACY RIGHTS

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) student record info; 2) directory info; 3) surveys and other info collection; and 4) military recruitment info. For more info. on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>.

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30 <b>McTeacher's NIGHT</b> 4-7pm Palolo McDonald's	31 <b>Ali'iolani STEM Club Space Camp</b> August 31 - September 1	
2	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b> No School	4 <b>Vision Screening</b> Palolo Lion's Club 8:30 - 10:30am	5	6	7	8
9	10 <b>FOA Meeting</b> 5:30pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <b>Professional Development Day</b> No School	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Ali'iolani STEM Club Trip to Big Island</b> September 20 - 23
23	24 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> Browsing 8:00a-2:00p	25 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 7:30-8:00a 1:00-3:30p <b>Frank DeLima</b> Gr. K-2 (8:30-9am) Gr. 3-5 (9:05-9:35am)	26 <b>Picture Taking Day</b> <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 7:30-8:00a 1:00-3:30p	27 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 7:30-8:00a 2:15-3:30p	28 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 7:30-8:00a 2:15-3:30p	29

## STAY INFORMED WITH AES NEWS!



If you would like to receive an Ali'iolani Elementary School (AES) News email each week, please send a message to [Tim\\_Hosoda@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:Tim_Hosoda@notes.k12.hi.us) to include your

E-MAIL ADDRESS



## Reminder!

Reminder for free lunch applications: Families must reapply every year. If they were approved last year, their benefits will end on Sept. 18 and students will have to pay from the 19th. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Reminder!

Now that we have been in school for almost a month, here are a few reminders about our attendance policy. This can be found on page 6 of the student planner.

### ACTION STEPS FOR ABSENCES/TARDIES:

Unexcused absence/tardies will affect a student's academic performance and are subject to the following interventions:

- Step 1** 3 absences/tardies (unexcused)  
Notification letter will be sent home by teacher
- Step 2** 7 absences/tardies (unexcused/excused)  
Notification will be sent home by Vice Principal
- Step 3** 10 absences/tardies (unexcused/excused)  
Notification letter for Parent Conference w/Principal
- Step 4** School may file an educational neglect petition with Family Court



THE  
**MORNINGMILE**  
450 Laps  
112.5 Miles  
08/13/18 - 08/30/18

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Any comments or suggestions, please e-mail [holly.sung@aes.k12.hi.us](mailto:holly.sung@aes.k12.hi.us)

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