

ALI'IOLANI NEWS

Living, Loving & Learning

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Get Ready



Parents and Guardians,

We are so happy to announce one of our new computer programs. I-Ready combines a valid and reliable growth measure and individualized instruction in a single product that helps teachers in their day to day instruction. I-Ready is an adaptive diagnostic for reading and math that pinpoints student needs down to the sub-skill level, and ongoing progress monitoring shows whether students are on track to achieve

end of year targets. I-Ready provides rigorous, on grade level instruction and practice to help meet each individual students needs. We will be using this program daily in school and it is something that you can also use at home to help your children even more.

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>.

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*



Friends of Ali'iolani,

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to school year 2017-2018. "TOGETHER WE WILL," our mantra for the year, captures the essence of our commitment to do what it takes to provide every student with rigorous and relevant learning experiences. Our growth mindset embraces change. The idea that becoming is better than being is at the heart of our dedication to our school. We look forward to fostering and reinforcing relationships with families and the community to strengthen our collective capacity to maximize the success of every child.

We are fortunate to have a powerful faculty and staff who are eager to engage our students to elevate their learning and self-confidence. By leveraging our use of new technology in the classroom, we are ramping up our instructional program with S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Our goal is to increase our students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Our school is presently completing a self-study document in partnership with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). An independent committee appointed by WASC will visit our campus during the spring to review our self-study and ultimately grant us a term of accreditation. We believe the WASC accreditation process will strengthen our school improvement efforts, certify the viability of our instructional program, and validate the integrity of our school. We believe this arduous process will provide our parents and community members with renewed confidence in the quality of our programs and services.

"Every One a Learner, Every One a Leader" is our faculty and staff theme for the year. More than words, it is a genuine affirmation to vigorously work to improve our individual skills and practices, encourage one another, and share our challenges and successes. In the process, together we will embrace changes. Together we will make our school more effective.

Ali'iolani Elementary School is a wonderful setting for students to learn and grow. Let us all rally together to support our students in the learning adventure of another school year. Please join us in what promises to be an amazing year.

Fondly,
Joseph Passantino

A Message from our Principal



WELCOME TO OUR 'OHANA!

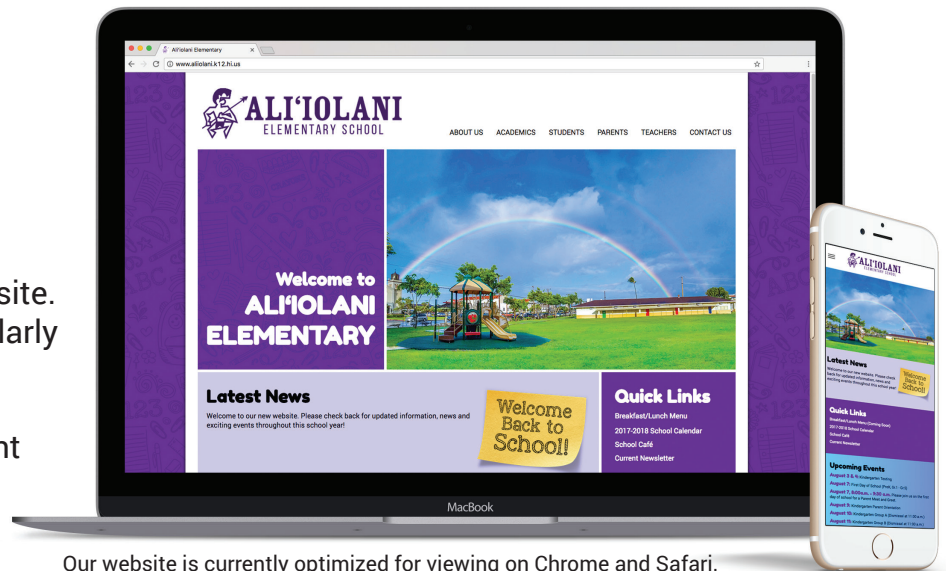
Mr. Heaton is our new school counselor at Ali'iolani. Born and raised in O'ahu, he enjoys meeting new people, Star Wars, and eating. After graduating from Roosevelt High School, he got his bachelors from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in Elementary Education and recently graduated from

Chaminade with his Masters in Counseling Psychology. He can speak fluent Mandarin Chinese and is currently in the process of learning Japanese. He has a passion to help the future generation and is looking forward to meeting everyone. Please call or email him if you need anything.



WEBSITE REDESIGN

We are excited to announce that we've redesigned our school website. Our new site will be updated regularly with news and announcements, upcoming events, as well as links to student online resources, parent information, and our monthly cafeteria menu. Visit our site at www.aliolani.k12.hi.us.



Our website is currently optimized for viewing on Chrome and Safari.

Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement

This year we are honored and privileged to implement the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement. This program is a social and emotional learning curriculum that includes lessons that incorporate important character values such as courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion. The movement also focuses on cultivating optimism, resiliency, and personal responsibility.

Learning these core values helps students achieve academic and personal success through: better self awareness and management skills, social awareness, improved relationship skills, responsible decision making skills, enhanced self control, and positive intention.

Students will have fun gaining a deeper understanding of their brain and how it works.

They become familiar with the neuroscience behind brain functions to learn the benefits of promoting character traits. Students will learn to apply the concepts and strategies to make connections between their brains and their bodies.

Each grade level is aligned with the common core state standards and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors for Student Success. Students will learn the Choose Love Formula: Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in Action = Choose Love Formula.

The major message with our newly implemented program is that: "We can't choose what happens to us, we can only choose how to respond in every situation."



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 First Day of School PreK, Gr.1-Gr.5	8	9 Kindergarten Parent Orientation	10 Kinder. Group A	11 Kinder. Group B	12
13	14 Kinder. Group A	15 Kinder. Group B	16 Kinder. Group A & B	17 Kinder. Group A & B	18 Statehood Day NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 RED DAY	22 ORANGE DAY	23 YELLOW DAY	24 GREEN DAY	25 BLUE DAY	26
27	28 PURPLE DAY	29 RAINBOW DAY	30	31		

Mahalo Nui Loa!

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Kahala for their partnership and school supply donation. Their offering of notebooks, paper, back packs, pencils, crayons, glue, tape, and other school supplies will help our students be the best they can possibly be. Thank you Rotary Club of Kahala!



The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association sponsored a back to school drive for Ali'iolani which raised over \$300 dollars and 4 full boxes of school supplies. We are very grateful for their partnership and passion to support our school community. Thank you Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association.



ASBESTOS STATUS REPORT

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires our school to notify the faculty, staff, and parents of the presence and status of asbestos containing materials in our school building. The law further requires a management plan based upon the findings of the initial inspection.

We conducted the required six months surveillance in June 2017 and will complete the next surveillance in December 2017. The results of the recently completed surveillance indicate there have been no changes in the condition of the asbestos containing materials in our school buildings.

A copy of the inspection report and the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your review in our school office or at the Safety and Security Services Section of the Department of Education (DOE).

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